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Poor People Have More

The heavy snow of last week, said to be the heaviest in this section in more than 30 years, served to recall a difference in snow dress now and in by-gone days and also indicates an improvement in the economic condition of our people.

A snow more than 30 years ago would have occurred in the great depressions when make-do was the rule, but even before the thirties the difference in snow dress was pronounced.

Friday we watched hundreds of persons walking through the snow and were struck by the facts that practically all of them were wearing rubber boots or hunting shoes, and that most of them were warmly clad. This was quite a contrast to dress in snows of by-gone days when the snow dress of many were brogan shoes, and legs wrapped with guano sacks, or in some cases canvas leggings.

Thirty years ago the cold weather of the past several days would have

Is It The Best System?

The Christian Science Monitor

As American draft quotas go up to meet steeper military requirements in Vietnam, people are more and more inclined to question the fairness of the present selective service system. The recent controversy over whether the draft should be used to punish those who protest against the war in Vietnam has intensified public interest in the whole question of the draft.

Selective service is one means of getting the men necessary to meet American military and peace-keeping obligations. Whether or not it is the best method is debatable. It has enabled the United States to meet its defense commitments and at the same time has permitted many young men to continue their education without interruption. This is a commendable feat in itself since continued excellence in education is vital to the national interest.

Selective service, however, does have certain defects. It does, for example, discriminate in favor of those who have money and influence. But selection in which the nation is trying to serve various conflicting values can never be entirely fair. We do not agree that the inequities are such that the government might as well resort to a lottery, as some have advocated.

In an article in the New York Times Magazine, mention was made of an alternative to selective service. It deserves further exploration. Some urge a compulsory multipurpose national service program, to include the Peace Corps, domestic peace corps, and the like. Virtually all youth would serve their country in some capacity—working on conservation projects, helping eliminate poverty, rehabilitating prisoners, aiding delinquent and underprivileged children, and so on.

Inducements would be provided to encourage a sufficient number to choose military service. For example, pay and fringe benefits could be greater and service time shorter. A permanent "GI bill" could be included as an added incentive.

Such a system would eliminate the present situation in which many avoid service altogether. And it would provide acceptable alternatives for those with conscientious objections to military duty, alternatives which would still cause them to devote a period of their life to useful public service.

The Department of Defense should release details of its comprehensive study of the draft, unless it has good reason for continued secrecy. And the public should consider and explore all possible alternatives to determine whether a better system of obtaining men for military service can be found.

Quotes

"To admire on principle is the only way to imitate without loss of originality."—Coleridge.

"Life is made up of interruptions."—Gilbert.

"Every age, like every human body, has its own distemper."—Emerson.

"For what human ill does not dawn seem to be an alleviation?"—T. Wilder.

meant broken water pipes in most of the homes fortunate enough to have waterworks, and in the great majority of cases would have meant cold homes, paths cut through the snow to woodpiles and outhouses, but many homes now have central heat and comfortable temperatures with no wood hauling or firing of furnaces or stoves.

It is still true that there are too many persons in this county ill clothed and ill sheltered, and here and there during the snow storm one noted that a man or woman was not sufficiently clad against the cold weather, but for the great majority of our people our deepest snow in years caused some inconvenience, some loss of revenue, but very little physical suffering.

And yet it is surprising how many of those who are warmly clad and who enjoy indoor plumbing, and central heat, whose car radiators are protected against freezing and whose cars are heated, complain of life's ill and look backwards to the good old days. The rank and file of people have never had it so good, and if they could be carried back to the time of the last really big snow, would find their talk of good old days unbearable.

It is quite true that most people are hard up, but most people have always been hard up, the greatest difference is that they have more now while being hard up. And yet if the average man really wanted to live like his grandfather, he need not be hard up, and even might become wealthy. But this would, of course, mean no automobile, no telephone, no TV, no radio, kerosene lamps, early retiring and early rising; it would mean no fuel oil, no coal, or little coal, kingheaters. It would mean pipe smoking and no soft drinks, and food raised on ones own farm. In short, it would mean more doing without than our people would be willing to do, but if one wanted to he could certainly lay aside quite a bit of money with today's wages.

