

Today and Tomorrow by DON ROBINSON

TALK meetings "What do they talk about at these conferences?" my wife asked me.

She was reading the front page of a newspaper which headlined one conference after another about strikes.

"I don't know," I said, "I suppose they discuss labor's demands and try to see if they can come to some agreement."

"But," she complained, "these headlines always say just about the same thing. They either say that no agreement was reached or that another conference is being planned. In some of the strikes people have been meeting for months and nothing seems to happen. I can't see what they talk about all the time."

My reaction—a sort of defense of the male—was to try to point out that men of importance don't sit around together by the hour without discussing subjects of weighty concern. Women might, yes. But not busy executives. But as I tried to build my case, I too began wondering what on earth did keep the conversation rolling at these long-winded conferences.

CONFERENCE delay

After struggling with this mysterious problem for some time, I finally came to the conclusion that one of those many conferences between Mr. Anderson of General Motors and Mr. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers must have gone something like this:

Mr. Thomas: Well, are you going to give us 30 per cent?

Mr. Anderson: No.

Thomas: What's your best offer today?

Anderson: 13 per cent. And that's final.

Thomas: You know we won't accept that.

Anderson: You know we won't go any higher.

Thomas lights a cigar 30 per cent longer than the average cigar. Anderson lights a short pipe. They sit at the conference table glaring at each other. After an hour of silence, Mr. Thomas clears his throat impatiently.

Thomas: Any change yet?

Anderson: Nope.

(Each gets out a newspaper and begins reading. After another hour Mr. Anderson breaks the silence.)

Anderson: Ready to take 13 per cent yet?

Thomas: Nope. Still 30 per cent.

Anderson: It's getting late. Shall we call off the conference?

Thomas: Okay. What will we tell the papers?

Anderson: I've just written out a statement. Here.

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Anderson: You made that very clear two hours back when, after I refused 30 per cent, you asked for my best offer.

Thomas: Well, we're not giving any statement like that to the papers.

Anderson: Then what do you want to tell them?

Thomas: I want to tell them that you are trying to stop progress, that you want to beat down the working man, that you won't bargain with us, that . . .

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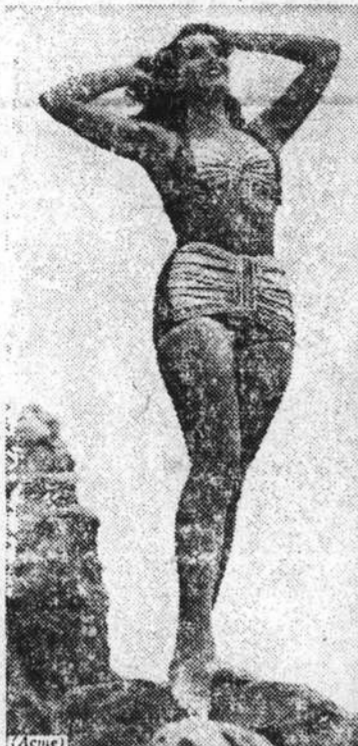
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People, Spots In The News



THE FRAZER—This artist's preview of the new Frazer automobile reveals the first American car designed with flowing front-to-rear fender lines. The sleek body features increased visibility and extremely wide seating capacity. The new car has a wheel base of 123 1/2 inches and a specially designed 6-cylinder 100-horsepower engine. First peacetime product of Graham-Paige Motors, the medium-priced 1947 Frazer will be unveiled to the public in January as America's first all new automobile since the war.



LITHE AND LOVELY Jinx Falkenburg of Hollywood makes an appealing sight as she looks toward the water from her rocky perch.



COAST-TO-COAST CABBIER, Harry Arisohn points to hand-drawn maps used in driving six Marines from Los Angeles to New York. He plans to take service men back to west coast.

Timely Hints By RUTH CURRENT

The fit of a slip depends not only on its size but also on its cut, clothing specialist remind us. Bias-cut slips, sold so widely in stores, usually fit slender figures but straight-cut slips are better suited to stout figures and large hips. Straight-cut slips stay down better over the knees when sitting and are less likely to hang unevenly and "cut under" at the back, which gives an especially ugly appearance with sheer dresses.

