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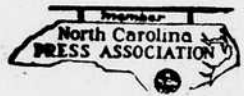
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### A PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Community safeguards depend upon a united people. Especially in time of disaster is efficient functioning necessary if lives are to be saved and the injured and homeless given practical aid. That is why an organization such as the American National Red Cross is necessary. Haphazard planning won't do. People must know where to turn, how to coordinate their efforts to help.

The Red Cross was able to coordinate the services of civic groups last year when more than 300 disasters struck in widely separated communities. Vanport, Ore., New Orleans, La., Coatesville, Ind., Greensboro, N. C., Bonne Terre, Mo., are many miles apart, but in each case the peculiar catastrophe that attacked these places was met by organized response.

All Red Cross work is divided among community volunteers and a full-time staff. Whether the work is educational and preventative—such as first aid, water safety, accident prevention, home nursing, nutrition—or remedial—such as aid to veterans, servicemen, and civilians, both hospitalized and able-bodied—the Red Cross counts on community cooperation.

The growing Red Cross National Blood Program particularly demonstrates the need for partnership that makes service possible. So far approximately 64,000 persons have suffered to donate blood in this peacetime program, and blood has been distributed to more than 360 hospitals.

Let us continue to have faith in this people's partnership to the end that we will contribute our money, our time, and our moral support to make the 1949 Red Cross Fund campaign a success. The month of solicitation is March. The service is year-round.

### THREAT OF INFLATION

The current slump in consumer prices, according to John D. Clark, a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, is largely traceable to the fact that the Government collect forty-eight per cent of all the money people and corporations pay in income taxes in the one hundred days from December 15th through March 15th.

Consequently, Mr. Clark does not believe that there is reason to believe that the buying market is declining permanently. He points out that "disposable income, after taxes," is at the highest point of history and, therefore, he does not believe that the money "is not going to be spent."

Calling attention to the threat of inflation, which, he says, will continue as long as high personal incomes continue without greatly increased production, Mr. Clark said that during 1948 there was "no marked increase in production" but that buying power kept rising. This he calls the "index of inflation." The increase in personal income, he insists, was not due to production of more goods and services, but to higher wages.

There seems to be reason behind the ideas advanced by Mr. Clark, who also points out that a recessionary movement can proceed very rapidly and very destructively." This also happens to be correct. The business of the nation depends upon buying psychology, which depends upon individual confidence in the future. Let the confidence disappear, and it could happen in a short period of time, and the buying would almost immediately be curtailed. Business would slump and a depression would be on.

The man who talks the most about what he is willing to do is not always the man who reaches in his pocket when the call for cash is heard through the halls.

Going to church is a good habit for every individual to cultivate and it is a good idea for the churches to cultivate every individual.

Human nature, being what it is, men and women constantly seek excuses for their own shortcomings.

At the ripe old age of 215, Bladen county, from Bladen territory.

### CAN OVERRUN EUROPE

With no Western nation of Europe able to depend upon the good intentions of the Soviet Union, there is general agreement that the Western governments face a basic problem of how they can keep the Soviet Union from advancing westward into other areas of Europe.

The governments recognize that Eastern Europe is under the solid control of the Soviet and that the armies of Russia cannot be stopped along the Elbe River but might be stopped on the Rhine.

The nations agree that the Soviet Union should not be permitted to take the rest of Europe because this would add 50,000,000 tons of steel production in a year to the 20,000,000 tons now available to Russia. This capacity would be something hard to match.

The nations understand that the Soviet Army, if it begins to move immediately, can probably swing to the Channel. Russia now has an estimated fifty well-equipped divisions on the other side of the Iron Curtain while the five Western European nations have a total that probably does not exceed six divisions. In addition, one U. S. division is in Western Europe.

Because the Western nations do not wish to tempt Russia and encourage any idea that the conquest of Western Europe will be an easy task, the nations are speedily attempting to build up their defensive forces. The idea is that, once a balance of military power is established, the Red wave will be constrained. If Russia leaders understand that resort to war will result in a prolonged struggle, with victory to Russia a decided improbability, there is not apt to be a resort to arms.

