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THE RED CROSS AND MRS. HUNT

Mrs. Alice Burt Hunt of Southern Pines is to be congratulated by the entire county on the success of the drive for funds for the American Red Cross. Or possibly we should say that Moore county is to be congratulated upon finding Mrs. Hunt at a time of emergency such as this, for as chairman of the county Red Cross chapter she has done a remarkable work.

This county was originally assigned a quota of \$2,000 toward the millions sought from the country to aid refugees and sufferers in war-torn Europe. When conditions became worse with the German invasion of Belgium and France, we were asked if we could possibly double that figure. No one thought it could be done—except Mrs. Hunt. She rallied her group of valiant workers around her, women and men of every section, and inculcated with the enthusiasm and tireless energy of their leader, they reached their goal last week. Four thousand dollars is a lot of money in this section at this season of the year.

Mrs. Hunt has two sons in France. Until this week—in fact during the entire time that she was devoting herself to the Red Cross drive—she had heard nothing from them. We are delighted to learn that a cable has been received announcing their safety.

THE HEART OF DEMOCRACY

For some years now professional politicians have been placing our government in competition with private American industry. This is outside its normal functions of governing and managing the affairs of state. Contrasted with this socialistic policy, the Stanley News and Press of Albemarle reports an incident which shows how democracy for the people works when the government is used to govern instead of competing with its citizens.

The Albemarle Telephone Company found it necessary to raise its rates. It presented the facts to the Chamber of Commerce so that local people could be advised of the situation and the company's program for improvements. As a result, when application was made to the State Utilities Commission for permission to increase rates, it was not opposed. The paper said editorially:

"A telephone company, although a public utility, still is a private enterprise, and cannot operate for long unless it is showing a profit. This is the way it ought to be in a democratic country under a capitalistic economy. It is to be hoped that public utilities and citizens here will continue to show the same spirit of willingness to reason out mutual problems and see the other man's viewpoint."

That is sound logic for any community. It shows good faith toward private industry which pays its way. May Democracy by the people continue to be reasonable, because individual opportunity and private industry cannot survive without each other.

THE NOMINATION OF MR. WILLKIE

The nomination of Wendell Willkie as the Republican Presidential candidate signified a triumph of aggressive public sentiment over machine politics. And, on top of that, it was a political miracle.

Mr. Willkie has never held

public office. Six or seven years ago he was virtually unknown, save in a limited industrial circle. Up to a year or so ago the public at large knew little or nothing about him. A few months before the convention, some of the leading columnists began writing about him, observing that he would make a model candidate but that, unfortunately, his complete lack of influential backing made his nomination virtually impossible. Major newspapers editorially expressed similar views. Mr. Willkie was, in other words, the darkest of dark horses, in a field filled with political luminaries long in the public eye. Apparently Mr. Willkie himself first took suggestions that he might be the candidate, as flattering but rather idle conversation.

When the Willkie campaign got underway, it was run entirely by amateurs. His name was not entered in any State primaries—though he did receive a very large and purely voluntary write-in vote in some states. No delegate to the convention was really pledged to him. The comparative handful of votes he received on the first ballot came from unpledged delegates who, with the whole field to pick from considered him the best man. And long before that ballot was polled, it became evident that supposed Dewey and Taft strongholds were cracking fast in favor of Willkie. Some of the party leaders, finding their influence waning, organized an almost hysterical "stop-Willkie" movement. It apparently added to his support, and on the third ballot, when Dewey lost heavily, it was clear that Willkie was to be the man.

The obvious question is, What manner of man is this, who so dramatically licked the GOP bosses to a standstill? And the obvious answer is that he is a very remarkable man indeed. No one doubts his intellectual capability for the number one U. S. job. A Jeffersonian in political philosophy (he first voted Republican in 1936, when he became convinced the New Deal had abandoned Democratic principles and was moving toward collectivism) he has done a magnificent job of publicizing the issue of the individual versus the State—he is implacably opposed to government going into business competition with its citizens, and to dictatorial government domination of the social and economic life of the nation. But in these days, intellectual capacity is not enough—other talents are needed, and Mr. Willkie has them too. As William Allen White has written, he is extremely photogenic—he is a big man, jovial in manner, with a shaggy, leonine head. He is quick as they come on his mental feet, and has a highly developed sense of humor. As a speaker and radio platform personality, he is one of the best—many think even better in this regard

NIAGARA

Mrs. D. S. Ray and Miss Elizabeth have returned from a week's visit with relatives in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duggan have moved to New Jersey.

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

Mrs. A. C. Ferguson was called to Wilmington last week on account of the serious illness of her brother.

Mrs. Burney Garner, Burlein and Shirlee, also Miss Ruth Hussey attended the funeral of Mrs. Lambeth near Hemp Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Murray of Hemp called on Miss Mary Olivet Morgan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Thomas and small daughter of Greensboro visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Morgan Sunday. Mr. Thomas is heard over WBIG broadcasting station.

Miss Pattie Ray left Saturday for a visit with friends in Statesville.

Ollie Morgan and friends of Burlington visited at the Snipes home Sunday.

The Rev. J. S. Foster of Elon filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Miss Fay Smith and brother Buddy Fowler of Raleigh spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. Irene Bland and Miss Lena Burns of Pittsboro visited the home of their uncle, J. V. Snipes Saturday.

than President Roosevelt. He has a strong sense of drama, and a great aptitude for the telling phrase. In brief, seasoned political observers feel that he was the only GOP aspirant with the important physical as well as mental attributes needed to battle the strongest Democratic candidate on even terms.

