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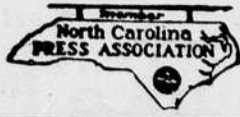
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EVERYBODY'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM

Almost everybody likes a riddle. Here's one. What is it that every person needs, wants, and would spend a fortune to get; yet something that everybody has within easy reach, often already possesses without appreciating, and as often loses by one's own carelessness, and something that all who have a sense of responsibility in society should be willing to help all others attain and keep?

The answer is easy: health. Yes, health is everybody's number one problem. It is McDowell County's Number One Problem, just as it is "North Carolina's Number One Problem."

Too many things in our modern and complex society rest in the realm of the visionary and the impossible, but here is a great need that we here in McDowell county can do something about. And a group of determined North Carolinians already have demonstrated that they intend to do just that.

Recognizing the perilous state of the health of our citizens causing North Carolina to be ranked woefully near the bottom in a comparison of health factors in the nation, these citizens through the North Carolina Good Health Association have set out to sell good health to the people of Tar Heels.

This means providing medical care for every citizen of the State, placing hospitalization within a twenty-five mile reach of every citizen, preaching the practice of preventive medicine to lessen disease and its results, and providing more doctors, dentists, nurses, and medical associates to serve the State.

A great program but not an impossible one! The State and Federal governments have put up two-thirds of the money needed to do the job. It is up to the county and the State to come through with the other third.

McDowell county has a chance to participate in this magnificent program, and by so doing, to acquire a modern, well-equipped 60-bed hospital at less than one-third its actual cost.

Make a generous contribution to the current fund-raising drive for the new hospital. Demonstrate your interest in this vital effort to provide improved medical care facilities for all our people.

Your money will be an investment in the future welfare of McDowell county. It will help to enable this generation and generations yet unborn to receive the health care and protection which is necessary for a full and abundant life.

SOLVING A QUANDRY

On the last day of its session Congress solved the perplexing question of what to do with the mountains of agricultural surpluses bought with taxpayers money and which were giving officials of the Department of Agriculture headaches and nightmares.

It cut the Gordian knot by the simple dictum of giving the stuff away. The new farm bill gives the government permission to unload whatever food it cannot sell. It can do so through barter with foreign countries for other supplies, price no object; it can give the stuff to the national food lunch program, to the Indians, to public welfare institutions or private charity groups.

Well, we have to admit that's better than letting it rot in caves or turning high-priced spuds into cattle feed or alcohol. But it's harder than ever on the folks who have to foot the bill—which is all of us.—Statesville Landmark.

Marion is not your neighbor town; it is your own and you must do your part in perfecting it as a good place for human beings.

Everybody thinks he is careful, but an American dies every fifteen minutes on the highways of the nation.

It's lucky Russia didn't attack us during the World Series when we wouldn't have had any time for war.

TO WIPE OUT T. B.

The battle against tuberculosis is "rapidly being won" declares Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon-General of the U. S. Public Health Service, who predicts that, as a major health problem, the disease should be "virtually wiped out" in the next fifteen years.

The Surgeon-General explained that mass chest screenings by industries and community groups, followed by the isolation of infected persons, had erected a barrier to the spread of the disease. This, in turn, has made the disease itself "self-limiting." He also called attention to the BCG vaccine which is of great assistance in immunizing large groups of tuberculosis victims in slum areas.

This is interesting news to the people of the country and reflects the progress being made in the fight to eliminate the disease. This is offset, however, by the fact that Dr. Scheele reports close to 50,000 cases poliomyelitis this year "making 1949 the most devastating year in the history of the disease." He points out that there has been a marked upturn of poliomyelitis since 1943 and warns that "the end is not in sight."

In the fight against infantile paralysis, the most pressing need, he says, is for "a simple diagnosis test" to determine the presence of the affliction. In addition, field investigation must determine how poliomyelitis is spread and why it behaves as it does.

Referring to another dread scourge of mankind, malaria, the Surgeon-General termed it a "dying threat," and said that the disease is now referred to as "the ghost of malaria." This is another illustration of the progress being made against the enemies of good health. Malaria, while not now the scourge it used to be, is sometimes considered the likely cause of the death of some of the earth's earlier civilizations.