### 98,000 LIVES TO BE SAVED

Without any thought that the news will do any good, we call attention to the fact that 98,000 persons were killed by accidents in the United States in 1948 and that one of every fourteen persons was injured. The total number of disabling injuries, estimated by the National Safety Council, in 1948, was 10,300,000.

The Association estimates that the property and personal loss from accidents cost the nation \$7,200,000,000 besides the untold suffering and inconvenience experienced by the individuals affected.

It is interesting to note that traffic accidents killed 32,000 persons, which is about 8,000 less than the all-time high of 1941, when 39,969 individuals were killed. Approximately, 1,100,000 persons were injured in traffic accidents in the last year.

Despite the information which, we presume, is accurate, the people of the United States, including those of McDowell county, will continue to pursue their accustomed ways in 1949. Nearly 100,000 of them will die deaths that could be avoided by the exercise of extreme care and some ten million will be injured in accidents that foresight and forethought would largely prevent. This is a heavy toll but since human nature is what it is, the nation will continue to pay the price of our own carelessness.

### MOTHER OF 55 COUNTIES

At the ripe old age of 215, Bladen county, long known as "the Mother of Counties," desires a little more affection and respect from her county children, says Norman McCulloch of Elizabethton, writing in The Robesonian of Lumberton.

He reminds that 55 of North Carolina's 100 counties are children of Bladen, meaning that they are parts of the territory once comprising that county. It would be more accurate to say they are children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Of course many of the 55 counties were created from parts of other counties which formerly were parts of Bladen. The Bladen writer did not mean that all of them were cut directly from Bladen territory.

For example, Anson county was a daughter of Bladen, Mecklenburg was a child of Anson, and several other counties were children of Mecklenburg, thus making them grandchildren of Bladen.

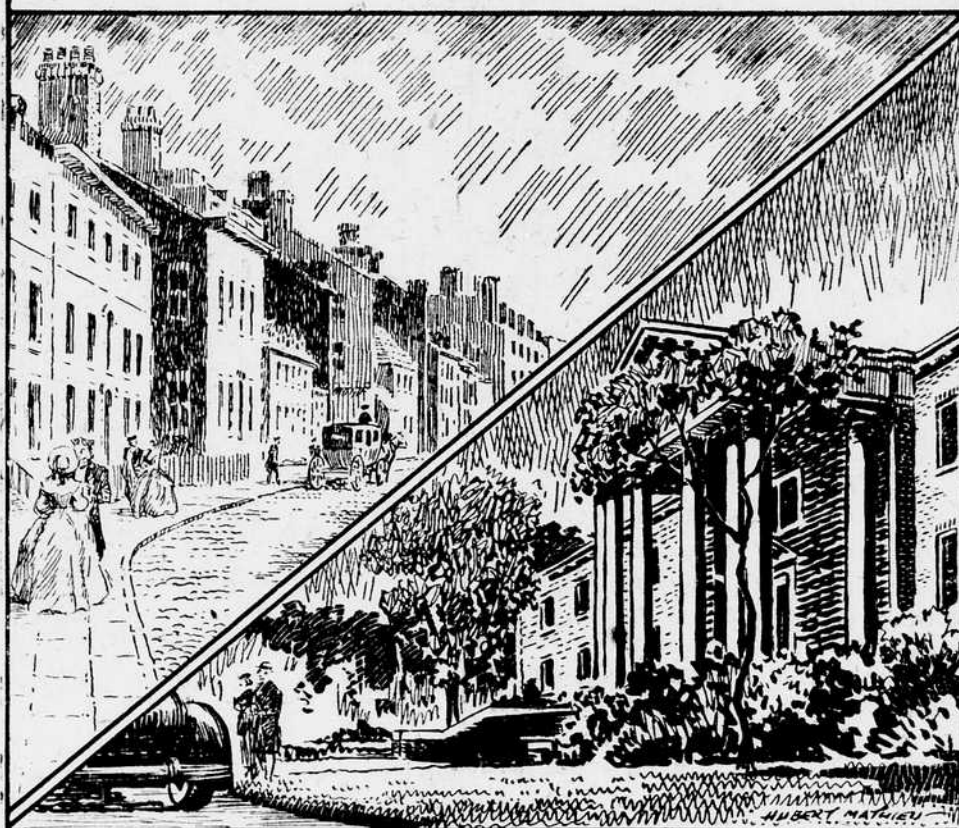
Mr. McCulloch presents this roll call of counties formed from parts of the original Bladen, with the dates of their creation:  
 Anson 1749, Orange 1751, Rowan 1753, Cumberland 1754, Mecklenburg 1762, Brunswick 1764, Surry 1770, Burke 1777, Wilkes 1777, Lincoln 1779, Montgomery 1779, Richmond, 1779, Rutherford 1779, Moore 1784, Rockingham 1785, Robeson 1786, Ashe 1788, Iredell 1788, Stokes, 1789, Buncombe 1791, Cabarrus 1792.

