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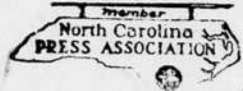
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RED CROSS NEEDS YOUR HELP

The month of March, 1949, has been designated by President Truman as "Red Cross Month," and the organization seeks to raise, by voluntary contributions, in a nation-wide campaign, a fund with which to carry on its work while the foundations of peace are being established, and, in its humanitarian service, to express the spirit of universal good will which recognizes no barrier in human welfare.

The Red Cross, one of three national organizations chartered by Congress, undertook and successfully accomplished a tremendous task during the active participation of this nation in the first and second World Wars. It still has many duties to perform if proper attention is to be paid to our veterans overseas.

In addition, it has a long record of relief work in the peaceful years of our national existence, bringing aid, treatment and rehabilitation to victims of disaster. It also makes its contributions to the war against sickness, accident, suffering and death.

We call attention to these things so that the people of McDowell county will be advised of the appeal and be prepared to make a financial contribution which will enable the Red Cross to contribute its work. During the war years, there was general desire to take part in the work of the Red Cross by a financial contribution if not through personal service. A continuation of this spirit will assure the success of the campaign because our people are just as anxious to help suffering humanity in times of peace as in times of warfare.

IS YOUR HOME DANGEROUS?

We have called attention many times to the danger that lurks in the average American home, pointing out that statistics show that about half of all the accidental deaths in the nation are due to mishaps within the home.

One survey of a large city reveals that more than half of such deaths are caused by falls. Analysis reveals that nearly half of the falls occurred on the same level, more than one-third of them on stairs and about one-sixth from one level to a lower level.

The safety experts suggest that the number of accidents caused by tripping over objects and rugs on floors is of such size as to suggest caution in every home. Moreover, the need for well-lighted stairways is important and everyone should exercise care and patience in using stairs.

We call these facts to the attention of the residents of McDowell county in the hope that we may help prevent accidents in the home. It will take only a few minutes to look over your home and eliminate some of the accident hazards. Parents who do this may save their children from suffering and themselves from unnecessary medical expenses. In addition, they may save their own lives.

EXPECTS HIGHER TAXES

Spaker Sam Rayburn, of the House of Representatives, said that Congress "in all probability," will have to increase taxes to prevent deficit financing.

The veteran legislator says that it will be a reflection on all of us if the nation has a deficit when national income is at such a high level. He insists that there must be "enough money to run the Government and to reduce this \$252,000,000,000 national debt every year, especially when we are prosperous."

There is no intelligent argument against the Speaker's position. Nevertheless, with constantly increasing demands growing in Congress for benefits to this group and that, it is questionable whether the Government of the United States can do everything proposed and still have any money left over, despite the nation's prosperity, to reduce the national debt.

Along this line, Representative Robert L. Doughton, of North Carolina, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, suggest that newspapers tell the people that if they do not want more taxes, they must do something to hold down appropriations.

Making plans for the future is often a way to escape work in the present.

HEART DISEASE A KILLER

Heart disease is rapidly becoming the chief cause of death in the United States, being far ahead of cancer, the second on the list of diseases which kill the greatest number of people in the United States every year.

Incidentally, of the ten leading causes of death in the country, only one—tuberculosis—has shown a steady decline during the past few years. Whether this is to be attributed to the steady campaign which is waged against the white plague, or not, we have no way of knowing, but we suspect that there is some close connection.

Concerning heart disease, a recognized authority reports that coronary sclerosis is sometimes called the "disease of the intelligensia" because of the susceptibility of physicians, bankers, lawyers and clergymen. The characteristics of the disease including the hardening of the nerves, ligaments and blood vessels around the heart and its incidence is highest among those who do mental work and lowest among those who do manual labor.

The Marion Progress naturally hesitates to attempt any conclusion from these observations but, apparently, the disease attacks individuals who are prone to forget the importance of physical exercise while consuming their energies in anxiety of mental worries. It would therefore appear that, somewhere along the line of popular education in this country, the physical nature of man has been neglected.

If this is true, and we believe it is, we might save the lives of future professional men in this community by stressing athletic interests during childhood, with the hope that, when these individuals reach maturity, they will have sense enough to continue what has been wisely begun.

GREEN FINGERS

There are robins in the lower part of the Shenandoah Valley, and once you cross narrow Tennessee and reach norther Mississippi you find daffodils beginning to bloom. Spring creeps north, already well established down along the Gulf. As you go on south, after seeing the first daffodils, the mocking birds become more numerous and more sassy, and by the time you reach Mobile they are practically mad with song. By then you are in azalea country, with blossoms everywhere.

