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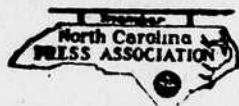
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THE WAY TO PREVENT A DEPRESSION

Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, has doubts about the existence of a recession.

The Texan says that when 58,000,000 people are employed in industry and 30,000,000 farmers have money to buy what they need, he does not see how anybody can call it a "recession."

There is something in what Mr. Rayburn says. Undoubtedly, the nation will not go back to its pre-war level but, just the same, it will not maintain its economic level close to the top of the war-time boom.

While there are many economists who predict a serious depression for the United States, one should not overlook the difference between conditions today and those that existed after World War I. The Government continues to spend billions of dollars, and the people of the nation have managed to set aside "something for a rainy day."

We do not think that a depression is impossible but we believe that it can be avoided. This will not be accomplished by penny-pinching economy or by tax reductions designed to persuade timid business men to go ahead with progressive programs. It centers around intelligent efforts to revive world trade and to create economic conditions that will boom international commerce higher than ever before.

LET'S MAKE IT CERTAIN

Representative Carl Vinson of Georgia, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, wants to amend the pending unification bill to make certain that "no military dictator will ever arise in the United States."

There will be some to scoff at the danger referred to by the Georgian, but, nevertheless, the people of this country should not be willing to take any chances. Once the armed services of the nation come under the control of one man, there is the possibility that the freedom and liberty of all Americans will depend upon his decisions.

For this reason, we hope that Mr. Vinson will be successful and that the Congress will promptly pass whatever legislation may be necessary to prevent the possibility of a future dictator. Free people, everywhere in the world, should be alert to future perils to liberty, regardless of how improbable the danger appears.

EARLY CANCER IS CURABLE!

The American Cancer Society stresses the necessity of educating the public to the fact that early cancer is curable. It also wants the public to realize the number of Americans who die from cancer every year.

For some reason, relatives of those who die of the dread disease are reluctant to announce the cause of death. This feeling is so widespread that a prominent Georgia society woman, knowing that she would die of cancer, specified that the cause of her death be made public.

The cause of cancer is not yet thoroughly understood but medical men and scientists are working hard to discover the facts about the disease. They tell you, however, that every person should be carefully examined for possible cancer because, and don't forget it, "early cancer is curable."

Farm residents can join in the observance of National Farm Safety Week, 1949, by resolving to do things the right way, which is the safe way.

The average youngster can tell his, or her parents how life should be lived, and then some.

Freedom of speech is a valuable possession of every man but it is a foolish individual who speaks too freely.

Life changes; our neighbors no longer take pride in the vegetables that they grow.

Advertise, brother, advertise; wiser merchants than you have done it to their own advantage.

"GET HIM! LYNCH HIM!"

"There he is—get him! Lynch him!" The cry came from an angry mob, surging around a man unable to protect himself from the vengeance of those about him.

The quotation comes from a news dispatch, telling how some 200 persons in the metropolitan city of New York fought with police to secure a hit-and-run driver after an accident in which a boy's leg was broken. Police captured the man and took him to a hospital to be treated for cuts and bruises.

Coming out of the hospital, the police "fought their way back" to a station-house with the man, whose shirt was torn in shreds by the mob. His face and body were covered with cuts and bruises.

Only the presence of competent and courageous policemen saved the man. If the same incident had happened in a rural area, where police protection is sparse, the man would have probably been lynched. News dispatches do not indicate that there was any racial factor in the New York incident.

CHRISTIANITY VS. FREEDOM

Communism has now run afoul of a real force.

We are talking about the call of Protestant church leaders in session in England for Christians to "stand squarely" for freedom.

It must be recalled that in the vanguard of every worthwhile movement of freedom on this earth, have been the Christians.

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," spoke the Author of Christianity. And since He spoke those words His disciples of high and low degree have dared death and torture in every known form. They have borne their crosses. They have been fed to the lions. They have been burned at the stake. But the torch of freedom which they carried for a little while is still being passed from hand to hand on this earth.

