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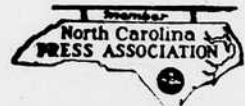
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A GOOD RESOLUTION

A few weeks ago the New Year was greeted throughout the nation with prayer and song and dance. We said goodbye to 948, extended a welcoming hand to the Newcomer, and exchanged mutual expressions of hope with our friends that the New Year would prove happy and prosperous.

At the same time, the great majority of Americans gave some thought to New Year resolutions. Most of us might even have kept some of them, right up to this "late" date. But if we did not, there still is a chance to redeem ourselves right now.

There is one resolution every man, woman and child should make and keep. It is an easy one. It entails little or no sacrifice. It will give you a grand feeling—but more important, it will help bring back to health youngsters you may know, or have heard of, or perhaps never even knew existed.

That resolution is simply to: "JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES, JANUARY 14-31." The dimes and dollars given to the 1949 appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will enable that organization to rebuild chapter funds exhausted during last year's polio epidemics—which were comparable to those of 1916, worst in history.

You will never miss the dime or dollar you contribute. Resolve now to give generously to the MARCH OF DIMES. You may be sure you will write the score for a song of a brighter future. Yes, these polio-stricken children may even be able to dance again . . . because YOU helped.

IS YOUTH TOO AMBITIOUS ?

Modern boys and girls are too ambitious in their rush to become leaders in the fields of business and the professions, declares Roland L. Stratford director of an employment counseling service designed to aid boys and girls to get a proper start in the business world.

Mr. Stratford says that the youngsters are "unwilling to start in the less glamorous jobs," and work their way up. The revelation that they cannot earn \$5,000 a year one month after graduation from high school "is often a rude shock to our modern teen-agers."

The counsellor reports, however, that once the teen-ager is convinced of the proper course to follow in connection with employment, he becomes ready to dig in as a clerk, a messenger, a stenographer or office-boy and "work his way up in the American tradition."

The "ambition" of a teen-ager is largely the product of modern education and an environment that includes many examples of "from rags to riches," in easy lessons. It is no wonder that many average boys and girls get the idea that money can be made in bales, overnight.

The success tag which most communities put upon the man who makes big money in a short time, without any discriminating judgment as to the methods involved, is enough to make the average teen-ager believe that the volume of cash is almost everything that counts. This explains, in part, the failure of some teen-agers to appreciate the value of character in connection with economic effort and, in their inexperience, they sometimes conclude that the success stories are the rule and not the exception in the lives of human beings.

This is the time of year when everybody should remember that it takes money to wage war on infantile paralysis and do something about it.

Americanism: Working hard to be able to do some of the things you want to do and dying before you have a chance to do them.

Even a careful automobile driver will sometimes meet with danger—it's a good rule to expect the other man to be careless.

The man who loafs at his work doesn't need a vacation.

A fanatic is simply an individual who knows that he is right.

MARSHALL'S GREAT RECORD

The resignation of Secretary of State George C. Marshall removes a public official who has won general approval by his eminent services to the nation.

As Chief of Staff during the great war, General Marshall, in the opinion of competent critics, made a major contribution to the success of American arms. He is generally considered one of the chief architects of military victory.

Subsequently, when asked to assume the onerous duties of the State Department, the General did not refuse. He entered an area of activity and subjected himself to partisan criticism which was not long in arriving. Probably, he suffered somewhat in the general esteem through his connection with a partisan position.

We also wish to call attention to the fact that General Marshall represents the "brass hats," who were so vigorously criticised by columnists and radio commentators at the conclusion of the war. He is a worthy representative of a group of men whose experience, training and intelligence made possible the success of American belligerency. For their great contribution to the welfare of their nation and the protection of this Republic, they were maligned and denounced by publicity-hunting scribblers and orators.

The General, in his illness, is entitled to the pleasures of retirement and it should comfort him to know, if he needs assurance, that he has a large place in the esteem, affection and respect of the people of this country.

EARTH SATELLITE TO PROTECT U. S.

In the annual report of Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal is a vague reference to a space-based project. Mr. Forrestal referred to the "earth satellite vehicle program, which is being carried out independently by each military service," and says that this was assigned "to the committee on guided missiles."

Back of the vague reference is the theory that some possibility exists of creating a tiny satellite somewhere between the earth and the moon, but beyond the pull of gravity. Presumably, such a space platform could be used for the guidance or launching of atomic warhead rockets, which, in the opinion of enthusiastic scientific men, might enable the nation possessing it to control the earth.

