

Norwood Scores Orgy of Waste

In a letter recently written by J. Norwood, president of the North Carolina National Bank of Greenville, S. C., to Senator N. B. Dial, he charges that "the country generally has been impressed with the idea that hundreds of millions have been wasted by the government since the armistice was signed, which could have been avoided."

Mr. Norwood also says: "A great deal of the best thought in the Democratic party in the South have greater confidence in the Republican party in national affairs than in others."

The views expressed by Mr. Norwood in his correspondence with Senator Dial are indicative of the spirit which is being awakened throughout the South to express conditions regardless of what may have been in personal or political friendship affiliations in the past.

Mr. Norwood is well known to a number of our readers who do not doubt read his letter with interest, a copy of which we print as follows:

Greenville, S. C.
September 15, 1919.

N. B. Dial,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.:

Dear Senator—I noticed in the paper a few days ago that you had in the "old boys" in the Senate disrespect intended to that dignitary a little "spiel" on the high of living.

To a plain country boy from this backward state from which you hale, it appears to be no more fruitful than for reducing the high cost of living than by reducing the high cost of government.

The country generally has been impressed with the idea that hundreds of millions have been wasted by the government since the armistice was signed, which could have been avoided.

To illustrate: I understand that millions of dollars' worth of motor vehicles have been in the weather and injured, which could have been sold to advantage.

Now there has been more or less necessary waste at Camp Sevier, Greenville. The delay on the part of the government in selling surplus shoes, clothing and other articles has probably resulted in waste.

Probably no government purchase has ever been so extravagant and wasteful as the American government, even after allowing for increased expense due to the haste in making effort against Germany.

Expenses which are necessary should be borne cheerfully by all, and are cheerfully by thoughtful and patriotic citizens. But the best of this country, in my opinion, chafes under taxes which are due, their opinion, to poor management, worse, on the part of the government. These unnecessarily high taxes, as must be apparent to all thoughtful people, increase very materially the high cost of living.

To a textile illustration (at the risk of insulting your intelligence), when a company manufacturing cotton sells its cloth to a jobber, the company counts as a part of the cost.

When the jobber sells to retailer he adds his expense, including his own taxes and a percentage on what he pays the manufacturer. The retailer hands it on to consumer with his expense and profit, which includes the manufacturer's tax and two profits on that tax, jobber's tax and one profit on tax, in addition to the retailer's.

The same thing, in substance, is good of practically everything by the consumer. In turn, the consumer must make more; prices of labor in the factories and all labor are increased, which further increases the cost of living.

When I refer to "poor management," if not worse, on the part of the government, I do not wish to be misunderstood. A very general opinion exists among thoughtful people throughout the United States (which, in my judgment, is shared by an overwhelming majority of Congress) that Congressmen, possibly a large percentage of Congressmen, use their power to make appropriations for unnecessary and against the interests of the general government.

I think it is worse than mismanagement, and borders on corruption. When a man goes to Congress, professing to be a patriot, but uses his influence to get money out of the treasury to spend unnecessarily in any way in his district, it savors of the humbug and the hypocrite. His influence is demoralizing to the people at home, for human nature is so weak that if money is spent unnecessarily in Greenville, an overwhelming majority of our people defend it and pretend to think that it is all right, which defence on their part tends to demoralize them and lessen their ability to indulge in honest and clear reasoning.

If the best thought of our country were devoted to studying ways and means of getting efficient, economical and capable government, without a view to party political power, there would be no danger of Bolshevism. The lawless element in labor has become more and more high-handed in its demands in the past few years.

I noticed in the newspapers, after the armistice was signed, President Wilson requested the Governor of California to commute the sentence of an I. W. W. named Mooney, who had been convicted of placing dynamite where it resulted in killing a number of people.

The local newspaper reference which I read did not indicate that the President intimated that he thought Mooney had not had a fair trial; that he thought Mooney was innocent, or that there were any extenuating circumstances; but the request was made for "international reasons."

If Mooney had been a Doctor of Philosophy, a country banker, a lawyer or a manufacturer, it is probable that the President would have made a similar request? Of course, doctors of philosophy, bankers, lawyers and manufacturers haven't the same organizations for embarrassing the country with strikes, in order to get more pay than their services would justly command in the market, and they are not able to influence national or international affairs in election years by favoring this or that party as much as the I. W. W.

The President may sincerely think that international matters are better off in his hands than in the hands of others, but a great deal of the best thought in the Democratic party in the South (where people feel that they have to be Democrats on account of local conditions) have greater confidence in the Republican party in national affairs. Many of us would unhesitatingly vote the Republican ticket in national affairs but for the fact that we would not be permitted to vote in our local Democratic primaries if we voted the Republican ticket in national matters.