What makes for a good buy in sheets holds also for a good buy in pillow-cases - firm weave, little sizing, torn length, smooth and even hems.

A word about sizes: Pillow-cases too large wrinkle under the head. Cases too small bunch up the pillow into a hard lump and are likely to be strained. Your best bet is a case one and one-half inches wider and 6 inches longer than the pillow.

When you buy bath towels you must sometimes compromise between durability and drying power. A towel that dries well is soft, fluffy, has little twist in the pile yarns, and a loose foundation. So look for a towel with a firm foundation and soft loops, about 1-8-inch long, rather than close together, but not too tightly twisted.

Other earmarks of a good towel: Firm selvages with the cross-wise yarns securely wrapped around the lengthwise or warp yarns; hems at least 3-8-to-1-inch wide with 1/4 inch or more of a raw edge turned under; color-fastness.

Conservation Farming News By T. R. GREENE

Oscar Key, of Piney Creek, called on the soil conservation service last week to assist him. Mr. Key is planning his crop land in a three-year rotation by contour strips.

Clay Reed, of Scottville, has some land that does not produce as he wants it to. Mr. Reed asked the soil conservation service to have it analyzed for him.

T. L. Crouse, of Sparta, has had good luck in the past few years with terraces, but Mr. Crouse is planning to strip crop this year.

Charlie Vestal purchased a large acreage of the Hill property adjoining the Parkway near Cherry Lane. Mr. Vestal wants his soil analyzed to determine his needs for clover and grasses. He is interested in producing as much clover and grasses as possible per acre for his purebred herefords.

D. C. Bledsoe has a farm in the

Obituary

E. M. WILLIAMS

E. M. Williams was born February 12, 1862 and died December 21, 1945, his age being 83 years, 10 months and 8 days.

He was married to Sarahann Cheek Edwards on December 28, 1886. To this union were born two children, Kellie and Mae who still live at the family home. Other survivors are: one stepson, Letcher E. Edwards, Sparta one brother, Elder John M. Williams; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Estep, of Stratford.

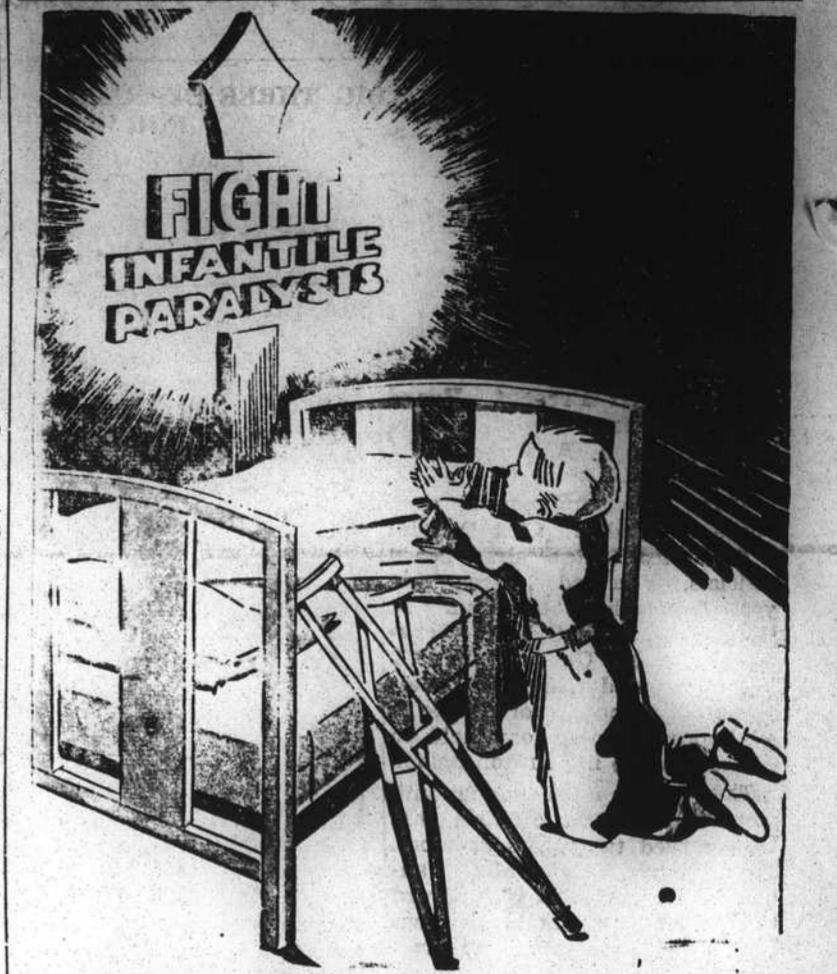
"Uncle" Man, as he was called by many, was one of the "old-fashioned" citizens, who believed in the old adage of "live and let live." He wanted what was due him and wanted his neighbor to have what was coming to him. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to those that were less fortunate than he, and always ready to offer encouragement and consolation to those in distress.

