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## CHIEF GARGIS

Southern Pines has suffered a distinct loss in the death of its Chief of Police, J. A. Gargis. Mr. Gargis has been an efficient and faithful public servant, a guardian of the peace of the community in whom the citizenry has had confidence. During his tenure of office of some eight years crime has been at a minimum here, due primarily to the fact that the criminal element has recognized in the local Chief a man who through training and experience knew the underworld and its tactics.

Mr Gargis served on the police force of Raleigh for many years before coming here. His service in a sizeable city ideally fitted him for the duties of a community such as Southern Pines where conditions call for both tact and severity. He mixed these essentials well, maintaining the peace with little rancor.

Sudden death has come to the last three heads of the local police department. Fortunately, the fate which befell Chief Kelly and Beasley was spared Mr. Gargis. But like his predecessors, he died in line of duty—at his post as he would have had it.

He will be sorely missed.

## LET'S NOT NEGLECT THE HOME FRONT

For several months American eyes have been fixed on warring Europe. That is natural, but we must not forget that pressing as international problems may be, domestic problems cannot be overlooked.

The Federal debt still rises dangerously in spite of exorbitant taxes. The need for equitable labor legislation becomes more urgent. And the radical philosophy, which seeks to destroy private business, is active as ever.

It is the duty of Congress to make us secure from invasion. It is likewise the duty of Congress to make us secure from the far more imminent perils that exist within our own borders. We need to do more looking at our own United States and less at nations three thousand miles away.

## THE CASE FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

All of us in America live by the labor of private enterprise. Private enterprise operates almost 7,000,000 farms, 166,700 industrial plants, close to 40,000 oil wells and 250,000 miles of railroads. Private enterprise in this nation produces 34 per cent of the world's coal; 32 per cent of its copper; 35 per cent of its electric power; 79 per cent of its automobiles; 67 per cent of its rubber goods; 90 per cent of its movies, and 30 per cent of its cotton.

Private enterprise did not create our natural resources—they existed here in the time of primitive man. What private enterprise did was to develop them. A ton of coal beneath the earth's surface is of no use to anyone. Not until it has been mined, processed, shipped and distributed does it contribute to the maintenance and progress of society. That is what private enterprise does—it takes the resources nature has given us, and uses them to give us jobs, opportunities, necessities and luxuries, and a constantly rising standard of living.

That has been done better here than in any country the world has ever known. In the short space of a century and a half we rose from a third-rate power to the world's foremost

# THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

**1920 RAYON \$4.60 A POUND**

**INDUSTRY DECREASES PRICES--**

THE PRICE OF RAYON HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM \$4.00 A POUND IN 1920 TO \$7.75 TODAY-- AS A RESULT MANY MORE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE PRODUCTS MADE OF RAYON-- CLOSE TO 300,000,000 POUNDS OF IT ARE NOW CONSUMED ANNUALLY.

**TAXES PAID BY U.S. RAILROADS LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$100,000,000 OF NET OPERATING REVENUE--**

**GRAPEFRUIT**

WERE SO NAMED BECAUSE THEY GROW IN CLUSTERS LIKE GRAPES--

ABOUT 40% OF THE FARMERS' ANNUAL COTTON CROP IS CONSUMED BY INDUSTRY FOR USE OTHER THAN TEXTILES.

## GRAINS OF SAND

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

What were the ten greatest news stories of 1939? The Associated Press picks these:

1. France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.
2. British royalty visits America.
3. Congress repeal the arms embargo.
4. Cardinals elect Pacelli Pope Pius XII.
5. Assassin misses Hitler by 11 minutes.
6. Roosevelt to run—or not to run?
7. Thanksgiving debate.
8. Supreme Court outlaws the sit-down strike.
9. The Dies committee battles the "isms."
10. Fascist Franco wins Spanish civil war.

The Admiral Graf Spee story would undoubtedly had been included

financial and industrial power. That rise was the result of a system of government, the American system, which gave the greatest possible encouragement to private individual enterprise, and caused it to use its abilities and energies to the limit in developing a vast continent.

Private enterprise has nothing to do with size. The man who runs a shoe-shine stand of his own is as much of a private entrepreneur as the man who runs an electric plant. Private enterprise is an ideal—r. way of life—dedicated to the proposition that every man shall have the right to the fruits of his labors, and shall go as far as his own brains and energies can take him. Private enterprise made this nation as we know it. And if ever private enterprise is killed, this nation will die with it.

### STAMPS FOR FOOD EXPERIMENT

According to recent announcements from government sources, the Food Stamp Plan, which has been extensively tried in certain localities, is to be extended. Under the plan, persons on relief are given, in return for stamps issued them, various commodities of which there is a surplus, and which are held off the market by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Going by reports, the plan seems to have met with considerable success. And one interesting thing about it is that it hasn't been necessary to build up a large new government bureau to distribute the surplus foods. Instead, distribution has largely been made through existing private facilities. When the plan was first suggested, thousands of retail stores, including both chains and independents, pledged their cooperation. The pledges were accepted by the government authorities involved, and the result is

ed had not the list been completed before the Uruguayan incident.