The Republican platform says little and means less. That is not important—Mr. Willkie will make the platform himself, and no one in these days pays much attention to the political planks. While he believes in private enterprise, he believes also in strict regulation, and the iron-handed elimination of business abuses. On foreign policy he favors aid to the allies but is pledged against declaring war. He is especially strong in defense of civil liberties for minorities no less than majorities, and has pointed out that if we are to assure the perpetuation of freedom, we must always protect the liberty of those whose views we abhor no less than those views we endorse. He detests fascism, and all that it stands for.

Many experts are saying that the nomination of Mr. Willkie makes the renomination, by draft if necessary, of President Roosevelt almost certain. Reason is that the Democrats must now put their best foot forward—and the President is their best foot by far. Mr. Willkie is far too strong a candidate far too good a speaker, to oppose with a colorless or routine candidate. If these forecasts prove true, and colorful Mr. Roosevelt does run against colorful Mr. Willkie, it should be one of the most dramatic campaigns in our history.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE



Grains of Sand

Two weeks ago Charles Macauley's "The Passing Years" column in The Pilot recalled that in 1905' Bernard Leavitt and Dolph Ruggles bought \$7.00 worth of fireworks for the 4th.

On last week's 4th Mr. Ruggles received, special delivery from Raleigh, an eight-inch firecracker, with the clipping from The Pilot pasted on it. He suspects his son Edward.

"When Shall We Three Meet Again"

M. B. Rickard and a friend from Baltimore are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rickard, who occupy an apartment in the B. M. Corbett home in Vass.

"This is my friend, Mr. Triplett," said Young Richard to Mr. Corbett. "He doesn't have much on me," said Mr. Corbett. "I'm a twin." "So am I," said Rickard.

The Highway and Public Works Commission announced last week an interesting statement in the fact that North Carolina led the entire Union in road improvements for the past year. The commission said the data came through the American Association of State Highway Officials, showing 2,505 miles of improved roadways and in addition had widened 110 miles of highway.

Today North Carolina's hard surface roads honeycomb the entire state and the man in search of a vacation may in a few hours reach either the seashore or rugged mountain country. He has in his selection roads that are laid out at sea-level or ones that stretch over mountain ranges that rise from 3,000 to 4,500 feet in elevation, as in the newly opened miracle highway of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

With trouble abroad the Tarheel or visiting stranger needn't feel restricted in summer travel if he sets out to do some exploring in the great variety of scenic wonders found within our own border lines.

A summer special that should not be overlooked is one the Southern Pines Library offers its citizens. During July and August books may be had for the sum of five cents, minus the price of one dollar that is customary during the winter season. The library has a lot of worth while material on its shelves affording a wealth of entertainment as varied as the tastes of the human being.

An invitation extends to all and the cordial librarian who is thoroughly familiar with her stock will be helpful in turning long summer evenings into both pleasure and profit.

Of a total of 254 historical markers listed in a new "Guide to North Carolina Historical Highway Markers" put out by the State, three are in Moore county: to Walter Hines Fage grave in Aberdeen, to Benjamin Williams grave near Carthage, and to the Alston House on N. C. Highway 27 near Carthage.

North Carolina farmers had ten percent more cotton in cultivation on July 1st this year than they did a year ago. The 1940 acreage is estimated at \$29,000, and, with the exception of last year, is the lowest for the state since 1878.

Harry Lewis isn't attempting to rival Charlie Picquet as Southern Pines movie magnate but he's putting on a show once a week just the same. He has a talking picture machine that shows Frigidaire and other General Motors appliances, and he runs the reel off every Tuesday afternoon in the basement of the Trade Store. Offers prizes, too. Mrs. W. H. Allison won last Tuesday. All welcome.

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR NEW WESTMORE SCHOOL

Appointment of a five-man school committee for the newly formed Westmore school district in Sheffield township has been announced. D. A. Dunlap of Hemp, Route 2, is chairman. Other committeemen are Curtis Garner of Hemp, Route 2; Walter McNeill, Lindsay Myrick, and Numa Hare, of Steeds, Route 1. The creation of the Westmore school district gives Moore county an additional high school. The school is on Highway 705, seven miles above Hemp.

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104TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

The 104th anniversary of Bethlehem Baptist Church was observed at homecoming service held Sunday. Dr. Green of Thomasville Orphanage delivered the principal address. Special music and songs were rendered by a girls' chorus from the orphanage.

A history of the church, prepared by Council Sullivan, Sunday school teacher of Bethlehem for 54 consecutive years, was read by the Rev. Ellis Hannon.

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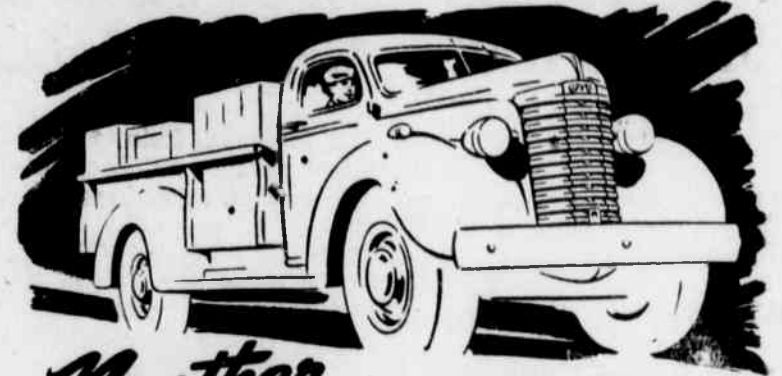
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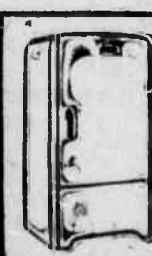
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