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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

"Growing" A 1946 Model Car

With present day shortages being what they are, a lot of ordinary sweet-tempered folks are beginning to get just a little out of patience while waiting for their "new car" orders to be filled.

Well, this is in no way an attempt to point out a short-cut in the matter of hurrying delivery, but it might help to pass away the time a little and keep one's patience down below the boiling point to speculate on just how much we in this community are contributing toward getting the new cars off the assembly line.

Automobile officials state that it takes about \$35,000,000 worth of farm and forest products to build the cars that will be turned out by manufacturers in 1946, and much of that produce comes from right around here.

We are told, for example, that 15,000,000 pounds of wool will be needed by the auto builders for their 1946 production. Hides will have to be stripped from 256,000 cattle to meet the need. A little matter of 18,590 pounds of beeswax will be going into the production of this year's models.

But that is only a part. More than 550,000 bales of cotton will be needed. Thousands of acres planted in corn will be growing yellow ears for the latest model autos. And hundreds of thousands of cords of plupwood will have to be cut and converted into various kinds of paper so that Mr. and Mrs. America can go motoring.

It may not help in point of days saved to know that we are helping to grow the cars that will be coming off the assembly lines this year, but it is certainly comforting to know that the crops we raise and the peeled top quality pulpwood we deliver to nearby mills are perhaps bringing a little closer that day when we too can ride in the latest model car we've all been waiting for.

Our Disabled Veterans

In the massive volumes of laws that comprise the records of the Congressional Liberty and which govern the American people is Public Law 144, better termed "Public Disgrace 1946." Few voters know the meaning of this law nor the effect upon those to whom it pertains. Those subject to PL 144 are veterans of the armed forces. Only by the grace of God this law applies not to your son, husband or brother, but to the veterans you seldom, or never, see—the disabled American veterans, those who are destined to spend months, years or the remainder of their lives confined to a hospital bed or ward.

The pertinent wordage of PL 144 is written in fewer words than the number of the law itself. The benefits derived by the disabled veterans are even fewer than the number of words themselves. The test of this law simply states: "Where any disabled veteran having neither wife, child nor dependent parent is being furnished hospital treatment by the United States or any political subdivision thereof, any pension or retirement pay shall not exceed \$20 a month. If the veteran's disability is non-service connected he shall receive not more than \$8 a month."

While Congress spends billions for war relief and loans the taxpayer's money in astronomical figures to foreign governments, the disabled American veterans,

those who sacrificed all but life itself, are the beneficiaries of a law which provides them with \$20 per month—68 cents per day. Public law 144 provides the disabled veteran with less money than International Law provides for German and Japanese prisoners of war.

The 67 cents a day received by the veterans is little more than cigarette money and fails to provide them with enough to obtain the few pleasures of life they are still capable of enjoying. They are not only a victim of war but of a flagrant case of neglect and false economy on the part of those responsible for their well-being and care.

To rectify this disgraceful condition, The American Legion has called upon Congress for immediate passage of its sponsored bill, H. R. 535, which would provide that a veteran's compensation, pension or retirement pay shall not be reduced during his hospitalization or domiciliary care. The Legion bill seeks to provide the veteran that to which he is entitled and attempts to remove the stigma of discrimination.

Thousands of disabled American veterans are only receiving the disgraceful payment of \$20 per month; yet these are the men who sacrificed the most. They are the blind, the amputees and the paralyzed. These are the men who carried the flag of the forty-eight States through four and a half years of war to return disabled and to receive for their reward—sixty-eight pieces of copper—less than a penny and a half per day for each State they protected.

Must We Beg The Peace?

The United States furnished arms, ammunition, money and the strongest fighting forces on the land, seas and air, to win the World War. Among the nations saved from defeat was Soviet Russia. That country was admitted to membership in the United Nations; that nation has not conformed to the program of other United Nations and it has been a disturbing "rebel" ever since Germany and its sympathizers were laid low.

The Communist government is a chip off old Czarist Russia, and true to tradition it is trying to steal territories and power away from weaker nations.

Evidently Secretary of State James F. Byrnes is the outstanding man in the Four Power Conference of Foreign Ministers, and he seems never to tire in his efforts to bring the Soviet leaders in line. Byrnes is firm in demanding and enforcing allegiance to the United Nations. If Russia upsets the apple-cart the Communists will have proved their unfitness and their failure to understand twentieth century civilization.

Why can't the United Nations go along without Russia? The United States cannot buy the peace, sacrifice all the principles and policies that have been subscribed to by nearly 50 nations.

There are a lot of patriotic people who have concluded that Stalin and Molotov should be given a series of swift kicks in the pants. After that, the United Nations would go ahead in their efforts to complete plans to insure the World against future wars.

