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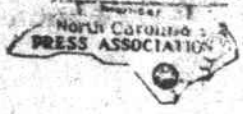
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Tuberculosis Cases Should Be Isolated

The movement on the part of a local civic committee to have the county tubercular hospital re-opened will meet with public approval.

Health authorities report that there are about 300 cases of known tuberculosis in Wilkes county. That is not only a high number but a high percentage in proportion to population.

Thirty from Wilkes county are now in state sanitoriums. Many have returned to their homes from sanitoriums and are exposing members of their families and others to the white plague.

Medical authorities agree that isolation is the most effective means of preventing the spread of tuberculosis.

They also agree that complete rest is highly valuable as a means toward arresting tuberculosis.

The committee seeking to re-open the county tubercular hospital state that there could be beds and care for 18 patients there. The state sanitoriums have about all they can do. It is also necessary that some tubercular patients be near their families. From every angle, it appears that the county institution should be re-opened and maintained.

Operation of the tubercular hospital will cost the taxpayers money, but means of preventing tuberculosis in Wilkes county are not going to be nearly so costly as to allow continued spread of the disease.

Job Well Done

The speed used in removing snow from North Wilkesboro streets twice this winter has been the subject of much favorable comment.

Following the two snows recently, we had opportunity to be in other cities and towns in Northwestern North Carolina and in that manner found out just how well the local street workmen did their job.

Following the first snow, which was a combination of snow and sleet, North Wilkesboro's downtown streets were cleared rapidly. In Elkin, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and other cities and towns snow was piled for days along the sidewalks of principal streets.

It was also noticed that in no area did highway workers do a better job of clearing highways than in this immediate vicinity. They not only removed the snow from the pavement, but pushed it off the shoulders so that the dirt parts of the highways would not be damaged by the melting snow and the ice would not be a traffic hazard every time a vehicle left the pavement.

It has been said that we like too well to write critical editorials, but this time we gladly take the other course to point out a job well done.

They buried the pedestrian the other day who held that the motorists are the ones that should dodge.

Brother—when she starts complaining that friend husband makes too much noise in getting breakfast—the honeymoon is over.

Adults are always children at heart. During childhood they would believe fairy stories, and when they grow up they believe campaign promises.

Borrowed Comment

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE!
(Transylvania Times)

That Americans are inclined to be too complacent about the defense strength of our country is an accepted fact. Pearl Harbor was an outstanding example of our carelessness in that regard.

We are a peaceful nation, want nothing in the way of territorial aggrandizement and therefore feel that there is no reason why any other nation should attack us.

We read with mild interest, but no sense of personal concern, of the "iron curtains," the oppression of small nations at the hands of European dictators, the activities of fifth columns, and shrug it off with:

"Oh well, it can't happen here."

Well let's see whether it can or not.

Igor Gouzeno, the former Soviet cipher clerk in the Russian embassy in Ottawa, Canada, whose disclosures of Soviet espionage in an effort to obtain the secret of the atom bomb rocked the world, states the case clearly and succinctly in an article which he wrote for the March issue of Cosmopolitan magazine.

"Most of the Canadians who were working as Russian spies held responsible positions in such government departments as the National Research Council, the Department of External Affairs, and the office of the High Commissioner in Canada for the United Kingdom," Gouzenko states in part.

With such Soviet infiltration into the highest offices of a friendly nation, for the purpose of weakening that nation's defenses, only the bat-blind indeed can shrug it off with "it can't happen here."

Perhaps the best defense for the United States would be the slogan:

"Wake up, America. It CAN happen here."

You can't get on by merely getting by.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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JUST A LITTLE MINUTE

It is just a little minute,
Only sixty seconds in it.
Forced upon me—can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it;
But it's up to me to use it;
I must suffer if I lose it—
Give account if I abuse it;
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it.

—Selected.

We are oftentimes made to wonder how people can afford to waste their precious time in sin and folly. Indeed time is precious. The years of our lives are dealt out to us by moments and minutes. Sixty moments, or seconds, in a minute, sixty minutes in an hour, twenty-four hours in a day, and three hundred and sixty-five days in a year, and a few years go to make up the longest life on earth. We are not here to stay long, therefore the importance, the great importance, of living for God and spending our moments, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years in the way that will please God, bless humanity, and take us to heaven in the end. We should realize that every minute spent in sin and wickedness, and out of God's will, is wasted. O the wasted minutes and wasted hours and wasted years of the lives of men! The Psalmist prayed: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psa. 90:12). The great apostle Paul said: "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." (Col. 4:5).