But most persons don't think it is worth it, and neither do we. Yet it is something to ponder as we sit in our warm houses sheltered from the winter's worst snow storm.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

February 3, 1961

Major General Claude T. Bowers, 61, career National Guard officer of Warrenton, was sworn at Raleigh Wednesday as the new state adjutant general.

The Warrenton Lions Club will observe its 25th anniversary Friday in connection with its annual ladies' night program.

The time for listing 1961 taxables, which expired on January 31, has been extended through February 15.

Jimmie Cheves was in Duke Hospital, Durham, over the weekend with a broken elbow as the result of falling on the ice while skating.

February 3, 1956

The Warrenton Lions Club observed its 20th anniversary with a special program at Hotel Warren Friday night.

An Explorer Scout camp will be developed on Kerr Lake, it was learned here this week.

W. Monroe Gardner has been named secretary of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce, succeeding W. I. Currie, resigned.

Gid H. Macon, Jr., was inducted as a member of the Warrenton Rotary Club on Tuesday night.

January 31, 1941

John Graham's basketball season is now in full swing, the boys having lost only one game and the girls winning two out of five.

A contract to have the O. C. Buck Exposition play the midway of Warren County Fair next fall was signed this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerston King of near Wise on Saturday, Jan. 25, a son—Daniel Graham.

The cotton stamp program has been extended to producers.

As Others See It

Hot Water Snowman

By LAWRENCE MADDRY in The Chapel Hill Weekly

If the Lord had meant for every yard to have a snowman he'd have sent the snow down that way.

I explained this to my wife between yawns on the couch.

There I was off from work early, watching the flakes swirl outside our living room window.

"Snow is to look at," I said. "If nature had intended the white stuff to be made into goofy men the weather reports would be different."

"What do you mean different," she wanted to know.

"I mean the weatherman would say something like: A low pressure area moving across the State is expected to bring snowmen to northern counties tonight. Large mounds of snow mixed with coal lumps and drifts of ragged brooms are expected from the mountains to the Piedmont."

Before I finished that monologue she had dressed our boy Larry, 1 1/2, and was handing me my boots.

"If you expect any supper, there'd better be a snowman in our front yard," she said pointing towards the door.

Larry took to the outdoors right away. In no time at all he was eating great handfuls of snow and chasing birds from the feeder.

I tried to make a snowman. I really did. But the snow wasn't right. It kept pouring through my gloved fingers like powdered sugar.

By now, the cold was getting to Larry. After his nose turned blue he didn't move around much. The job got easier and was finished in no time at all.

My wife came out and was bragging about how lifelike the snowman was. But the kid spoiled everything when he sneezed as I stuck the cornoc pipe in his mouth.

She brushed the snow from his suit. When she carried him inside to thaw out, she locked the door.

That snowman had reached do or diet proportions.

Fortunately, George Strother, our next door neighbor, was home and agreed to give me a pail of water.

"Whaddaya want the hot water for?" he asked.

"To make a snowman," I replied.

"I've never heard of making a snowman with hot water," he said.

I told him at our house they went hand in hand.

Back outside, I found that by wetting a patch of snow it could be packed into a ball of sorts. I kept at it, scooping and patting until the job was finished.

I put my hat on top to finish the job when George came out to inspect the artwork. "It's kind of skinny for a snowman," he said. "Why don't you run some black friction tape down the sides and call it the Eiffel Tower."

I told George that I'd been locked out of the house and wouldn't get in or get supper until there was a snowman in our yard. He didn't believe it.

With a few sweeps of his arm he leveled the tower and handed me my hat.

George said my trouble was that I didn't know how to handle women. When my wife came to the front door, George just stood nodding his head while she talked. He never did get to tell her about the dry snow.

I was hiding behind a tree at the time and after she slammed the door George walked over. I told George how the tower had resembled a snowman and that I held him personally responsible.