To the Northerner, it is enough to find blossoms and to smell the young, new season. But to those who have watched those blossoms open bud, the rains of this season have been an annoyance. Repeatedly, one hears the wish, "Oh, if it would only fair up!" And one wonders how much "fairing" it takes to make a spring, once the flowers have come.

The streams are bank-full and red with mud. Country roads are quagmires. But oats and clover are green, and maples are turning crimson with their own buds opening. And on a few hilltops farmers are turning the soil. There's plowing to be done, between the rains, if a crop is to be made next summer. A man can't sit all spring and wait.

It's an early spring to the outlander, a wet spring to the native. But it is spring, new and young and full of strengthening growth. You have to go south to find it, but it meets you halfway. Turn your back on it for a few days and it touches another full to the north with its green fingers, warms up another valley, outdistances your eye. That's spring for you.—New York Times.

INSURANCE OR WELFARE

Several risky possibilities appear in the proposal to require the states to pay unemployment insurance of up to \$45 a week to the jobless worker with three or more dependent children. The Federal Security Agency is strongly considering recommending this amount to Congress.

Unemployment compensation under the Social Security Act has given protection to countless workers out of a job through no fault of their own. But as Sir William Beveridge, the great British authority on social insurance, warns, unemployment payments cannot be allowed to equal or exceed income during work.

A very large number of workers do not have average earnings of \$45 a week. Of the workers with three dependent children in Massachusetts, for instance, 23 per cent earned \$45 or less the last quarter of last year. Only four states and the District of Columbia grant dependency allowances for children.

It is also questionable whether unemployment compensation should be broadened to take on the extra cost of payments for children of the jobless. To do so would, in effect, shift the whole program from an insurance to a "welfare" basis.—Christian Science Monitor.

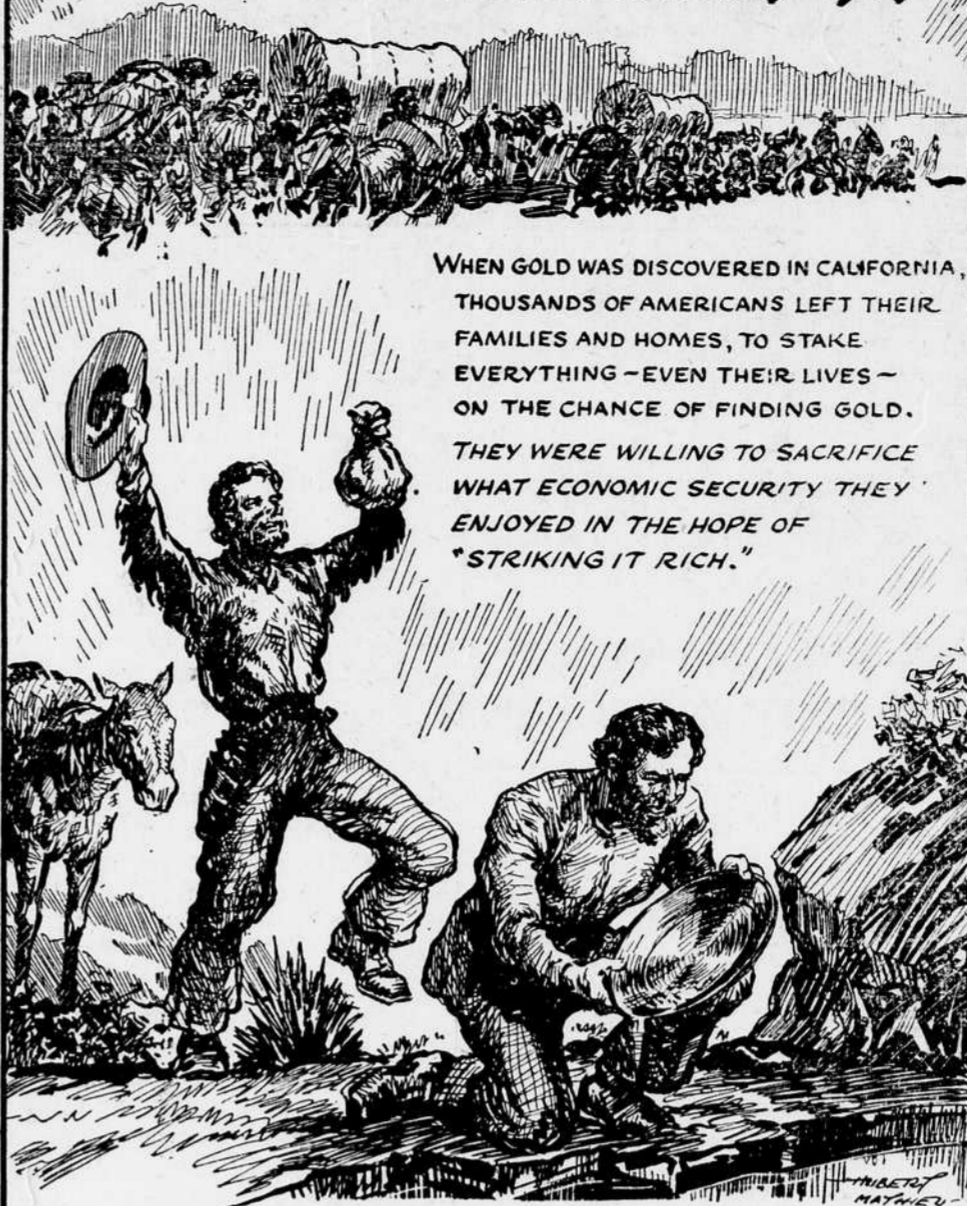
Religion, in general, includes three classes of people: (1) those who practice it, (2) those who profess it and (3) those who promote it.