We see the vast majority of people today wasting so much precious time. They indulge in bad habits, or read sorry books and literature, or talk foolishly, or idle and lounge around, or seek worthless pleasure, just letting their valuable minutes and hours, days and years of time go by in evil, sin, folly and wickedness, never accomplishing anything good, great, sublime and worth while. No man, no woman, no youth, can waste their time and live a great and useful life. We quote here from another writer: "What are you doing with God's minute? It's no joke to live or die in it. Therefore prepare to meet God this minute, then rejoice in time and Eternity through it." Yes, there is absolutely no time we can afford to give to the devil, but all should be given to God so He can bless us and make us a blessing. Amen.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
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SPRING FEVER AGAIN—

The new mother says that the only time there is peace around her house is when the baby is up in arms . . . If a woman's intuition is so great, why does she ask so many questions? . . . Women pay more attention to beauty than brains because even the ignorant men have eyes . . . The office boy says that boys who tell lies grow up to be salesmen . . . If you see the man of the house lying unconscious in the hall with a piece of paper in his hand and a large paper box by his side you will know his wife's new hat and bill for same have arrived . . . One way to eliminate rear end noises, a motorist says, is to have the wife sit on the front seat . . . A novice in buying automobiles was hearing from the salesman about how good the car was. In order to find out how bad it was he took it on trial to another dealer and tried to sell it . . . Women's minds are clearer than men's, because they change them so often . . . Everybody can distribute pleasure—some by going into a room and others by going out, as illustrated by the following yarn:

"Remember what I told you last Sunday, children, that you should all try to make some one happy during the week?" asked the Sunday School teacher. "Well, how many of you did so?" "I did, teacher," volunteered one child brightly. "That's fine," approved teacher. "What did you do?" "I went to see Aunt May," replied the boy, "and she's always happy when I go home."

A newlywed filling out his income tax return listed a deduction for his wife. In the section

marked "exemption claimed for children" he penciled the notation, "Watch this space!"

WELL DEFINED—

Teacher: "Willie, define the word puncture."

Willie: "A puncture is a little hole in a tire, found a great distance from a garage."

NOT HOLDING HIS OWN—

Captain to man leaning over rail of ship: "I see you have a weak stomach."

Sea-sick man: "I don't know about that. I'm throwing it as far as anyone else."

NO POSITIVE DATA—

"Are you sure he was intoxicated?"

"No, sir, not positive; but his wife said he brought home man-hole cover and tried to play it on the victrola."

PROOF POSITIVE—

Balch: "Will you have a peanut?"

Risley: "No, they're fattening."

Balch: "What makes you think peanuts are fattening?"

Risley: "Have you ever seen an elephant?"

THE BEST SALESMAN—

"Henderson is our best salesman—that guy could sell anything."

"That so?"

"Well, yesterday a widow came in to buy a suit in which to bury her husband, and he sold her one with two pairs of pants."

EMPTY SPACE—

The stout lady was, eagerly watched by two small boys. The lady dropped in her cent, but the machine was out of order—it registered only 75 lbs.

"Good night, Bill," gasped one of the kids in amazement, "She's hollow!"

WEIGHT WAS SOMEWHERE—

Woman on phone: "I sent my little boy to your store for two pounds of plums, and I got only a pound and a half. Your scales must be wrong."

Fruit dealer: "My scales are all right, madam. Have you weighed your little boy?"

Record Highway Traffic Reported

Raleigh.—Rural highway traffic in North Carolina in February hit an all-time record volume, James S. Burch, engineer of statistics and planning for the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said yesterday.

Approximately 43,834 vehicles passed the commission's 20 traffic record stations on an average day last month, as compared with the previous record figure of 41,876 in February, 1945. The pre-war figure in 1940 was 35,940.