In the interest of independence and the uplift of this country, our State Democratic convention should, in my opinion, revise their rules in order to permit a man to vote in the Democratic primaries even if he thought the best interest of his country would be served by the success of the Republican party in national matters. We are a backward people in intellectual and material affairs and probably in moral standards as well, and will continue to be so until we can act with more political independence in the South and fearlessly discuss both sides of any and every question.

Pardon this rambling letter, but if your secretary reads it first, I wish him to tell you to read it at your leisure, when you can take a day off, so to speak.

Trusting that you keep quite well, happy and good-humored, despite the unsolicited counsels of your friends, believe me,

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) J. W. Norwood.

SMALL FIRE SUNDAY AFTER-NOON

Sunday afternoon about 8 o'clock the fire department was called out on Second avenue, the house of Mr. Sherman having caught on fire from a blaze in the chimney. The fire which had made but slight headway on the roof of the building, was extinguished by the fire department.

SCHOOL TO GET LYCEUM COURSE

After visiting all the schools of the city and some twenty-five of the leading business men, Superintendent Honeycutt announces that over four hundred tickets have been sold, as a guarantee for a strong Lyceum course for Hendersonville during the months of December, January, February and March. All the schools were enthusiastic in their support, practically the entire personnel of the faculty and student body signing up in each case.

Notwithstanding the fact that Frazier had already secured a splendid course of attractions, about one hundred students and faculty members signed up from that institution.

It looks now as if admission to these attractions will be entirely by season tickets. Those desiring to arrange for reservations should communicate with Superintendent A. W. Honeycutt this week.

The attractions will be as follows: December 5—The De Mille Quartet, with Miss Hilda Buckingham as accompanist. These are all Canadians and there is no quartet in Chautauqua of Lyceum work that has as fine a record or repertoire.

Later in December the Florentine Musicians will give an entertainment, which will be followed in January by the Metropolitan Singers, a grand opera quartet—one of the best attractions ever brought to Hendersonville.

In February Ralph Parlett will give his world-famous lecture on the "University of Hard Knocks."

The closing number will be Grand Opera Star, Miss Mary Mary Adel Hayes, a coloratura soprano from New York.

THE SUGAR SHORTAGE

Milas Hill of Flat Rock, who is somewhat perturbed by the sugar shortage in this country has decided to start a show of his own. He is raising the sugar beet to beat the band. Recently he sent a sample of the sugar beet he had grown to the agricultural department at Washington with a request that the proper authorities dissect the beet, diagnose the contents and let him know if there was enough sugar in that variety of beet to justify his raising sugar beets on a large scale.

If the answer is favorable Mr. Hill expects to cultivate the beet extensively and later interest others with a view of establishing a plant for the manufacture of sugar.

MR. RILEY WITH NEWS

A. B. Riley of Brevard has accepted position as city editor of The News. The Times is very glad to welcome Mr. Riley to the city and hopes that his stay will be long and pleasant among us, and that he will "scoop" the news from every direction and hand it to the many friends of the paper with which he has associated himself.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS PASS NINE HUNDRED MARK

Last week we printed a statement relative to school enrollment at the city schools. This has now gone beyond the 900 mark, being divided as follows:

High school, 160; grammar school, 543; colored school, 200.

THE WEATHER

The weather man predicted there would be a decided fall in temperature by tonight in the Atlantic states with probably heavy frost in east portion of North Carolina, southeastern part of South Carolina and south Georgia. He said we might look out for frost in western North Carolina.

BUSTER BROWN COMING

E. Lewis & Son have asked us to tell you that the original Buster Brown and Tige will be in the city next Tuesday afternoon, November 18, and give a free entertainment in front of their store. The invitation is extended to men, women and children to see this show.

DR. ZORO K. JUSTICE OF DAVIDSON

Dr. Zoro K. Justice of Davidson, who has been attending the meeting of doctors at Asheville, came over to Hendersonville for the week ending Friday, and will visit with friends and relatives in this county.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Every few days we receive letters from subscribers of this paper expressing their appreciation of The Times, its editorials, its local and personal columns, its news items of a general character, in which the public is interested, the excellent press work and mechanical skill which makes the paper in every way a source of pleasure, and information to its readers and pride to its publishers. We take this occasion to thank one and all for their kind words and assure our friends that we are trying to give them the best that is in us, and are striving faithfully to make the "good better and the better best." To the business men of the city we do not hesitate to express publicly our appreciation for the liberal patronage the paper is receiving in the way of advertising; the genial manner and courteous treatment from the business and professional people of the city and the citizens generally, pleasant working conditions, congenial employers, and associates all of which makes us feel that our "lines have fallen in pleasant places."