Up In Smoke

France has her eternal flame which tourists may visit, but that is nothing compared to America's perpetual bonfire that roars along to the tune of a half billion dollars' worth of property annually.

In April alone, the American bonfire consumed \$52,000,000 worth of homes, farms, hotels, restaurants, dance halls, and heaven alone knows what else. It is getting hotter all the time. Currently it is burning at a rate that has never been equalled since the National Board of Fire Underwriters began compiling losses sixteen years ago.

One of the most effective ways to ease the housing shortage would be to use a little more care where fire is concerned. There are very few unavoidable fires. Cigarettes and matches are the great destroyers. Greater caution in the use of these two items alone would work miracles.

Next to preventing destruction, the most important consideration is the rising cost of the fuel that keeps the American bonfire blazing. Property values are rising rapidly — so rapidly that contractors hesitate to commit themselves on building costs. This means that fire insurance policies can become outdated.



Sparta is all agog with preparations for the horse show on Saturday. All week long, the Lions have been roaring — about this and that with last-minute jobs popping up around every corner.

And we'll admit that we're rather excited about Saturday ourselves . . .

We have it on good authority that Dr. Leff Choate is a cinch to win the mule race which will follow the afternoon show. We can't tell you the name of the animal that Dr. Leff will ride, you'll just have to wait and hear him yell the name when the race gets into progress.

And then there will be the water battle between the Sparta and Independence voluntary fire departments following the evening show . . . should be a fightin'-good battle.

The stores are going to close at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon in order to give everybody an opportunity to attend the show, which will be one of the biggest events in Sparta this year.

Best wishes for an outstanding success of the show to all the Lions!

Then on the heels of the Horse Show comes the carnival . . . which will be held during the week of June 24 through June 29. Chairplanes, ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, smell of sawdust, hamburgers and red hot franks; and the blaring music mingled with the barkers ballyhoo give us a thrill that we never get too old to live down.

"We'll have to take the kiddies," the older people often say, when in reality they're just as anxious as the kiddies to go to the carnival.

Sue Reeves, who is secretary to Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home demonstration agent, was all in a dither last week. She had been helping Mrs. Wagoner with preparation for the big District Home Demonstration meeting which was held here last Wednesday and as she walked into her office she met Mr. Singletary, soil conservationist for Alleghany county.

Now Mr. Singletary had just seen Sue's picture in the paper announcing her engagement and approaching marriage. Thinking he would be polite, he remarked, "And when is the big event coming off?"

Sue was so engrossed in plans for the H. D. meeting that she naturally thought he meant that (not one time thinking that he could be talking about her wedding), so she answered with a sigh of relief, "Tomorrow and I'll be glad when it's over."

Mr. Singletary, thinking that this might be a normal reply, asked, "And how many people will be there?" "Oh, about 500," Sue answered matter-of-factly. And when he asked when it would take place, she answered, "In the church," all of which sounded perfectly logical.

By this time Mr. Singletary was beginning to feel at a loss, because for a bride that was being married the next day, and for one having such a big wedding, Sue was certainly not displaying much of the usual pre-nuptial excitement. In fact she didn't seem excited at all, just anxious for it to be over.

"I have everything ready but the pencils, and I'll take them down this afternoon," Sue said, and that was the last straw . . . what in the world would the bride be doing carrying pencils to the church on the afternoon before her wedding . . .

When he asked why, the mistake was discovered and they both had a good laugh . . . but the bride-to-be admitted that she felt a little foolish, not thinking of her own wedding all the time they were talking.

The C. R. Roe's house is finally moved. We were beginning to doubt if it would ever reach its destination and Mrs. Roe said she was getting so tired of being seasick that she didn't know what to do.

It seems that the house was moved only about 18 inches at the time and each time it moved, it gave the house a rolling motion, like a boat on the water.

Celebrates Tenth Birthday On Sat.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Atwood entertained at dinner, Saturday night in honor of their son, Emmett, on his tenth birthday.

Games and string music were enjoyed after the dinner hour. Those winning prizes were Mrs. Sadie Billings and Miss Myrtle Evans.

Guests included: Mrs. C. N. Crouse, Mrs. Henry Evans, Mrs. Sadie Billings, Misses Leora and Ruth Crouse, Lou, Ruth and Myrtle Evans, Edith Crouse, Dorise Billings, Grace Harris, Helen Andrews, Mona Toller, Bobbie Jean Mains and Opal Watson.

Floyd Billings, Paul Brooks, Frank Harris, Jr., Ben Caudill, Jr., Ben Harris, Kenneth Williams, Walton Joines, Glenn Smith Tedder, Roy Crouse, Dale McGrady, Breese Evans, Bert Holloway, Alton Andrews and Richard Andrews.

The honoree received many nice gifts.

Entertain Group At Party On Sat.

