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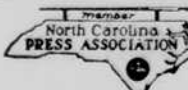
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"When the willingness is great the difficulties cannot be great"—Machiavelli

- NOVEMBER 12—American troops under Montgomery entered Montreal, 1775. 13—R. R. standard time went into effect, 1883. 14—Miss sunk British destroy, 1939. 15—First lithograph establishment completed in Boston, 1827. 16—Al Capone left prison, 1939. 17—Dewey testified Kuhn a nuisance, 1939. 18—Sheet copper first made, 1802.

Badge of Patriotism

Because of greatly increased responsibilities in the national defense program the Red Cross has appealed to the nation for a 1941 membership comparable to that of the first World War when more than 18,000,000 adult Americans gave their support. Membership in the Red Cross is more than a sentimental endorsement of good will. The entire machinery of Red Cross peacetime operations has been geared into a vital part of our military and civilian defenses. Red Cross membership dollars thus are transferred into a tangible means of protecting the American way of life. The Red Cross is on the job with the Army and Navy here and abroad providing an important link of communication between the service man and his family back home. With 2,000,000 men under arms this task has grown almost tenfold. The corps of Red Cross field directors is assisting with experienced counsel and with financial aid to solve the prob-

lems of our service men and their families back home.

Red Cross volunteers are giving their blood for emergency transfusions in the Army and Navy. In the coming year some 10,000 Red Cross nurses will have been inducted for military and naval service. Uniformed volunteers are nearing completion of 40,000,000 surgical dressings requested by the Surgeons General of the Army and Navy.

For its part in the civilian defense program, the Red Cross has undertaken the training of 100,000 Nurse's Aides, an auxiliary corps of volunteers to help relieve the current shortage of registered nurses. During the coming year 1,000,000 men and women will be taught Red Cross first aid as a civilian preparedness measure. Disaster relief preparedness is being widened to meet the challenge of sabotage, fire, explosions and to stand as a backlog of readiness in the event of sporadic bombing or armed invasion. Nutrition and Home Nursing courses will be extended to additional thousands as protective health measure.

These are the reasons why the Red Cross asks your support this year. Your membership button is a badge of patriotism, a way you can express your belief in America.

Bad Boys of Defense

"It is still impossible for some of the Republican leaders to see anything except a political issue in the situation which confronts the United States," says Raymond Clapper, political columnist for the Washington Daily News, an independent newspaper.

Referring to the Republican leaders as "bad boys of defense," Mr. Clapper said:

"A few hours after the torpedoing of the Kearny on our side of Iceland was announced, we were treated to two demonstrations of Republican politicking. On that critical afternoon when it was so important that the United States present a solid front to the world, the House voted on the armed-ship bill. Every member of the House knew the bill would pass by a large margin. Still, 113 Republicans voted against the bill. The Republican leader, Rep. Joseph Martin, voted against it along with two-thirds of his party followers.

"The outside world can now see that a large proportion of the opposition party is against the Administration even on such a measure of self-defense and at such a tight time.

"On the same night the 1936 Republican presidential candidate, Alf M. Landon, made a speech which was printed throughout the country and was doubtless picked up by all anti-American foreign propaganda agencies. The speech was what you might call typical campaign oratory, which during a crisis can only serve to arouse suspicions of the Administration's good faith at home and to

QUESTION of THE WEEK ??

Individual Opinions of People You Know About Current Matters of General Public Interest

Do You Think That the Authorities Should Call A Referendum To Vote Special Taxes for A Nine Months Term of School in Plymouth?

Mrs. W. C. Sexton, housewife: "I would like to see a nine months school but taxes are high enough now. A person is better satisfied with children in school. It really takes them nine months to get the work that they need to prepare them for college. However, I don't know what the cost to the township taxpayers would be to have a nine months school in Plymouth and I would not state a definite opinion."

B. G. Campbell, mayor of Plymouth: "Nine months of school would definitely be an improvement over the present eight months. But whether or not it would be wise to call an election now, I am not sure. It all depends on how much more the tax rate would be raised. If the local school has the proper equipment for teaching eight months as financed by the State, there would be but very little additional expense for another month, it appears. I am not sure it should be done."

E. H. Harris, industrial worker: "Yes. Nine months school is needed if the graduates here are to compare with the graduates of the larger towns and cities. It would also give the children another month in school

and they would be much better prepared to enter college. Now many of those leaving this school usually must take a preparatory school course or a junior college course before they are prepared to make a good college student. The cost would be insignificant compared with the value to the boys and girls."

A. J. Riddle, local business man: "A nine months term would be a fine thing. But whether or not this is the time for a referendum on it I do not know. It appears that Federal taxes are being increased periodically for national defense and there is no telling when the tax burden will be increased. I don't hardly believe that now is the time to call the election. Also the school here should have better facilities."

J. R. Manning, business man and property owner: "No. This should not be done now. With the present national defense tax burden and the cost of repairing the local building and erecting additional school facilities, the tax burden will be too much. I would like to see the children have nine months of school each year but I don't believe that now is the time to start this."

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

Expensive—

Food, rent and doctor's bills or boats, guns and planes . . . whether it is figured from the personal angle of making a living or the broad viewpoint of national defense, accidents and sickness must be reckoned importantly. Either way they're personal responsibilities.

The labor lost by workers killed and injured in traffic alone during seven recent months could have built 20,000 fighter planes; or 50,000 light

provide comforting propaganda for Axis agents abroad.

"Just previously the Republican Party's No. 1 elder statesman exhumed again his long-dead plan for feeding Axis - conquered territory. This revived agitation can serve no useful purpose to this country now.