The motor vehicles death rate indicates that a man does not have to join the army to run the risk of being killed.

Advertising works for intelligent users, regardless of the state of business.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

THE "FORTY-NINERS"... 1849-1949



WHEN GOLD WAS DISCOVERED IN CALIFORNIA, THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS LEFT THEIR FAMILIES AND HOMES, TO STAKE EVERYTHING—EVEN THEIR LIVES—ON THE CHANCE OF FINDING GOLD. THEY WERE WILLING TO SACRIFICE WHAT ECONOMIC SECURITY THEY ENJOYED IN THE HOPE OF "STRIKING IT RICH."

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE—OF TAKING A CHANCE—REMAINS STRONG IN AMERICA. SINCE 1849, HOWEVER, OUR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BROADENED GREATLY. THE MODERN "FORTY-NINER," IN SEEKING NEW FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR, PLACES LESS RELIANCE ON CHANCE AND MORE ON THE MEASURED RISK—GREATER RELIANCE ON THE FACTORS OF HARD WORK, INGENUITY AND THRIFT.

Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

MARCH 14, 1918

"J. E. Wilson, of Ashford, was a visitor here Saturday.

"R. H. Cowan, of Dysartsville, was a visitor here Tuesday.

"Miss Blanche McNeely of Burnsville spent the week-end with relatives here.

"Mrs. Sue Bobbitt spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Asheville.

"W. N. Blanton, of Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., is home on a visit of a few days.

"J. F. Conniffe has returned to Canada after spending a few days here on business.

"Lieut. J. E. Kanipe, of Camp Jackson, S. C., visited homefolks here during the week.

"Presiding Elder Parker Holmes will preach at the Methodist church in Marion next Sunday evening.

"Forester Ruth left last Tuesday for Danville, Va., to accept a position with the Ellis Hosiery Mill.

"W. A. Sweeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sweeney of this place, has been appointed a railway postal clerk.

"Mrs. E. H. Morris and three sons, of Portland, Ore., are visiting relatives. Mrs. Morris is a daughter of Wm. McCall of North Cove.

"Members of the Home Guard are requested to call on J. H. Tate, D. T. Harris or Jno. M. Tate and have their measures taken for new uniforms.

"J. F. Wilkerson has purchased the grocery business of N. H. Weeks & Son and will continue the business at the present location in the Kirby building.

All those who saw Charles Ray in the "Clodhopper" will want to see Ray again. The Grand Theatre announce that they have secured one of Mr. Ray's best pictures, "Sudden Jim," for next Wednesday. Prices 10 and 15c."

MARCH 21, 1918

"So great is the demand for pigs in McDowell that the county commissioners at their last meeting in-

structed County Agent J. L. Thurman to purchase two carloads and to sell them at cost to the citizens of the county who apply for them. The first car will be on hand Friday, March 22, and the second car will follow in a few days. Fat back is selling at the stores in Marion, it is said, at thirty-five cents per pound. This has encouraged the farmers to raise more meat."

APRIL 11, 1918

Dysartsville

"Dysartsville, April 8—Misses Mamie and Gracie Cowan of Marion visited home folks here Easter.