EDITOR.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

The following is President Wilson's Thanksgiving proclamation message issued from Washington last week, setting forth Thursday November 27 as Thanksgiving Day:

"The season of the year has again arrived when the people of the United States are accustomed to unite in giving thanks to Almighty God for the blessings which He has conferred upon our country during the twelve months that have passed. A year ago our people poured out their hearts in praise and thanksgiving that through divine aid the right was victorious and peace had come to nations which had so courageously struggled in defense of human liberty and justice. Now that the stern task is ended and the fruits of achievements are ours, we look forward with confidence to the dawn of an era where the sacrifices of the nation will find recompense in a world at peace.

"But to attain the consummation of the great work to which the American people devoted their manhood and the vast resources of their country they should, as they give thanks to God, reconsecrate themselves to those principles of right which triumphed through His merciful goodness. Gratitude can find no more perfect expression than to bulwark with loyalty and patriotism those principles for which the free peoples of the earth fought and died.

"During the past year we have had much to make us grateful. In spite of the confusion in our economic life resulting from the war we have prospered. Our harvest has been plentiful and out of our abundance we have been able to render succor to less favored nations. Our democracy remains unshaken in a world torn with political and social unrest. Our traditional ideals are still our guides in the path of progress and civilization.

"These great blessings thus vouchsafe to us, for which we devoutly give thanks, should arouse us to a fuller sense of our duty to ourselves and to mankind to see to it that nothing we may do shall mar the completeness of the victory we helped to win. No selfish purpose animated us in becoming participants in the World War, and with a like spirit of unselfishness we should strive to aid by our example and by our co-operation in realizing the enduring welfare of all peoples and in bringing into being a world ruled by friendship and good will.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, hereby designate Thursday, the 27th day of November next, for observance as a day of thanksgiving and prayer by my fellow countrymen, inviting them to cease on that day from their ordinary tasks and to unite in their homes and in their several places of worship in ascribing praise and thanksgiving to God, the Author of all blessings and the Master of our destinies.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done in the District of Columbia, this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord, 1919, and of the independence of the United States the forty-fourth."

WALTER B. SMITH, who has organized a co-operative building association for the purpose of building homes in Laurel Park gave The Times an outline of the plans this week, which seem to be quite attractive. For want of space we are compelled to carry this item over till another issue.

CITY SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

High School—Eighth Grade
Winnie Hoggsett, Ailene Wilkins.

Ninth Grade
Myrtice Brooks, Helen Drafts, Lila Jordan, Ted Ray, Hazel Grant, Lillie Summey.

Tenth Grade
Hazel Shepherd, Mary Orr.

Eleventh Grade
Mary E. Walker, Lula K. Stepp, Myrtle Bennett, Roberta Brooks.

Grammar School—Seventh Grade
Helen Morris, Corday Huggins, Wadsworth Farnum, George Chapin.

Sixth Grade
Ruth Whitlock, Marion Whitlock, Thelma Cagle, Marie Garren Violet Penland, Cecil Shepherd, Robert Burnett, Dora Justice, Elizabeth Freeman, Elizabeth Murray, Pauline Brown.

Fifth Grade
Janette Ball, Rea Brooks, Madge Cunningham, Elizabeth Ehringhaus, Carter Freeze, Minnie Sue Flynn, Lillian Garren, Garnett Hoggsett, Jessie Johnson, Byers Johnson, Emma Lee Kilpatrick, Ethel McMurray, Sam Lee, Flora Reid, Clara Reid, Earl Stanley, George Vann, Mildred Walker, Isabel Richard, William Bacon, Johnnie Mae Stanley, Jacquelin Small, Jane Truex, Ruby Hamilton, Marion Morris, Louis Smith, Adele Kershaw, Hampton Johnston.

Fourth Grade
Josephine Brooks, Jean Grey, Mildred Moores, Pauline Thompson, Egerton Ehringhaus, Herbert Grainger, Lloyd Gallamore.

Third Grade
Maizie Shipman, Mary Eleen Lee, Mary Valentine, Virginia Twyford, Nellie Lyda, Loretta Thompson, Maude Hyder, Verna Hoggsett, Evangeline Justus, Edna Kirkpatrick, Haseltine Lane, Dulus Johnson, Wayne Thompson, Frank Rogzelle, Eccles Grant, Loy Garren, Boyd Cagle, Robert Chapin, Leslie Mae Fisher, Clara Fisher, Dolores Hernandez, Eugenie Hernandez, Compton Hollingsworth, Jewel Orr, Edna Mae Wilward and John Wilkins.