We remember back but a little while to our own American Revolution where freedom of mankind was given perhaps its greatest impetus. The great Christians of the new world were also the ones who bore the brunt of the battles. We think of Dr. David Caldwell, a North Carolina Presbyterian minister who was so hated by the people of his day that a price was put on his head. We think of General Nathaniel Greene, Quaker born military leader, who yielded Cornwallis such a costly victory at Guilford courthouse. We think of the heroes of Kings Mountain who came from the hills and caves of Western North Carolina with their Kentucky rifles with but one idea in mind—to protect the freedom of their homes in the new world. They had first learned to have this freedom from Christian tradition and precept.

The beauty of this Christian support of freedom is that it works from the inside. Dr. Visser T. Hooft, of Holland, general secretary of the Central Council of Churches says there "are always many indications that in the Communist dominated countries of eastern Europe the spirit is moving with power in the congregations."

No. With Christianity on the march, communism doesn't have a chance. The spirit is what counts. And Christians have ever dared to protect their spirits above everything.

—Shelby Star.

UNLOADED GUNS DANGEROUS

It's a sad story that comes from a neighboring state, where a seven-year-old girl was killed by a playmate. The children had gotten hold of a shotgun and "didn't know it was loaded."

Apparently, the gun had been kept around the house although the owners were under the impression that it could not be fired. The hammer had been jammed, and, besides, it wasn't "loaded."

This tragedy may serve a useful purpose if those who read this article will take extra precaution in regard to firearms that may be lying around the house. This is especially important where children play because parents, even of the utmost intelligence, can never foresee what children will do or what they will get to play with.

I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean, by humility, doubt of his own power. But really great men have a curious feeling that the greatness is not in them but through them. And they see something divine in every other man, and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful.—Ruskin.

There aren't many workers, however efficient, who won't take time out for a little relaxation when the boss is absent.

If you think you're too busy to write letters to that loved one away from home, send The Progress. It's like a "letter from home."

People who own yards that are waist-high in weeds, should be made to clean them up.

You don't have to go to church, even your own, but the practice will not hurt you.

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK, 1949

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS unsafe practices continue to cause needless injuries and death to farm people; and

WHEREAS widespread adoption of safer ways of working and living would save thousands of people from tragic injury or accidental death:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the Nation to observe the week commencing July 24, 1949, as National Farm Safety Week, and I request all organizations and persons interested in farm life and welfare to join in a continuing drive against practices which endanger farm people in their homes, in the fields, and on the highways. I also urge each member of every farm family to study the hazards associated with rural life with a view to performing all tasks in the safest manner possible every day throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-third.



By the President:

Dean Rusk
 Secretary of State

Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

AUGUST 3, 1916

"W. C. Smith has returned from a trip North.

"Robert Nichols is confined home on account of sickness.

"Miss Agnes Phifer, of Charlotte, is visiting Miss Joyce Decker.

"James Simmons, of Charlotte, is visiting his cousin, Leon Justice.

"Dr. M. F. Morpew is confined to his home on account of sickness.

"W. M. Pratt and family have moved to the Morgan property on Morgan street.

"Mrs. J. E. Guy has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Guy at Newland.

"Attorney J. W. Pless left Tuesday for Raleigh and Johnson City, Tenn., on a business trip.

"H. F. Little returned last week from a business trip to New York and other points North.

"Miss Martha Whitten returned Sunday after a visit of three weeks with relatives in Knoxville, Tenn.

"Mrs. S. P. Daniel and children, of Drake's Branch, Va., are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. E. Guy.

"Miss Gladys Goodson has returned home after spending the summer school at Chapel Hill and a visit to friends in Faison.

"Mrs. Pescud Craig, Misses Margaret Winslow, Elsie House, and Grace Finley, who have been attending the summer school at Chapel Hill, returned home during the week.

"Miss Mary Ledbetter has secured the appointment to a position in the Treasury Department at Washington. She left for Washington last week and has entered upon the discharge of her duties."

DYSARTSVILLE

"Our farmers are most through threshing wheat. They report the crop badly damaged by the heavy rains of the past few weeks.

"We are glad to say that this place has not sustained very heavy damage from the flood. There was some damage, of course, but our loss is light compared with other sections.

"Miss Ethel Cowan is home from the Asheville Normal School.

"C. N. Duval spent several days with homefolks here last week.