"DIVINE RIGHTS" FADE OUT

For centuries, the "divine right" of kings to govern their people was accepted throughout most of the world, regardless of the type of government. The rulers were backed, in most instances, by the prevailing religious organizations of their lands but, occasionally, the kings and the religious leaders disagreed, with resulting bloodshed.

The doctrine of divine right for Kings is about passed. King Leopold III, of Belgium, now in exile in Switzerland, is anxious to return to his country and the people will soon hold a referendum on the question. The monarch has announced that he will abdicate if fewer than fifty-five per cent of the voters favor his return.

The victory of the "people" over their rulers is complete except in some of the more backward countries. In the place of hereditary monarchs, however, there have come into existence other types of rulers to dominate the people and to control their thinking and their activities. In time, the people will remove them from their pedestals.

HUNTING TOLL REACHES 61

Since September 1st, sixty-one persons have been killed by accidental gunshot while hunting and, with the annual Fall shooting season approaching its peak, other deaths will undoubtedly occur.

Strange to say, squirrel hunting has accounted for the most of the deaths, eighteen in half a dozen states. Eight deaths occurred in the pursuit of deer and a like number in the shooting of duck.

One hunter, who sought safety from death by wearing a white sweater, was shot when mistaken for an albino deer. Another curious report tells of the death of a hunter in West Virginia while using the antiquated bow and arrow.

It may be impossible to prevent the accidental killing of some hunters but the death toll is large enough to warrant the suggestion that all hunters exercise extraordinary care before pulling the trigger.

OUR DEFENSE BUDGET

The budget of the United States has been termed a "defense budget" and there is reason to believe that it is.

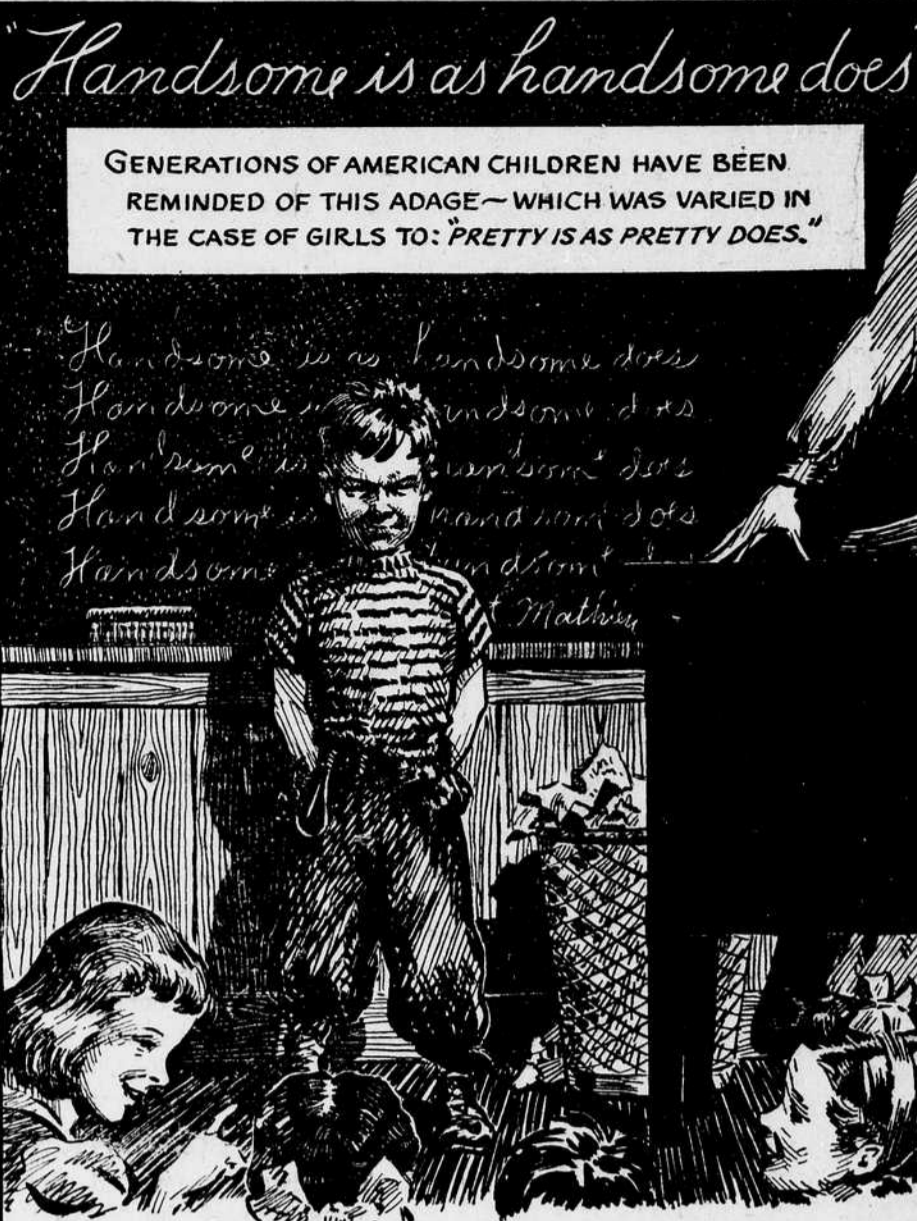
Something like \$14,000,000,000 is being allocated the three armed services, another seven or eight billion goes for aid and assistance abroad, and about five billions are being spent annually for the benefit of veterans of past wars.