And the (A) selects the following as the ten big stories of the past decade:

1. Allies' declaration of war on Germany (1939).
2. Lindbergh kidnapping (1932).
3. Abdication of Edward VIII
4. Roosevelt bank holiday (1933).
5. Diplomatic victory of Hitler at Munich (1938).
6. Birth of the Dionne quintuplets (1934).
7. Repeal of prohibition (1933.)
8. Death of Will Rogers and Wiley Post (1935).
9. British royal tour of America (1939).

The Tampa Morning Tribune suggests a change of name to "The League of Indignations."

Got your license plates?

a testimonial to the efficiency of distribution in this country.

As a matter of fact, it would have been a remarkable thing had our American merchants failed in this or any other reasonable undertaking. No other country in the world is so efficiently served so far as merchandising is concerned. Under the free competitive system, all kinds of merchants are constantly seeking to outdo each other. The cost of distribution is constantly declining, as the battle for still greater operating economy goes on. That means a better break for the consumer, and for the producer as well.

If the Food Stamp Plan finally meets with all the success that is hoped for it, American merchants must be given a considerable share of the credit. They have used their vast facilities to the utmost in attempting to make the plan click. That has been a boon to the needy—and, as well, to the taxpayers, who would have had to bear the tremendous financial burden had the government gone widely into the business of distribution.

### JOHN MCCRIMMON DIES, LIFELONG RESIDENT HERE

John McCrimmon of Aberdeen, a lifelong resident of this section, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Will Frye, near Carthage Monday night. He was 78 years old and had been in failing health for some months.

He is survived by four sons, Herman of Aberdeen, John, of Jacksonville, Fla., Milton and Bill, of near Carthage.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning in Bethesda Presbyterian Church, with interment in the Old Bethesda cemetery, near which Mr. McCrimmon had lived for many years.

### WILLING WORKERS TO MEET

The Junior Willing Workers will meet Monday evening, January 1st at 8:00 with Mrs. Myron Adams on Vermont avenue

## Register of Deeds Also Enjoys 'Christmas Rush'

### Many Marriages of Both Races Occurred During Holidays

Dealers in candies and toys were not the only ones who saw a big increase in their business last week, for there was unusual activity at the marriage license desk in the courthouse. Ten sales were rung up from the 21st through the 23rd, six of them being made on the last business day before Christmas. The age of six of the prospective brides was given as 19.

The white couples were J. M. Prevost and Grace White of Raleigh; George F. Moss and Daille Elizabeth McQueen, both of Hemp; Arthur P. Hale of Aberdeen and Edith Bell Blake of Southern Pines; Leonard Sheffield of Pinehurst and Evelyn McDonald of Aberdeen; Ernest Ray Kennedy of Eagle Springs and Mary Garner of Steeds Route 1; Paul Jordan and Madie McNeill, both of Steeds.

Colored couples who procured licenses were John D. Harrington of Cameron and Fannie Mae Frye of Vass; Fonze Wooten and Lula Small, both of Cameron; Milton Petty and Bertha Mae Goins, both of Carthage, and Daniel McLaughlin of Carthage and Mary Lee McNeill of Cameron.

## NIAGARA

Christmas has come and gone leaving pleasant memories of greetings and gifts of old friends and new.

Bill Williams of White River Junction, Vt., arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Williams.

Jimmy Duggan is visiting his sister in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hudson and daughter Miss Evelyn of Savannah, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hudson and children of Greenville, Ga., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frank through the Christmas holidays.

George H. Colby arrived Saturday from Bartonsville, Vt., to spend the remainder of the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Beaton are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron.

G. H. Monroe of Raleigh and C. E. Monroe of Richmond, Va., spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. W. D. Monroe.

Miss Dot Morgan is spending this week in Raleigh visiting relatives.

Guests of Mrs. D. S. Ray and Miss Elizabeth Ray during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Taylor and son Ray of Winston-Salem. Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Huggins and children of Chapel Hill; H. P. Bilyeu, his mother and two children of Greensboro, and E. L. Ray of Asheboro.

W. F. Smith of Raleigh spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frank and daughter Anita of Lumberton were visitors Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frank.

D. A. Graham and daughters Dorothy Mae and Geraldine of Ruffin, S. C., called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morgan Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith of Raleigh visited relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

We learn with regret of the sudden death of Chief Gargis of Southern Pines who is the father of Mrs. A. C. Woods of Niagara.

## NORTH CAROLINA BANKS SERVING CREDIT NEEDS

That banks in North Carolina are actively serving the credit needs of their communities is evidenced by the results of a survey of bank lending activity announced by the American Bankers Association indicating that the commercial banks of the state made more than 220,000 new loans totaling \$100,000,000 to business firms and individuals during the first six months of 1939, and renewed 215,000 outstanding loans totaling \$245,000,000 during the same period.

The survey also reveals that business firms in the state are using only one-half of the "open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of the banks.

These estimated figures are based on reports received from 45 banks in North Carolina, or 20 per cent of the 225 commercial banks in the state, and make allowance for the concentration of lending activity in Winston-Salem and other large cities.

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