Haywood 1808, Davidson 1822, Davie 1826, Macon 1828, Yancey 1833, Henderson 1838, Cherokee 1839, Caldwell 1841, Cleveland 1841, Stanly 1841, Catawba 1842, McDowell 1842, Union 1842, Alexander 1846, Gaston 1846, Forsyth 1848, Watauga 1849, Jackson 1850, Yadkin 1850, Harnett 1855, Polk 1855, Alleghany 1869, Mitchell 1861, Transylvania 1861, Clay 1867, Columbus 1868, Swain 1871, Graham 1871, Scotland 1899, Lee 1907, Avery 1911, Hoke 1911.—Charlotte Observer.

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

### GUARDIANS OF THE NATION'S HEALTH

200 YEARS AGO, HOSPITAL CARE WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN THE U. S. WHILE, AS EARLY AS 1736 A SIX-BED WARD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF NEW YORK'S "PUBLIC WORKHOUSE AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION" CARED FOR SICK INMATES, — THE FIRST REAL HOSPITAL, BUILT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, WAS THE PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL—FOUNDED IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1752.



TODAY, HOSPITAL FACILITIES AND SKILLED HOSPITAL STAFFS ARE WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL OF US... MORE THAN A THIRD OF OUR POPULATION ARE PARTICIPATING IN VOLUNTARY HEALTH PLANS. IN JOINING THESE PLANS, WE NOT ONLY HELP OURSELVES BUT HELP OUR DOCTORS MAINTAIN THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE THAT AFFECTS THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS OF THE WHOLE NATION.

## Room Representatives Marion Central School

(By Mrs. R. R. Cooke)

To all the many Marion people who are so interested in our school, it has been a source of pride this year to see the Parent-Teacher Association of our Central School asserting itself, using its influence in various ways to support the school program, its interests and activities have been broad and varied, but back of all these efforts has been the one big aim, "A better school for our children."

Not the least of the many achievements this year in PTA work has been the organization and direction of Room Representatives. This group started in the fall as Grade Mothers, with a Chairman in each room to contact the teacher directly and help make plans for the work of the several Grade Mothers in the particular room. It was not long, however, until our Fathers began showing such an interest in PTA work that the name was broadened to welcome our men folks into these grade groups.

Realizing that Room Representatives are the very heart of PTA, efforts were made from the start to make this group a force that would be felt. Provision was made to give a seat on the PTA Executive Board to an overall Chairman of Room Representatives, and Mrs. S. R. Cross was unanimously elected to this office.