"There is plenty of work for the Republican opposition to do that would make our defense effort more effective. Instead, the Republican politicians act as if they thought the whole world war was a political stunt pulled by Roosevelt to keep himself in office."

tanks; or 12 battleships. Consider also six times as many disabling injuries caused by other types of mishaps . . . twice as many accidental deaths in other than traffic cases. Think in terms of personal loss of time and income, medical cost and other extra expenses, accumulated overdue bills and debts to be paid.

Expense Account—

- Jan. 1. Advertisement for girl steno., \$50. Jan. 2. Violets for new stenographer, 75c. Jan. 8. Weekly salary for stenographer, \$15. Jan. 9. Roses for stenographer, \$3. Jan. 11. Candy for wife, 75c. Jan. 13. Lunch for stenographer, \$3.25. Jan. 15. Salary for stenographer, \$20. Jan. 17. movie, wife and self, 80c. Jan. 18. Theater tickets, self and stenographer, \$7.50. Jan. 19. Candy for wife, 75c. Jan. 20. Lillian's salary, \$35. Jan. 21. Theater and dinner—steno \$28.75. Jan. 22. Fur coat for wife, \$325. Jan. 23. advertisement for man stenographer, 50c.

Genealogy—

"Now the history of genealogies is very significant and curious. In America as in most young countries, people are much less likely to be snobs over the thing they have than over the thing they lack. Thus, Americans are seldom snobs about money, but they are often snobs about family. The amount of time spent by certain people in New England and the South in talking about their fam-

ilies is appalling. In the South, particularly, this preoccupation seems to absorb most of the spare energies of the female population, for it is an axiom of Southern life that a woman without 'family' is nothing. A woman may be poor; she may be abysmally ignorant (and usually is); she may have read nothing, seen nothing, gone nowhere; she may be lazy, nasty vain, arrogant, venomous, and dishonest; her standards of morality, government, justice, may not differ one whit from that of the lynching mob; but if she can assert, loudly and without challenge, that her 'family' is older (and therefore better) than other families, then her position in the community is unquestioned, she is the delicate flower of 'Southern culture,' she is not to be 'talked back to'—she is, in short, 'a ladie.' . . .

This was taken from "The Hills Beyond." That fellow Tom Wolfe knew his women.

Business Is Good—

The money making business is very good.

That was the report from the United States mints, as they disclosed today that new coins are rolling out than ever before in history. By working 24 hours a day, seven days a week the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco have pounded out 1,151,575,000 American and 207,003,500 foreign coins in the last nine months — about 20 per cent more than in the similar period last year, when previous records were doubled.

Right now, the mints are keeping up with public demand for coins, but if business gets any better, officials are thinking of asking Congress to do something about the pigeonholed bill to erect another mint at Anderson, Ind. Circulation of coins jumped from \$604,000,000 to \$699,000,000 in the last year.

All kinds of coins seem to be in greater demand, but the big rush is for pennies and nickels. Slot machines and sales taxes have been boosting the need for these year after year, and the mints are making more than 1,000,000,000 pennies and 300,000,000 nickels a year to keep up.

Trainload o' Grub—

American foodstuffs for the British in 1942 will amount to 261,432 cars, or enough to make up a train that would reach from Washington to Los Angeles.

As part of the exports, 5,000,000,000 pounds of milk are scheduled for the English next year. This will require 83,333 tank cars which would stretch out 750 miles.

Eggs, another item on the list, will total 500,000,000 dozen. Figuring 12,000 dozen to the car, this would require 41,666 cars, enough to make up a 378-mile train.

Government officials expect to ship across also 1,500,000,000 pounds of pork and lard. Figuring 30,000 pounds to the car, this means that 50,000 cars would be required to transport these products to shipping points. This train would total 454 miles.

A 750-mile trainload of fresh fruit likewise intended for trans - ocean shipping. The 1,250,000 tons would require 83,333 cars of 15 tons were shipped in each car.

Canned poultry in the amount of 18,000,000 pounds would require 600 cars at the rate of 30,000 pounds to the car. These cars would stretch out five miles.

Canned vegetables amounting to 2,500,000 cases will swell the grand total of foodstuffs. If 1,000 cases

The PUBLIC Forum A CRITICISM

To the editor:

We are taking this way to inform the taxpayers and citizens of the town of Williamston what we think of a justice of the peace and one certain policeman.

We have always been under the impression that a town policeman's duties were confined strictly inside the town limits, and if that is true, what right, may we ask, does he have patrolling up and down the Roanoke River, taking the county sheriff with him to make the arrests of men hunting on what they say is leased property, but not posted?

In our judgment, it is very poor sportsmanship to have a lease on certain property but not have it posted, then sit back in a motor boat and watch for hunters who don't know that the land is leased to a certain hunting club, to go on that land and as soon as they enter, arrest them. Maybe it is not poor sportsmanship, after all, but is just a money-making

racket. We wonder why they don't patrol the river some Sunday and see how many men from their own town they might find hunting on Sunday, which is illegal in this state. It seems to us their place is in the town of Williamston, looking after the welfare of the citizens in that town, instead of looking after the welfare of a hunting club. That's what the state employs game wardens for.

As for the justice of the peace, if he does not have any other means of buying his Thanksgiving dinner other than trying to rob the citizens of Plymouth (we mean by that imposing unjust fines on them), then we will gladly take up an honest collection before the Christmas holidays so he will have some extra pocket money and enough left over to throw a Christmas party for a "certain" hunting club of Williamston.

Sorry if anyone's feelings are hurt by this item, but if you can't take it, please don't give it.

(Signed) Mrs. F. J. HOHL, Mrs. C. L. BROWN.

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