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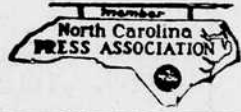
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WHO WILL PAY TO FEED THE PEOPLE

The experts who look ahead and attempt to solve the problems of the world estimate that the population of the globe, now two billion people, will increase to three billion by the year 2000.

Facing this great increase in population and wondering if proper planning will make available sufficient food to support the people. Dr. Stephen Raushenbush, a consultant to the U. S. Department of the Interior, says that there are only three courses open:

(a) To put the world's under-fed population on "relief" which will cost \$85,000,000,000, by the year 2000, if we include the expected increase of population. If the aid is stopped, according to Dr. Raushenbush, the new population will starve.

(b) Aid the new people to establish land so that they can eat as well as the world's population today at a cost of \$38,000,000,000, but with the understanding that the increased population will have no way to pay such an investment.

(c) Help all nations to feed themselves on a good standard, at an investment of \$37,000,000,000 in food-producing productivity and additional dollars for industrial expansion. Under this plan, the expert says, the investment can be repaid and the population of the world will tend to level off at a little under 3,000,000,000 people.

Apparently, if the leading nations of the world take none of the three courses, the population of the world will be held down by starvation. This is a somewhat somber thought. One wonders, nevertheless, where the billions will come from to instigate a program of worldwide uplift.

Moreover, it is somewhat difficult to understand why the populations of certain areas have made considerable material progress while other peoples, in possession of comparable natural resources, have utterly failed to advance it. It is impossible, in this day of equality for everybody, to suggest that there must be some differences in peoples. The answer, however, must be found somewhere and somehow or all our relief efforts will represent nothing more than the "relief" which Dr. Raushenbush deplures.

ATLANTIC PACT IN EFFECT

The unanimous ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty makes it effective and brings the twelve member nations to the basic principles that an armed attack on one member is to be regarded as attack upon all.

In proclaiming the treaty in effect President Truman called the ratification of the treaty a momentous occasion "for all peoples who share a profound desire for stability and peaceful development."

The Chief Executive said that we seek not only to establish freedom from aggression in the North Atlantic community but to promote and preserve peace throughout the world. Moreover, he pointed out that there are solemn international engagements binding the participating nations to settle international disputes by peaceful means and to refrain from the use of force against the territory of any country. He insisted that "no nation need fear the results" of the cooperation of the twelve nations that have ratified the pact.

We regret to chronicle the sad fact that young America shows no disposition to rush avidly into the schools of the nation to be educated.

If we help Tito the Reds may get what we send him; if we don't help him, the Reds will probably get Tito.

You have heard the story about the man who tried to borrow money from his friend. That is all there is to the story.

You may live through 1949 if you continue to drive carefully and watch out for the other fellow.

WHAT THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE THINK

It is just as well for the people of the United States to understand how the people of Russia feel in regard to the growing tension between the two countries. When the U. S. Ambassador Alan Kirk called on Prime Minister Stalin in August, the conference made the front page in all Soviet papers.

Edmund Stevens, Moscow correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor, says that the meeting made an impression among the "Moscow public, which is always eager to welcome any indication of lessening international tension." He added that the emphasis in the West on the Atlantic Pact and the arms program and notably the recent European tour of American joint chiefs of staff have caused "deepest misgivings and suspicions."

The Soviet public, Mr. Stevens reports, "sees America's rulers as engaged in a frantic armaments race, as devising as a global military strategy in which the smaller Western powers are committed to subservient rules, and as goading unwilling peoples—including their own nation—toward a new world catastrophe." They do not believe that everybody can impute "to their county bellicose intentions and consider the idea "too patently absurd to warrant even serious consideration."

We call attention to this report from Moscow because it emphasizes the necessity, more than ever, for the Voice of America and other agencies at our command to seek to give to the Russian people a true picture of the motives of the United States. Regardless of the viewpoint of the Soviet public, however, one cannot overlook the fact that the rulers of Russia constitute a small group, with absolute power and the ability to plunge their country into an aggressive war regardless of what their people think.

SPEAKING OF SPUDS

"Thar's gold in them thar potato hills" any Maine farmer will readily admit. They've been digging undreamed of wealth out of their potato fields in the little New England State—but it was wealth drawn from the pockets of consumers and taxpayers.

A Washington Post reporter, digging in Uncle Sam's potato subsidy patch, has come up with some surprising details.

Under the 90 per cent parity government guarantee for potatoes, Aroostok County, Maine, has become rich. In this county alone last year the government paid out \$65,000,000 equal to \$650 for every man, woman and child living in the county.