In addition, interest on the national debt, most of it incurred in the prosecution of warfare, amounts to four or five billion dollars a year.

Despite the large sums involved it is well to remember that it is cheaper to win wars than to lose them. Moreover, retention of freedom and liberty is worth whatever number of billions of dollars the job requires.

Competition may be the life of trade but there are a lot of traders that do everything possible to eliminate competition.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



GENERATIONS OF AMERICAN CHILDREN HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF THIS ADAGE—WHICH WAS VARIED IN THE CASE OF GIRLS TO: "PRETTY IS AS PRETTY DOES."

THIS TIME-HONORED ADMONITION, WHILE GUARANTEED TO STIR RESENTMENT IN THE YOUNGSTERS, EXPRESSES A BASIC CONCEPT OF AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE. HERE WE JUDGE PEOPLE BASICALLY BY STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AND ACTION—FOR EXAMPLE, BY THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR FAMILIES' WELFARE, PRESENT AND FUTURE. IN A RESPONSIBLE CITIZENRY LIES THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

THE ROSE - MARION'S FLOWER

BY MRS. R. I. CORBETT

Some months ago, the Marion Garden Club started a plan for our town to have an official flower. The Club suggested four flowers which are suitable—iris, rose, chrysanthemum and pansy. The rose was unanimously chosen and then the Garden Club was given a vote, since their vote had been reserved for a final decision, in case of a tie.

Now that all have selected the rose, the Garden Club plans to have a series of articles appearing in our Marion papers in regard to this flower. These articles will be written by members of the Garden Club and other towns people who have experience and success in growing roses. Our aim is to encourage every Marionette to grow roses, and MORE ROSES. We want a rose bush in every garden and yard in Marion. To do this successfully, we have to know the kinds, the varieties best suited to our section, selecting and proper planting of bushes and then their care from week to week.

We feel sure that no other plant can give as great returns in beauty as the rose. Call on the members of the Garden Club for special information.

We can't answer all your questions but we can direct you to folks who can give you the desired information.

Our rose today is really an international flower. Many nations have developed different kinds and have improved them from very humble beginnings, the dog rose and briar rose. The countries that have contributed much are the following:
 Syria—Damask rose, 1575.
 Southern Russia—Moss and Cabage rose, 1595.
 France—French rose, 1596.
 China—China and Tea, 1759.
 China—Polyanthas, 1822.
 Japan—Japanese rose, 1845.