He professed a hope in Christ early in life and lived a credit to that profession to the end. During his affliction of more than two years, he often talked of that hope and often said he felt it would be better after death. He bore his afflictions without complaint and with the greatest of patience. He never joined any church.

All was done for his recovery and comfort that medical skill and loving hands could do, but he had to bid us adieu.

Written by a friend.

Cherry Lane community. He knows what is necessary for production of various crops.



Look what's back in town! Second-Hand and Antique FURNITURE STORE

in GLENN EDWARDS STORE BUILDING on No. 18, Next To Community Building. Everything you need for your home. IRON BED STEADS WITH SPRINGS LIVING ROOM SUITES - DINING ROOM SUITES

Delp-Billings Furniture Store

SPARTA, N. C. Charlie Delp Beuford Billings Owners

ATTENTION! Car Owners

For Guaranteed and Courteous Service Let US Serve You.

- Havolene or, Veedol Motor Oil. Firestone or Zerone Anti-freeze Douglas Batteries Firestone Tires and Tubes.

LESTER IRWIN - ULUS IRWIN GEORGE MACK IRWIN OWNERS

Irwin Motor Co.

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SPARTA, N. C.

Topia News

P. C. Edwards left last week to spend a few months with Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh, at Mt. Zion.

Paul W. Fields returned last Wednesday from the hospital at Winston-Salem, where he had been taking treatment.

Miss Leta Fae Woodie, Piney Creek, spent Sunday with Miss Sarah Blevins.

Oscar E. Moxley has purchased the W. R. Pugh farm, known as the Woodland Farm, near here.

Miss Beulah Fields, Washington, D. C., is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fields.

Thomas Graham Pugh made a business trip to Charlotte recently.

Miss Farye Lee Black spent Sunday with Miss Doris Blevins. Mrs. Bonnie Pugh and son, Pvt. Fred Pugh, visited Mrs. Belle Blevins, recently.

WAR BONDS in Action



Ryukyu Landing. The War Bonds you buy provide funds for building LVT's such as this one swimming in to drive the Japs from another important Pacific island. U. S. Treasury Department

We Have Been Appointed Headquarters in This Trade Area for HARVEY RED HED HAMMER MILLS

This appointment confirms the fact that in supplying this community with dependable farm implements, our service to you starts with the selection of the most outstanding farm tools that it is possible for us to offer.

HARVEY RED HED HAMMER MILL Super Flywheel Momentum Speeds the Steady Swinging Hammers at 3 Miles a Minute Delivering 80 to 280 Grain-Smashing 12-ton Blows per Second. That's Fast Feed Grinding, Broth!

We invite you to come in soon and see this great new Harvey Red Hed Hammer Mill so that we may show you how and why it can make more money for you.



Farmer's Hardware SPARTA, N. C.



The American Legion

WILL SPONSOR AN

Oyster Fry

AT THE

Community Building

Saturday Night, Jan. 26

AT 6:30 O'CLOCK

BENEFIT OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS FUND. SQUARE DANCE WILL FOLLOW AT 9:00 O'CLOCK ALL G. L.'S, WHETHER DISCHARGED OR HOME ON FURLOUGH, INVITED TO ATTEND.