One farmer in the county received a government check for \$495,000, another for \$426,000. Altogether 31 farmers got anywhere from \$100,000 to half a million dollars for potatoes sold to the Commodity Credit Corporation. Farm incomes ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 were common. Even the little man got rich, for there is the case of one farmer with 30 acres of land bought in 1930 for \$3,000. All but two acres of this holding were in potatoes, for which the government paid him \$20,000—seven times the cost of his land!

Even the laborers struck gold in Aroostok last year, pickers' earnings averaging from \$15 to \$25 a day.

Although the potato support program in 1948 cost the taxpayers more than a quarter billion dollars. Because the high parity price was for U. S. No. 1.—the very best of the crop—this is what the growers sold the government and the government in turn sold this cream of the crop to whiskey distillers, and what was left was given back to farmers for hog feed. The consumer paid high prices for second grade spuds and was taxed to keep the price high.

The potato bonanza is about over. The new support price has been fixed at 60 per cent of parity, but even so it is estimated that the program will cost the Treasury from 50 to 100 million dollars this year. But potatoes should be cheaper—and better.

It is significant that potato growers themselves, fearful that such, excessive payments will bring about the collapse of the whole price support structure, have been cooperating with members of congress to reduce payments to more reasonable level.—Statesville Landmark.

People with what they term "influence" have infested Washington for more than a hundred years.

The trouble with asking an older man for advice is that he will usually take time to give you some.

People who have nothing important to do will find time to attend to a number of unimportant things.

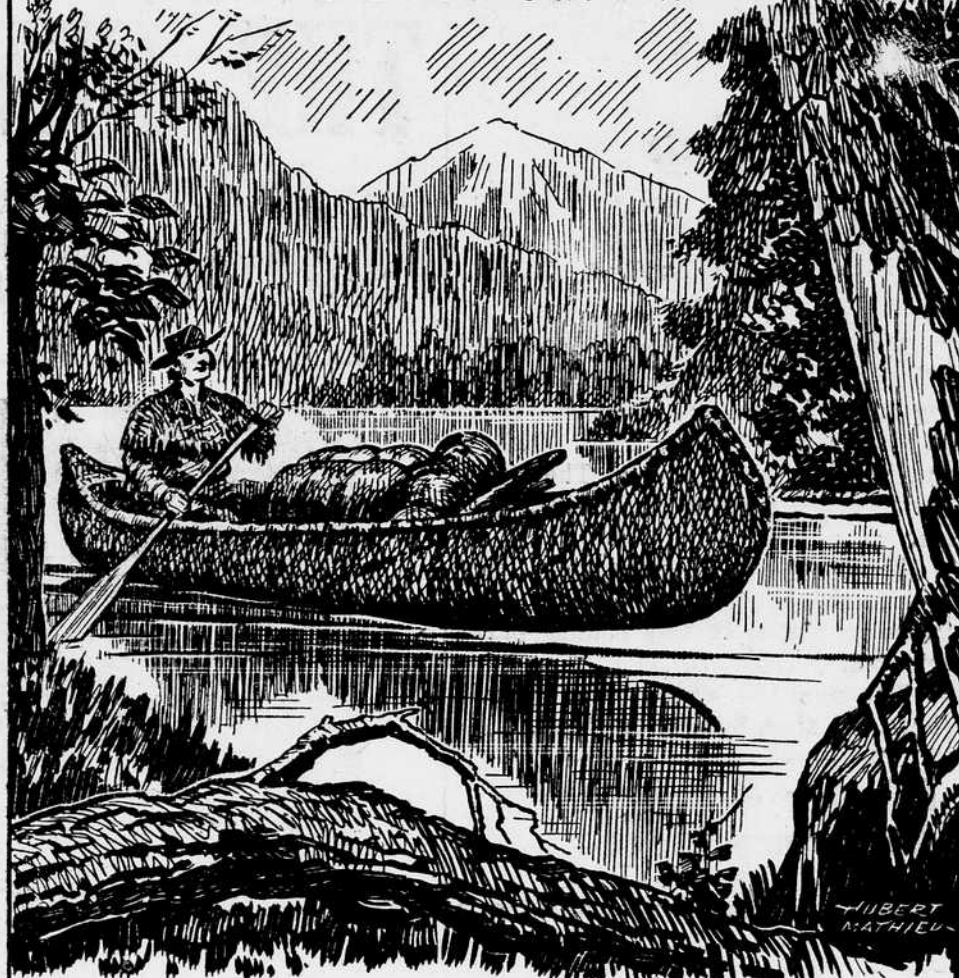
You have never heard a gambler bragging about the money he lost.

Never argue with friends over a non-essential.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

"PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE..."