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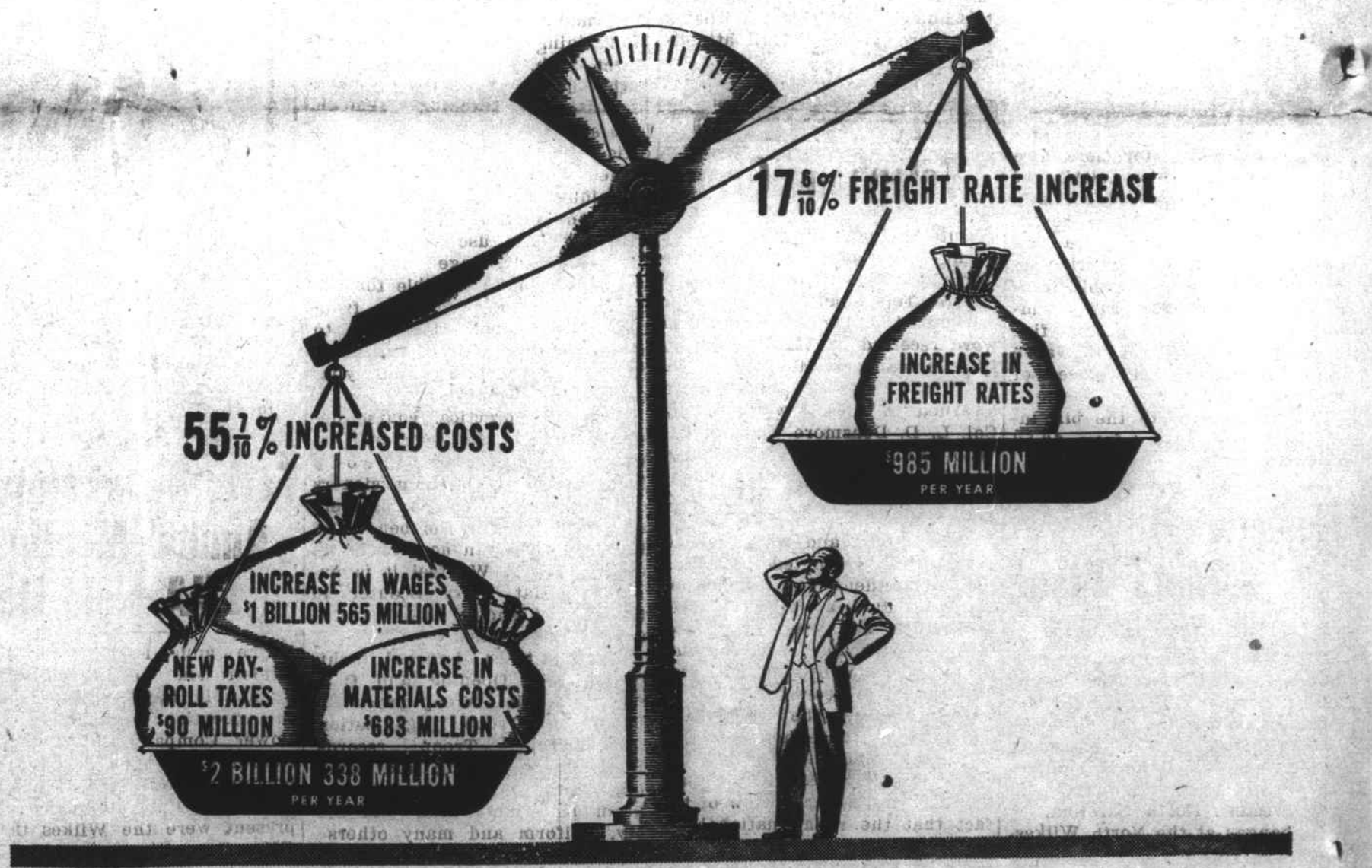
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Without increased revenues, railroads could not meet these costs and also provide improvements in equipment and facilities—improvements that are essential for the low-cost freight and passenger services which are necessary to America's high standard of living.

Under these circumstances—and almost a year after the last major wage increase—the Interstate Commerce Commission recently approved an average increase in freight rates of 17 1/10%.

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today, few have been so little and so late as that in the price of railroad transportation.

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100,000 different products. They pay big taxes—taxes which are spent not only for public schools, public health, and police and fire protection, but even for highways, airways, airports and inland waterways.

Railroads are America's lifeline—keeping goods flowing among the 48 states day and night in all weather.

They can continue to do this only if there is a reasonable balance between income and outgo. Like yourself, the railroads must make ends meet!

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