Misses Norma Fender and Jean Collins entertained several friends at a party at the home of Miss Fender on Saturday night.

Games were played and contests were held. The hostesses served delicious refreshments to the following guests:

Dennis Franklin, Joe Franklin, Herbert Edwards, Louise Gentry, June Higgins, J. B. Collins, Nellie Mae Miles, Donald Wayne Miles, Jay Duncan, Carl Gentry, Andrew McKnight, John Jolly, Bill Miles, Mary Lou Miles, Hubert Caudill, Howard Naylor, Carrol Blevins, Bill Brooks, Anna Mae Miles, L. V. Tedder, Jr., Dale Holloway, Lorraine Holloway, Wilma Fender, Earl Fender, Ralph Hendrix, John R. Gentry, Mrs. Hersel Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Miles, Mrs. Dick Gentry, Mrs. Earl Cheek and Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Fender.

WSCS Met With Mrs. McMillan

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held the regular June meeting last Thursday with Mrs. E. L. McMillan and Mrs. Lillian Bott as joint hostesses, at the home of Mrs. McMillan.

Eleven members were present for the meeting. The program was conducted by Mrs. C. R. Allison.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the hostesses, assisted by Miss Bonnie Sue McMillan, served delicious refreshments.

HORSE SHOW TO BE HELD SATURDAY

(Continued from Page 1) be on sale at the gate at one o'clock for the afternoon show, it was pointed out.

The following Lion Committees were appointed for the supervision of the show:

Gate, Kern Wagoner, T. L. Grayson, Hugh Perry and Munsey T. Crouse.

Grand Stand, N. D. Fox, C. R. Roe, R. J. Randolph, Paul Joines, Paul Quinn and Bert Edwards.

Drink Stand, Hicks Hash, Wade McMillan and Clarence Cox.

Entries, D. F. Sturdivant, Leff Joines, J. B. Reed, Ralph Cheek, and Tom Greene.

Parking, Bill Sprinkle and Boy Scouts.

Information, Roy Ellison and Albert Richardson.

Stable, Dick Doughton and Arthur Gambill.

Patrol, Glenn Richardson and Other Lions.

Numbers, H. E. Singletary.

CURB MARKET TO OPEN FRIDAY

(Continued from Page 1) the products.

The market will again be operated under a tent as it has been, it was explained, since the scarcity of building materials prevented the erection of a building.

Last year the market was an outstanding success.

BIBLE SCHOOL TO END SUNDAY

(Continued from Page 1) The various departments, Miss Richardson explained.

All parents are urged to attend the program and visitors will be welcomed.

The enrollment of the Bible School has reached a total of 40, Miss Richardson announced yesterday.

But it seems remarkable to us, that a whole house could be moved, with all the furniture left just as it was and even with all the dishes intact in the cupboards.

erday. The teachers who have worked in the beginners, primary and junior departments are Mrs. James Hoppers, Miss Ella Estep, Miss Pat Burgess, Miss Mildred Wagoner and Rev. F. G. Walker.

PRESNELL IS CITED FOR SURVEY WORK

(Continued from Page 1) been surveyed, was scheduled for a three-week's journey and a nationally known student boatman from eastern Oregon was secured to navigate the river for the surveyors. One row boat and a special type scow used for running rapids, were built for the voyage.

One day after the boats were launched at Elgin, Oregon, on May 19, the boatman committed suicide and another member of the crew refused to continue. The surveyors continued the expedition with an incomplete crew with Presnell and R. L. O'Leary, of Portland, Oregon, running the boats.

At the end of two weeks and one day the party had completed the expedition, the first survey ever run of the world Grand Ronde River Canyon.

Since his first survey, the Salmon river in central Idaho in July and August of 1945, Presnell has been on every boat expedition in surveying rivers draining into the Columbia basin. Other wild rivers in addition to the Salmon, (the River-of-No-Return), and the Grand Ronde, which Presnell has surveyed, are the Druchutes, one of the fastest flowing rivers in Oregon, Hill's Canyon on the Snake river, which is the world's deepest gorge, and others.

ANDERSON PRESENTED NATIONAL AWARD

(Continued from Page 1) dered invaluable service as chairman of the N. E. A. legislative committee and, for the past three years, as the only non-daily newspaper member the newspaper advisory committee of the War Production Board for four years and as chairman of the executive committee of the Weekly Newspaper Bureau.

E. C. Amos originated this service award in 1936, when he was publisher of the Sidney (Ohio) Daily News. This is the first time the award has been won by a Southern publisher.

Publisher Anderson also won second place among all weekly newspapers of the nation for the best editorial. The editorial on which this award was made was entitled "Better to Work" and was published in this paper a few weeks ago. This makes a total of 13 state and national awards won by the five Anderson papers during the past few years. The winning editorial, which received both state and national recognition at the time it appeared, dealt with the seriousness of young men drawing "rocking chair" pay at a time when there is such a drastic need for labor.