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF OUR DEMOCRACY, THE PIONEER OFTEN PUT ESSENTIAL TOOLS AND RATIONS IN A CANOE AND PROCEEDED UP RIVERS AND STREAMS, SEARCHING FOR A FARM SITE... PADDLING HIS OWN CANOE, HE FOUND THE LAND AND TIMBER THAT WOULD PROVIDE HIM AND HIS FAMILY WITH A HOME AND OPPORTUNITY.



TODAY, THIS EXPRESSION, IN COMMON USE SINCE PIONEER DAYS, STILL SYMBOLIZES INDIVIDUAL INDEPENDENCE AND INITIATIVE... IN MODERN USAGE, IT APPLIES TO THE OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, THROUGH HIS OWN FORESIGHT AND EFFORTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY.

Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

"Sometimes it is astonishing how well an article written several years ago can apply to conditions today. Consider the following articles which appeared on the editorial page of The Progress on—

JULY 13, 1916

TAKING THE HOME PAPER

"Do you know of a person in this whole community who would be willing to go through life month by month and year by year without a knowledge of the news features of the township in which we reside? Would you like to be that person? It is difficult to convince the average reader of the real value of the home paper unless he has at some time or another been forced to do without it. Then it is that its value is brought home to them. Most people subscribe for the home paper, read it, enjoy it, and absorb the news it contain as a matter of course, giving scarcely a thought to the vast amount of labor entailed in the production of the issue. And yet that issue means a tremendous concentration of thought and energy and perseverance on the part of both the editor and his entire force of employees. The work thus represented on an issue of this paper, for instance, costs the reader less than two cents."

KEEP THE TOWN CLEAN

"A clean town attracts attention whenever and wherever it is seen. A dirty one catches the public eye in less time. When the streets and alleys and yards and vacant lots in a town are clean and sanitary it bespeaks a like condition on the part of residents with regard to their personal habits.

"If each person in this town would use just a little more energy and thoughtfulness we could make this one of the cleanest spots in the country and our reputation would grow apace. Not only would we benefit thusly, but the health of the community would be vastly improved and the physical capacity of the people would be greatly increased. A clean man works with pleasure and with a definite object in view. Generally he gets there. The dirty one labors from necessity only, has no ambition, and is the black eye that kills the town in the eyes of other people. Keep the town clean.

"The merchants doing the business in Marion are those who are going after it. Letting the people know through the columns of the newspaper what they have to offer. Advertising is no longer an experiment—it is a absolute necessity in all lines of business. If you don't believe advertising will help, just place an ad in The Progress."

*At the rate of \$1.00 a year for subscription.

Read The Progress for local and current events.

TALL TALES

By ELIZABETH WHITTEN

As I was leaving a store last week a woman held the door open for me and walked out behind me. Glancing at the lingerie in the display window, I said, "Pretty, isn't it?" Imagine my surprise when I looked up to find the woman had gone in the opposite direction and I was addressing a strange man!

An FBI agent walked into a Marion office last week and presented a picture to the woman at the desk. "Can you give me any information on him?" "Tough looking guy, isn't he?" She commented. A moment later it dawned—the picture was one of the man himself.

When a man entered a Marion shop last week the lady in charge

thought he was one of the salesmen who usually called on her. "I don't want to buy anything and I don't even have time to talk today," she called to him. How do you suppose she felt when she saw that he was a stranger and prospective customer?

The Progress Wants Names Of Students

The Progress wants the name of every McDowell county student who plans to attend college this fall. Although we try to obtain a complete and accurate list every year, sometimes an oversight does occur. We will appreciate a note or phone call telling us the name of the student, college he or she plans to attend and the date the student will enter college. Phone Mrs. Clyde Cannon at 434-M during the week or at 64 Wednesday mornings or write a note to The Progress.

The number of chicks produced by North Carolina commercial hatcheries in July was 13 per cent more than the total produces during July, 1948.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, North Carolina farmers used 1,724,823 tons of commercial fertilizer.

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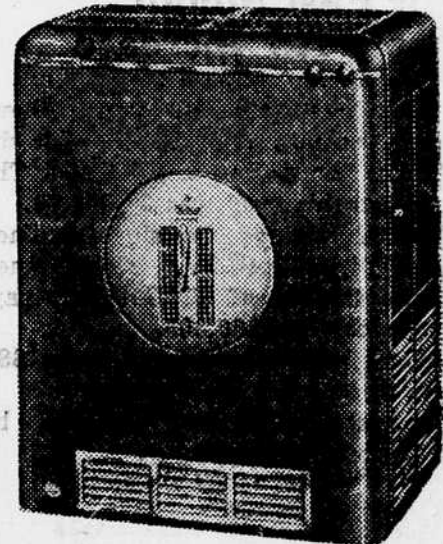
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