We do not know the details of the fantastic speculation but, in the course of centuries, it may come about. In the meantime, the bulk of the nation's money will be spent upon more conservative plans for offense and defense. The whole story reminds us of the observation made in Washington, in connection with the demands of the services for funds, that there are military men who would, if they could, fortify the moon.

THE UPSWING IN OFFSPRING

American education faces two facts of related importance: a teacher shortage and a high birth rate.

There are 15,000 more teachers now than a year ago. There are over 500,000 more enrollments this year than last. If each new teacher were given a class of about 36 students, there would be just enough new teachers to take care of all the new enrollments. But this would do nothing to better the existing situation of overcrowded classes, substandard teachers, inadequate facilities, and grossly uneven educational opportunities.

A slightly better level of pay, aroused public interest, and the prospect of federal aid to education are believed to have raised teacher morale appreciably. But more college graduates need to be kindled to the satisfying possibilities of teaching as a life work if the school system is to cope with the high birth rate.

Which will hit the schools of tomorrow first: greatly enlarged support or greatly enlarged enrollments? Will the upswing in offspring be matched by devotion to their needs? —Christian Science Monitor.

DON'T BLAME THE MARXISTS!

The newspapers report that Soviet economists have vainly sought to establish why the United States is not having an economic crisis, infallibly indicated for it by Marxian theory.

The economists at Moscow, according to dispatches, could not agree on the reasons for the business boom in the United States when, by all Communist portents, it should be slumping catastrophically.

Let us not be too hard on the Marxist philosophers if they are unable to understand the economic phenomena in the United States. After all, American economists are not agreed upon the causes of our present record-breaking economy.

What became of the idea that radio stations would put newspapers out of business?

The motto might read: "What helps the people of this country helps business."

The Russians are ready to co-operate with all nations that do as Moscow suggests.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

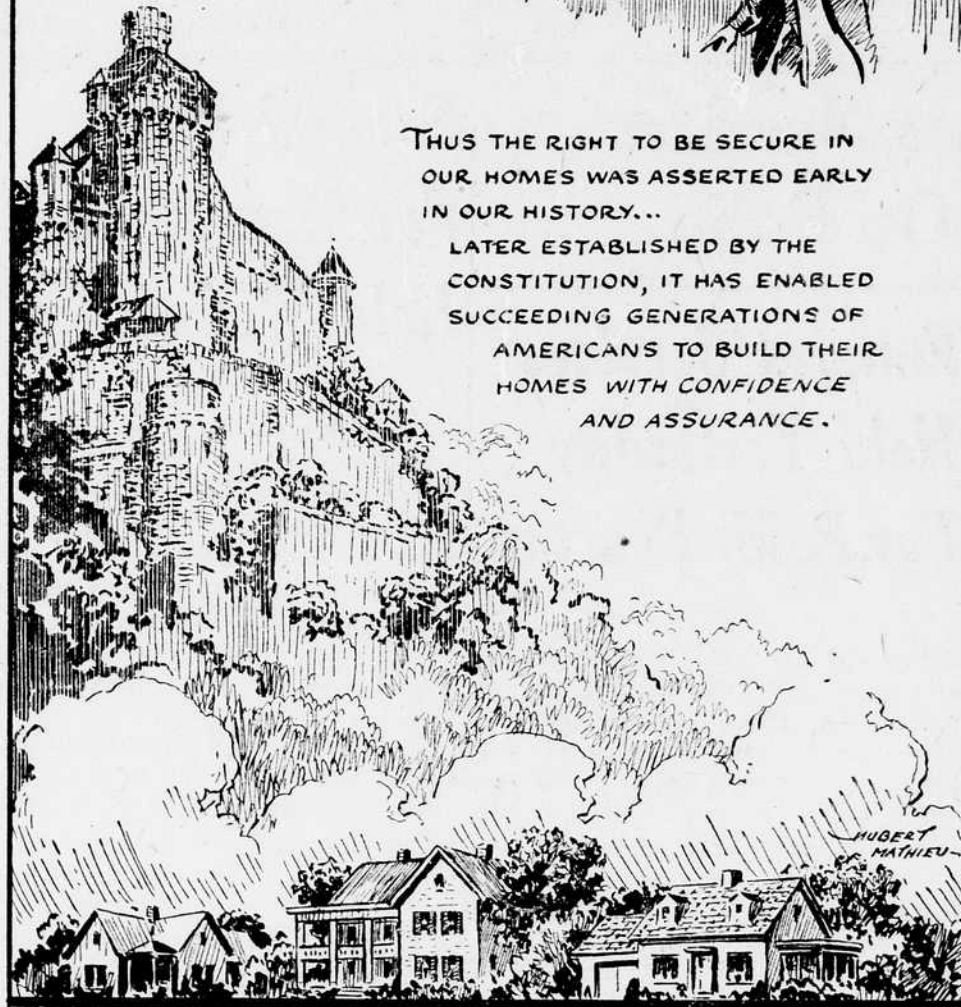
"A Man's House is his Castle..."