Mr. Anderson spoke during the luncheon on Friday and presided over the Weekly Bureau session that afternoon. Parts of the program were broadcasted.

A past president of the North Carolina Press Association, Mr. Anderson is accompanied on the trip here by Mrs. Anderson, editor of the Skyland Post. They, together with Miss Beatrice Cobb, publisher of Morganton and secretary of the North Carolina Press Association have renewed an invitation for the N. E. A. to meet in North Carolina.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR PVT. MILES

(Continued from Page 1) the jeep in which he was a passenger was hit by a northbound train at 0950 hours, 17 May, near Tarcento, Italy. The accident occurred south of the Tarcento station near the village of Colalto at a grade crossing. The driver of the jeep, Pfc. Stanley Punska, also of K Company, was reported suffering from leg and head injuries and is at present at the 391st. Station Hospital. At the time of the accident both men were en route to Tarcento where they were to have papers signed requesting their transfer to the United States for assignment there.

Pvt. Miles lost a brother in the African campaign and Pvt. Punska lost a brother in a train accident in Virginia while in service.

Pvt. Miles, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Miles, of Cherry Lane, entered the army in June, 1945, and went overseas in December. He was attached to the 337 Q. M. Depot in PBS before coming to the 88th. in March.

He trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala. In a letter to his wife, the former Miss Arlene Jolly, Millard G. Bowen, Jr., Lt. Col., Infantry, wrote the following:

"The funeral was held in Tricesimo, Italy, on a beautiful spring afternoon in the mountain setting that would do much to ease the pain of the loss. His company attended the services en masse, accompanied by his officers and Battalion and Regimental Commanders. Full military honors were given and his closest associates were chosen as pall-bearers, honorary pall-bearers and members of the firing squad. Members of his Company stood constant vigil both before and after the services until his body was removed to north central Italy for burial.

"Among the members of his unit, James P. Miles always will be remembered with admiration and respect. His ready wit and good humor made him one of the best liked members of his organization, and everyone who knew him was proud to claim him as a friend. He was an excellent soldier in both work and character and a husband of whom you can always be proud. It is with great regret that we lose him."

It was pointed out that Pvt. Johnnie Ham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ham, of Whitehead, and a member of the same battalion, attended Pvt. Miles' funeral and wrote the particulars of his death.

PUBLIC WELFARE IS DISCUSSED

(Continued from Page 1) as superintendent of public welfare of Alleghany county. Other guests were Mrs. C. A. Thompson, member of the Alleghany county welfare board; S. O. Gambill, clerk of court; Guy T. Perry, county commissioner; Miss Doris Wagoner, clerk of the welfare department and Mrs. D. N. Lonon, of Marion, state field representative.

Alton Thompson presided over the meeting and guests were introduced by Bob Allison, chairman of the entertainment committee.

During the business session of the meeting, it was agreed that the dinner hour should be changed from 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock.

C. R. ROE RESIGNS AS PRINCIPAL OF SHS

(Continued from Page 1) school building has been erected, a gymnasium has been built, playgrounds and sidewalks have been built and the grounds generally beautified. A football team has been organized and a PTA organization has been set up. He has seen the advancement for which he stands put into practice.

Born and reared in Cedar Springs, Virginia, he attended Elk Creek high school and graduated from Emory and Henry College in 1921. Prof. Roe served as principal of Greendale high school in Washington county, Elk Creek high school and two other schools before coming to Sparta.

Married in 1928 to Miss Julia West, of Kinston, the popular schoolmaster has two sons, George and Rudy.

It is understood that Mr. Roe will devote his full time to the management of the Western Auto Associate Store, which he owns here.

Members of the school board pointed out that to date no one had been secured to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Roe.

GRAYSTONE INN OPENS TODAY

(Continued from Page 1) last year by the Roaring Gap Corp., will again be under the management of Mrs. Roy T. Bryan, of Roaring Gap.

Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, of Sparta, member of the Sparta high school faculty, is working at the inn this summer as telephone operator, it was announced.

The 18-hole golf course at the resort is in excellent condition, it was pointed out, as well as the tennis courts.

A number of the cottages in the colony have already been opened, and other residents are expected to arrive this week.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE — 1 Ever-Ready electric water pump, new. 1 oil burner for installing in ordinary cook stove. Few rolls light barbed wire. S. C. Roberts, Laurel Springs, N. C. 6-20-1tc

FOR SALE—Property of the late J. W. Duncan. 500 acres of farming land, to be sold in tracts, 200 acres in home place, 200 acres in mountain place, 88 acres in Brush Creek farm and 32 acres in other tract. Anyone interested, see Carl Reeves, Sparta, N. C. 6-20-1tp