"Miss Willie Jarrett was shopping in Marion Saturday.

"Jas. C. Goforth and Miss Mamie Goforth made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

"Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Satterwhite attended the Quarterly meeting at Pisgah last Saturday.

"Misses Cora Miller and Dora Gibbs visited in Marion last week.

"W. A. Laughridge attended the Democratic County convention in Marion Saturday.

"There was a killing frost here the morning of the 6th.

"Ethel Spratt has been quite ill for several days.

"James Taylor made a business

Faces of Disaster



THERE WERE 45 floods last year, bringing with them misery and suffering. Again this year, thousands will need housing, medical care, food, and long-term rehabilitation. And, as always, your Red Cross will be there. Last year, through your Red Cross, you gave relief in 303 disasters... assisted over 312,400 persons.

You, too, can help through Your RED CROSS Give Now! +

trip to Nebo last Saturday. "There was a public speaking at the school house Wednesday evening. "The farmers are beginning to plant corn.

APRIL 11, 1918

"Mrs. S. L. Sheep is visiting relatives in Charlotte.

"Frank Morphew was here from Camp Jackson during the week on a visit.

"Mrs. E. H. House and Miss Jessie Ratcliffe spent Friday in Asheville.

"C. B. Eaves, editor of the Visitor, Hendersonville, spent Monday with relatives here.

"Esq. W. A. Laughridge, of Dysartsville, spent the week-end with relatives in Marion.

"Mr. and Mrs. Ceph Blanton and daughter, of Shelby, spent Sunday with relatives here.

"J. Q. Gilkey attended a directors meeting of the North Carolina Railroad in Raleigh last week.

"Miss Faye Gilkey attended a directors meeting of the North Carolina Railroad in Raleigh last week.

"Miss Faye McGimsey, of Bridge-water, was the guest of Mrs. A. H. Giles during the week.

"Lieut. K. A. Kirby, of Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, spent the past week with his parents here.

"Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Neal left Monday for Petersburg, Va., to visit the latter's brother, who is in camp there.

"Capt. and Mrs. D. A. Kanipe spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va., with their son Ray, who is in the navy.

"The Grand Theatre will present on next Monday Miss Margareta Fisher in Miss Jackie of the Navy. This is the star who was as well liked in the picture given for the Red Cross benefit. Prices 10 and 15 cents.

Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, spent Sunday in Marion with his mother and sister, Mrs. Carter and D. E. Hudgins.

"Mrs. A. B. Lewis and Mrs. A. C. Colvert, of Statesville, and Mrs. C. Ties, of Winston-Salem, are visiting Mrs. R. H. Bennett.

"Mrs. J. G. Beaman will leave for Burnsville Sunday to conduct a Red Cross class in surgical dressing. The class consists of twelve members of the Burnsville Auxiliary and will be completed in two weeks.

"J. Webb Walker, of Dysartsville, was a visitor here last Friday. Mr. Walker exhibited some samples of mica and other minerals taken from his place and he says he has deposits that if mined he is confident would prove profitable.

"The West Marion Literary and Debating Society will give a public debate Friday night April 15, at 2 o'clock, at the Strouttown school house. Query: "Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished." Speakers on the affirmative are W. T. Noblitt and W. A. Earley; on the negative, C. M. Pool and K. N. Snipes."

APRIL 18, 1918

"The Western Union Telegraph company will open their new office in the Poteat building this week with Mr. Elbert Carr in charge. Mr. Carr has recently been in the employment of the company at Washington, N. C. The opening of an up-town office will fill a longfelt want, assuring improved and more convenient service.

"Considerable damage to the fruit crop is reported in this section from the unusually cool spell last week."

WHEN WITS ARE NEEDED

Hobbs—"I've half a mind to get married."

Dobbs—"Watch out! Reno's full of people who used only half their minds in getting married."

Make Progress Now

There's no time like the present to plan a real future for yourself. Especially in a career that offers you a chance for more education. That's why you owe it to your future to take full advantage of opportunities now being offered in the new U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force. Yes, and the man who acts now is the man who will find himself in a position to make progress, professionally and personally. You will learn from experts who are interested in giving you their best efforts. For your own progress, investigate these excellent opportunities now. Yes, you can make progress in the new Army or Air Force. Discuss this today with your U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiter. He's at the Marion Postoffice, Marion, N. C.

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SMOKEY SAYS "WHEN IT COMES TO PREVENT FOREST FIRES"