—QUOTED BY JAMES OTIS
 IN 1761 IN HIS SPEECH OPPOSING
 ENTRY AND SEARCH
 WITHOUT A WARRANT.



THUS THE RIGHT TO BE SECURE IN
 OUR HOMES WAS ASSERTED EARLY
 IN OUR HISTORY...

LATER ESTABLISHED BY THE
 CONSTITUTION, IT HAS ENABLED
 SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS OF
 AMERICANS TO BUILD THEIR
 HOMES WITH CONFIDENCE
 AND ASSURANCE.



COUPLED WITH THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE SANCTITY
 OF OUR HOMES, WE IN AMERICA HAVE HAD THE
 OPPORTUNITY, THROUGH OUR OWN EFFORTS AND THRIFT,
 TO PROVIDE A RICHER, FULLER SECURITY AND
 HOME LIFE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN.

Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

January 24, 1918

"In consideration of the efforts being made by the fuel administration of the United States for the conservation of fuel, the Marion merchants have signed an agreement to open their stores, beginning next

week, at 7:30 o'clock and close at 6 in the afternoon on every day except Saturdays until the first of March. On Saturday the stores will remain open in the evening, as usual. This action is to be taken in addition to the Monday closing day prescribed by the government."

"Marion was at a standstill in business Monday, every grocery store closing at noon and nearly all other stores remaining from the

Saturday closing hour unopened. All manufacturing industries also were closed and remained closed until Wednesday morning, after suspending operation five days in accordance with the fuel administration's order. Next Monday and every Monday thereafter the stores, druggists and grocers excepted, will be closed all day until the ten weeks period has elapsed. The grocery stores will close at noon, it is understood."

"Mrs. Maggie Jones, of Nebo, was shopping in Marion Saturday.

"C. M. McCall, of Biltmore, was in Marion on business last Thursday.

"Thos. A. Burgin, of Jonestown, Miss., is here on a visit to his parents.

"John Elliott, who is doing guard duty at Hot Springs, spent the week-end with relatives here.

"Murray Short, of Roanoke, Va., has accepted a position with the A. Blanton Grocery company.

"Mrs. S. A. E. Carter, who has been seriously ill for several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, is improving.

"Mrs. W. W. Neal and Mrs. D. E. Hudgins will entertain the Twentieth Century club at the home of Mrs. Hudgins on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

"Miss Rosa Houck has a position as bookkeeper at the Merchants & Farmers Bank, succeeding Miss Dewey Denton, who accepted a position with the Goode Drug company in Asheville.

"G. B. Dobson, of Blackstone, Va., was a visitor here Tuesday, having been called to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Dobson, who is seriously ill at her home at Nebo. Mr. Dobson is well pleased with his new location and is doing well. He made 400 bushels of corn on nine acres of land last year."

"The merchants of Marion appeal to their customers for co-operation in helping to cut down the high cost of living. The merchants are getting down to business and propose to extend credit to only those who meet their bills promptly, according to the notice published elsewhere in this paper. Read it."

Primarily because of its tobacco industry, North Carolina is one of the leading states in the payment of taxes to the Federal government.

Invest in U. S. Savings Bonds.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

We appreciate very much the fact that you keep **Coca-Cola** in your home. We have not advanced our selling price on **Coca-Cola** or the deposit on **Coca-Cola** bottles and cases, although the cost of these cases and bottles are now double what they were a few years ago. Therefore, it is all the more important to us to get these cases and bottles returned promptly. Please look around your home and gather up all the **Coca-Cola** bottles you may have and take them back to your dealer when you buy **Coca-Cola**. This cooperation will help us to hold our present selling price.



COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY
 Marion, N. C.