In High School, further organization was necessary, as much activity there is by grade, including more than one room. The need was felt for Room Representative Chairmen by grades, and the following persons were chosen in a Department Room Representatives Meeting in November:

- 6th Grade—Mrs. Pat Davis.
- 10th Grade—Mrs. Harry McCall.
- 11th Grade—Mrs. Carl Warlick.
- 12th Grade—Mrs. Obie Laughridge.

The High School Room Representatives Group has been encouraged throughout the year to lend all possible aid to teachers in various extra-curricula activities of the school. Each grade group helped with Christmas parties for the young folks, the parties being arranged by grades, with all rooms of each grade celebrating together.

The Senior class Mothers helped at the time of the Senior party, the big event of the Senior year, and the Junior Class Mothers are working hand in hand with the teachers on plans for the Junior-Senior Banquet. They have helped with a rummage sale and have other plans for assisting in the money-raising preliminaries to the Banquet, and they are planning to do all they can to help at the time of the Banquet.

As an overall High School Room Representatives project, these parents, working with the teachers and pupils, are providing a party month-



of Fathers to the Room Representatives Organization, this group is now in a position to offer real help to the teachers for the benefit of the children.

The Elementary School Grade Fathers were listed in a news story last week. Following are the fathers who have been asked to serve as Room Representatives by the High School Teachers:

- Mrs. Gilkey, 9th grade—E. P. Huffman.
- Mrs. Davis, 9th grade—Ray Murray, Ben Byers, A. R. Young.
- Miss Glenn, 9th grade—L. D. Atkins.
- Art Ditt, 9th grade—Rev. J. B. McLarty, H. \*A. Norton, T. E. Brown, Carl W. Poteat.
- Mrs. John Finley, 10th grade—Harry McCall.
- Mrs. Hewitt, 10th grade—James Greene, Walter Morgan, Marshall Dark.
- Mrs. Ralph Morris, 11th grade—W. C. McIver.
- Miss Webster, 11th grade—Carl Warlick, Ed Gibson.

### Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

#### FEBRUARY 21, 1918

"The public schools of McDowell county will observe Washington's Birthday Friday as War Savings Day. Appropriate exercises will be rendered, followed by patriotic addresses. Speakers have been assigned to the various school districts as follows: Vein Mountain, Miles P. Flack; Hankins, Jno. C. Burnett; Dysartsville, Esq. W. A. Laughridge; Strouttown, C. C. Lisenbee; Greenlee, J. L. Thurman; Glenwood, Rev. G. A. Martin; Sugar Hill, W. T. Morgan; Woodlawn M. L. Good; Old Fort, D. E. Hudgins; Clinchfield School, Rev. W. L. Hutchins; Marion Mill, Rev. J. C. Story; Siloam, Rev. R. F. Mock."

#### FEBRUARY 28, 1918

"Mrs. Virginia Fain, of Asheville, was here Tuesday looking over the field with a view to getting up a class in drawing and painting, also paper flower art. If she meets with sufficient encouragement she will spend one or two days a week here to give instruction to the class.

"At a meeting of the merchants Monday afternoon it was decided to change the hour of closing from 6 to 7 p. m., beginning March 1. This hour of closing will be observed throughout the summer. The six o'clock closing hour was observed in the winter in order to save fuel."

#### MARCH 7, 1918

"Skating and coasting has become a public nuisance in some parts of the town, especially on Front and Logan streets, and we are requested to warn certain pupils of the graded school that they will be subjected to fines unless they take to back streets for such sport."

## HEADACHE RELIEF

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#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of John Camp, deceased, late of McDowell county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file the same with the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of February, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 2nd day of February, 1949.  
 CLAUDE J. CAMP,  
 Administrator of the Estate of John Camp, deceased.

#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of A. C. Hewitt, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file the same with the undersigned A. C. Hewitt, Jr., at his offices at Hewitt Hosiery Mills, Inc., Marion, N. C., on or before the 13th day of January, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 13th day of January, 1949.  
 A. K. HEWITT,  
 A. C. HEWITT, Jr.,  
 Co-Executors of the Estate of A. C. Hewitt.