New varieties are produced by cross pollination. This is a long, slow process, as long as seven years may be spent on one rose. Some years ago there were 2,500 seedlings in one garden. Two years later they had been reduced to 800 that seemed worth while. One year later only 15 were retained to continue further development. A true gardener must be a cruel despot and not a gentle soul.

We all love roses; let's grow them in profusion for roses are "smiles of God's garden."

When Autumn Paints The Hills

BY BESS LEWIS
 Third Grade Teacher

When God viewed his new creation,
 The world to estimate its worth,
 He called upon his artist, Autumn,
 To blend heaven and earth.
 How to make such great perfection
 Then they began to muse:
 What should be the characteristics?
 What colors should they use?
 Snowy clouds of white for virtue;
 Crimson oak sin to refine,
 For verdant green of life forever
 They chose the hemlock and the pine.
 For faith and morals without number,
 For love and charity and hopes untold
 She dipped her brush with skill so tender
 To paint the maple's flame and gold.
 Then to finish the innovation and to
 Make her Master's dream come true,
 Like jewels, each within their setting,
 She made hills shine 'neath heavens own blue.
 And now when the Great Creator
 Wants heaven brought to common sod,
 Autumn paints in wondrous beauty
 Her master-piece, The Hills of God.

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November Full Fall In North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C.—While other sections of America are settling down to winter in November, North Carolina is finishing off summer business and in the midst of full fall harvest and play with the frost barely on the pumpkin.

With the greatest army of color seekers in history turning from high peaks of the Blue Ridges and Great Smokies to the little Saluda, South and Brushy mountains, burley tobacco harvest is underway in the mountains. On the 19th Asheville celebrates with a festival in City Auditorium; next day West Jefferson does the same; from the 23rd through 26th Waynesville has its third annual Burley Festival.

On the 2nd and 3rd the annual fat stock show is on in Asheville; on the 11th thru 13th the Needlework Guild "ingathers" there; throughout the month Art Museum has weekly art showings and community theatre plays show at David Millard auditorium. Starting Thanksgiving Day, the famous TRYON HOUNDS put on hunts and field trials each Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Open season on rabbits, ruffed grouse, quail and wild turkey is November 24 through January — on ducks, geese, coots from November 29 through January 7.

Coastal festivities center around re-activation of Old Hatteras Light with a big celebration attended by Governor Scott and Senator Graham, (among many other dignitaries) November 10 at Avon and Hatteras villages. New Bern has two dog shows during the month—on the 6th the AKC sanctioned All-breed Dogshow, on the 20th the annual Coastal Plains Beagle Field Trials. Washington has a Farmers' Day on the 11th; Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association makes annual fishing rodeo awards on the 29th.

With a full month of settling down behind them, Sandhills and Piedmont winter resorts get down to the serious business of championship golf and riding—on November 1 through 3, the 47th annual North and South is on at Pinehurst; besides twice-weekly hunts (Wednesdays-Saturdays) on the 6th Sedgefield has its annual junior horse show, on the 24th the Thanksgiving Hunt and Breakfast. Pinehurst has a pet show and gymkhana November 24. Charlotte starts a 10-day Exposition and Food Show on the 9th and opens Christmas celebrations with Carolina Christmas Festival November 16.

Football is the order of November in the Piedmont: NC State-Richmond, Wake Forest-Duke play in Raleigh and Wake Forest on the 5th; on the 12th, NC State-Wake Forest in Raleigh, Duke-George Washington in Durham; on the 19th, of course, Duke-UNC at Durham in the annual Highway Patrol headache. Chapel Hillians not in New York November 12 for UNC-Notre Dame will celebrate the annual Sadie Hawkins Day.

Rotary Program Features Movie

The Marion Rotary club program last Friday featured a movie, "Skillfully Yours," a story of Sun Valley, Idaho, filmed under the sponsorship of Ford Motor company.

G. F. Moose and Claude Quick, sales manager of Ford Motor company, were welcomed as new members. Alvin Rader, high school honor student, was Junior Rotarian for the month.

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