Second Grade
Frank Byers, Wm. Covington, Calvin Corn, Will Cagle, Donald Hill, Chas. Israel, Marion Justice, Jonathan Jackson, Homer Kilpatrick, Shonee Anders, Bertie Brookshire, Edna Drake, Lucile Flynn, Dorothy Long, Gladys Parker, Flonie Shipman, Louise Roper, Garnett Shipman, Margaret Valley, Mildred Williams, Lorb Zimmerman, Samuel Bryson, John Bowen, Morris Bishop, Edith Garren, Billy Keith, Isabelle Keith, Alice Kershaw, Martha Stepp, Septima Twyford, Joe McCarrson, Ruth Brock.

First Grade
Leon Blythe, Harold Corn, Jack Freeman, Billy Shepherd, Chas. Elliott, Doris Gurley, Connie Hollingsworth, Gussie Justice, Josephine McDonald, Una Belle McMurray, Paul Anders, Carl Bishop, Roy Chaple, James W. Davis, Bruce Grainger, Edney Grant, George Huggins, John Hollingsworth, John Justice, Ralph Maxwell, Morris Rhodes, James Henry Rollins, Craig Murray, Paul Bird, Josephine Bangs, Roseary Agnew, Frances Lee Cornwall, Katherine Freeman, Gertrude Howard, Virginia McGuinn, Lois Moores, Mary Reese, Cecil Richard, George Sandifer, Elizabeth Shipman, Frances Vann, Catherine Whitlock, Helen Grimes.

NO TRUTH IN STATEMENT

The American Red Cross says there is no truth in the report which has been circulated that the Red Cross donated a sum of money to the Queen of Belgium.

LAUREL PARK

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PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. A. W. Honeycutt and Miss Clea Bryant will give a piano recital at the high school auditorium next Friday night, November 21. The recital will be free and the public is invited.

COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

The November term of superior court of Henderson county, for the trial of civil cases, convened Monday, with Judge J. L. Webb, presiding. The first day was taken up with the trial of two divorce cases, and an action of Mrs. A. M. Gover against T. M. Washburn, for fraud and misrepresentation in the matter of the issuance of a life insurance policy and some notes. A motion was also heard for the dismissal of some 20 to 30 cases brought in the court here by parties residing in South Carolina, for alleged damages to their lands caused by the breaking of the dam at Lake Toxaway in 1916.

In the case of Carlisle vs. Carlisle, the plaintiff was granted a divorce.

In the case of Annie Walker vs. Arthur Walker, the plaintiff was granted a divorce.

After the argument of counsel representing both plaintiff and defendants in the matter of the motion to dismiss the actions brought to recover damages on account of the breaking of the dam at Lake Toxaway for the reason, as alleged by the defendants, that the actions should have been brought in South Carolina, instead of here the motion to dismiss was denied and by consent of parties plaintiff and defendant, all the actions were moved to Transylvania county for trial or other disposition.

Verdicts in the cases of Mrs. Gover against Washburn and Featherstone vs. Featherstone, had been rendered, but no judgments had been signed at the time we go to press.

Several other cases have been disposed of at this term, by judgment or non suit, compromise and settlement, mention of which will be made in these columns next week.

A FIST FIGHT

An altercation occurred on the streets of this city last Saturday between George Connell, who resides in Hendersonville, and E. R. Bryant, a farmer who resides in Mills River township. The difficulty between the two men is said to have been brought about by reason of the sale of some stock in the Asheville Milling corporation, to Bryant by Connell some time ago, which stock, it seems turned out to be of small worth.

Mr. Bryant, it appears gave his note to evidence the price of the stock he bought, and the note was assigned by the milling company to a local bank before maturity. At the maturity of the note the bank notified Mr. Bryant to come in and pay it off. The maker of the note came in and met Connell on Main street, it is stated, and demanded of Connell that he pay the note. A few words passed between the two men, and Bryant snatched Connell's knife out of his hand and threw it on the ground. Connell started running with Bryant in pursuit. The race continued down Third avenue to a point near where the Toms old livery stable formerly stood at which place Bryant is said to have overtaken Connell, and the second round in the bout was pulled off. Bryant is said to have landed several blows with his fist on Connell's head and face, and Connell made desperate efforts to land similar blows on Bryant's head and face.

While the second round of the fight was in progress, deputy sheriff, William Hill came on the scene, and he, together with others who came along at the time, heeded the calls of "Connell to 'take him off of me, and don't let him beat me up," and stopped the fight.

The two men were cited before Esquire Hood where both submitted and paid a small fine and costs. Friends of Bryant, who were present in court paid his part of the fine and cost, and Connell settled his part, and the two men went their way.

THANKSGIVING NEARS

Hickory, Nov. 12.—One thousand Watauga county turkeys which ordinarily would find their way to market through east Tennessee will be distributed from Hickory to persons who can afford a Thanksgiving bird. A local creamery has bargained for 1,000 birds, will have them dressed at Boone and brought here on trucks.

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