It began to get dark. We were both shivering when George developed a plan he said was foolproof.

He ran through his front door and grabbed a sheet from his wife's linen closet. George said it was so dark he could just cover himself with that sheet and hold a broom.

"I'll stand over there in the shadows and your wife will think I'm the darndest snowman she ever saw," he said.

When my wife turned on the front porch light, George seemed to pass muster. "I can't wait until the girls from the bridge club see it when they come over tonight," she said.

I felt kind of sorry for George after I'd finished that hot supper. He was still outside at 11:30 p.m. when the bridge game broke up.

He had to spend the rest of the night at the Carolina Inn. His wife locked him out of the house claiming that her children weren't going to be exposed to a fool who was out that late in the snow wearing a bed-sheet.

Women sure are funny that way.

Christian Named President Of A&P Grocery Company

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. —

Directors of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company's Southern Division Thursday elected J. Gordon Christian Jr., president, succeeding Robert M. Smith, who retired Dec. 31.

after 54 years with A&P.

Christian, formerly executive vice president of the Division, was born in Richmond, Va. He joined the A&P sales staff in his home town in 1922 and four years later was transferred to Charlotte, N. C., then a sub-warehouse of Richmond. When Charlotte was made a Unit in 1927, Mr. Christian became assistant sales manager and served in that capacity until 1928 when he went to Houston, Texas to develop that territory. He served as sales manager in Texas until 1958 when he returned to Charlotte in the same capacity.

In 1955 Christian was named director of sales for the Southern Division and the following year was promoted to vice president in charge of the New Orleans Unit. He also served as vice president of the Dallas Unit in 1959 and the Charlotte Unit in 1961 before being elected executive vice president of the Southern Division in June 1963.

Smith whom Mrs. Charitan succeeds, was born in Talbot County, Ga., and started as an A&P Store Clerk in 1911 in Atlanta. He later became store manager and supervisor before being appointed general superintendent of the Jacksonville Unit in 1926. Two years later he was elected vice president in charge of the Jacksonville Unit.

When the Southern Division was established in 1938 to supervise the Company's operations in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and East Tennessee, Mr. Smith was elected President of the new Division and a director of the parent company. In 1962 he was elected a corporate vice president of the parent organization.

Smith has been active in various civic and business groups throughout his career and is a director emeritus of the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, director of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Jacksonville, the Florida State Chamber of

Commerce and the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce. He is also a commissioner of the Housing Authority of Jacksonville.

Fruit trees, like most other plants, prosper in good, well-drained soils. Low areas are inclined to be frosty or too wet after heavy rains.

Every biological species has proteins unique to it and differing in some way from proteins of all other species. A notable exception is the lens of the eye, which contains the same protein in all species.

The dimensions of a U. S. one-dollar bill are 6 1/8 inches by 2 5/8 inches.

William H. Clark Wins College Honor

William Hunter Clark of Warrenton is one of 31 East Carolina College upper classmen named to the 1966 edition of the National publication, "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Clark is the son of Mr. Exum Clark and the late Mrs. Clark, and is a graduate of John Graham High School.

When the 1966 edition of the Buccaneer, student yearbook at ECC, appears in the spring, a section will honor the 31 "Who's Who" students. Their photographs and summaries of their achievements at East Carolina will be featured.

Those representing the college in the 1965-'66 "Who's Who" are upperclassmen who have outstanding scholarship, leadership, citizenship and contributions to the college. They were nominated for the honor by a committee of students, faculty members and administrative officials at the college here.

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Man Receives Motor Club's Award

Major R. Wynn, N. C. State Motor Club representative in Warren County, has received one of the company's top annual awards for outstanding performance during 1965.

Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club, announced yesterday that Wynn received the Big X Sales Award for the third consecutive year. He was commended for his achievement by Watkins and C. V. Umphlett of Durham, his division manager.

"The beauty of our land is a natural resource. Its preservation is linked to the inner prosperity of the human spirit." President Lyndon B. Johnson in Message to Congress on Natural Beauty, Feb. 8, 1965.

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