"Misses Maggie and Mamie Goforth returned last Thursday from Greensboro where they attended the summer school for teachers.

"Crawford Landis has returned from Georgia.

"G. D. Taylor of Nebo was a visitor here one day last week.

"L. R. Cowan and Miss Lona Goforth left Sunday for Chapel Hill where they will open school today.

"J. F. Parker made a business trip to Crooked Creek last week.

"Miss Maggie Goforth left Sunday to open school at Vein Mountain Monday.

"Miss Begina Matthews and Mrs. Tobie Persley of Rock Hill, S. C., returned home today after spend-

ing a month with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor.

"Mr. and Mrs. James Upton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Miles P. Flack at Vain Mountain.

"L. A. Haney of Nealsville made a business trip to Dysartsville last week."

By August 10, 1916, some progress was being made toward repairing damage caused by the flood the previous month. The following items appeared in the Local and Personal column:

"Supt. H. H. Tate and force have made fine progress on repairing the water works line and had hoped to have water running into the reservoir by today, but owing to several blow-outs yesterday it may be two or three days yet before the town will be provided with water. However, work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

"A. W. Gilliam, of Crooked Creek Township, was in town Monday, this being his first trip to Marion since the flood. He said his apple house was washed away; that his orchard and from six to eight acres of good bottom land was badly damaged, and that his corn field is completely covered up with huge rocks and other debris. He estimates his damage at about \$1,000.

"The temporary wooden bridge over the Catawba at the Corpening place was completed and opened for travel last Thursday. Work is now under progress on the Greenlee bridge and Mr. Grubbs hopes to have a temporary structure completed there by the latter part of the week. In the meantime forces are at work on the damaged spans of the steel bridge which will be replaced as soon as possible."

Inglis Fletcher Writes New Novel Of Jamestown

Nags Head, N. C.—Inglis Fletcher, the author of several best selling historical novels with scenes laid in the Albemarle region of North Carolina is now working on another which is scheduled for publication in 1950.

A guest at The Carolinian Hotel here for the past several days with her husband, John Fletcher, the writer said that her next book, now being written, will be built up around the first permanent English settlement in America—the Jamestown Colony of the early 17th Century. Her last book, "Roanoke Hundred" which has been on the best selling list since its publication dealt with the Governor Lane Colonists of Roanoke Island area during the late 1500s, was built up around unsuccessful attempts to colonize America by the English.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher returned to their home at Bandon Plantation, Edenton, early this week. While here she had been one of the principal speakers on the N. C. Press Association convention.

North Carolina laying hens produced an average of 17.3 eggs each during April. Total number of eggs produced was 127.

Fun In Summer Can Be spoiled By Home Mishap

Summertime is fun time—but the fun can be short-lived if a member of your family is the victim of a summer accident, the National Safety Council says.

Since much of the summer activity revolves around the home, the Council offered these tips for summer safety at home:

Store storm windows and other winter equipment safely. Poor storage is one of the big reasons for accidents and fires.

Repair broken outdoor furniture, broken porch floors or steps, railings and fences.

Clean Up Debris

Clean up winter yard debris—broken glass nails and other objects. Be sure the children's sand pile is clean.

Check the condition of window screens. Repair weak frames and wire, and be sure they are fastened securely to keep children from falling out.

Have a place for garden and yard tools, and put them away after each use. Lock up insecticides, weed killers and the like.

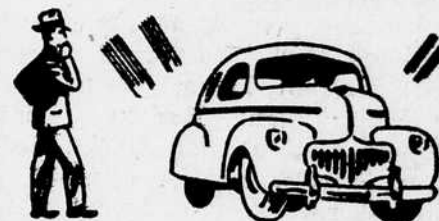
Have guards for all electric fans and place them out of the reach of children.

Don't forget that open windows increase the possibility of gas pilot lights blowing out. Be sure kitchen curtains will not blow over stove.

When you can food, follow canning directions carefully. Never use the oven canning method.

The oldest known man in the world was produced about 4,500 years ago. A clay tablet unearthed in ruins 200 miles north of Babylon, it is now preserved in the Semitic museum of Harvard University.

GOING TO TRADE OR BUY A NEW CAR?



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