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WORTH RECOGNITION

The railroads are criticized for things they do or do not do. They serve so many people that it is impossible to please ten thousand and one different tastes and ideas. But they do their best, and the American people have superlative rail transportation.

The recent ending of furlough fares brings to mind an act of the railroads which deserves recognition—namely, beginning seven months before Pearl Harbor and extending sixteen and one-half months after V-J Day, or sixty-nine months, approximately two hundred million furlough tickets were sold to men and women of the Armed Services at the special reduced rate of one and one-quarter cents per mile. It is estimated that this resulted in savings to service men and women of approximately \$440,000,000. This is a lot of money—even in these multibillion-dollar days!

UNLIMITED MARKET

Trucks pulling huge gasoline tankers haul thousands of dollars worth of raw milk into Western North Carolina from the big dairy farms of Minnesota each year, milk that should be produced right here on our own farms, which would put these thousands of dollars in North Carolina pockets to be spent in our own stores and shops, instead of lining the pockets of the Northern farmer. These facts were presented 150 Jackson county citizens at the courthouse last Friday night by a representative of Purina feed mills and County Agent Snipes.

Dairy specialists have long considered North Carolina ideal for profitable milk production. This is made so by the mild climate, fertile soil, and long growing season for crops and grazing. The Southern farmer can maintain his cow at high production at much less cost than the farmer in Minnesota where the winters are severe. In the face of all this the Northern farmer is producing milk and selling it at a profit to dairymen in North Carolina, who in turn retail it to the consumer.

This is a wide open field for unlimited market for milk and milk products. Not only here in Western North Carolina but over the line in Georgia and Florida. They, like we, are buying milk from Minnesota—why not produce enough for our own use and some to sell our neighbors?

52-20 CLUB

At present only a small minority of world war veterans drawing jobless benefits of \$20 weekly are abusing the privilege, says Nathan Semmel, New York state department of labor interviewer, in an article in this week's Saturday Evening Post.

"Since the war," says Mr. Semmel, "the public has been well-informed about these gold bricks, but it has heard far less of the earnest, honest men, making their way back with the help of the '52-20 club.' Although most of our veterans seek jobs earnestly, the conniving of this small minority has already cast doubts on the others. It was they who first dubbed us 'the club' and aroused the public's anger.

So, it seems that the peak of the 52-20 club is over, and only a recession in business will send the veterans back to the 'club.'

Last September 1,300,000 veterans were enrolled nationally for the \$20 allowance; now there are less than 1,000,000, and the number is dropping daily.

In discussing the 52-20 club, we must consider the fact that after the war the government settled 14,000,000 veterans in civilian life and did it faster than such a job has ever been done. In such a multitude you will always find a few gold bricks; they were chislers before entering the service and they continued to

Inside Washington

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Do not look for a prolonged meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers' conference in Moscow. Secretary of State George C. Marshall plans that it will last no more than six weeks, and then only if there seems to be some chance of getting together on fundamental principals—something that outsiders doubt.

Despite the seeming softening of Russia on some subjects, such as United States demands for a security trusteeship over the Pacific islands won by American blood, it is doubted that there will be any great concessions from Moscow.

This seems to be particularly the case on the questions of Germany's future boundaries with Poland and on Germany's future.

Marshall probably will make some concessions but will not yield on fundamental principals. It is now hoped that within six weeks the Big Four at least will agree on these and then the deputies will go to work drafting the formal peace treaty.

How long this will take is purely a matter of guesswork.

Thereafter, it is planned to hold a new meeting with the outside powers having a further hearing. This may take months and only afterward will the Big Four meet again, probably in Paris, London or Washington.

Only then, it is believed, will the major powers begin to discuss the Japanese treaty, which most observers believe should have been put ahead of the German treaty since Japan has a going government—Germany none.

The income tax law is the great leveler. It respects neither the big nor the little—not even the big brass. All this Gen. Dwight Eisenhower recently found out.

The Army chief of staff went up to Lafayette college in Pennsylvania to make a speech and get a degree. After receiving his laurels and delivering his message, the president of the college told the five-star general that Lafayette had a little custom. He said:

"We always give a \$500 check as an honorarium to our speaker. Here is your check, general."

"Ike," in his usual bashful manner, explained that he couldn't accept it. He said he came to the college as head of the Army, was speaking for the Army, was a servant of the people and could not accept such gifts.

"But it is our custom—our regulation," the bewildered college prexy insisted. The general was just as insistent. It appeared an impasse had come about. Then "Ike" had an idea. He asked:

"Don't you have college funds, for this or that, where the money could be used to good purpose?" The answer was yes, Lafayette did. Whereupon Eisenhower endorsed the check and turned it over to the fund.

Came the day when the income tax had to be made out. For some reason, the general used the "short long" form. In so doing he paid a tax to Uncle Sam on the \$500 he held in his possession just long enough to sign his name.

There is a compact-and-lipstick brigade among Capitol Hill lobbyists. Forty-one women are among the 496 registered lobbyists.

The highest paid, the record shows, is Margaret Taylor of the National Co-Operative Milk Producers association. She gets \$7,000. The average salary of the female lobbyists is \$3,300.

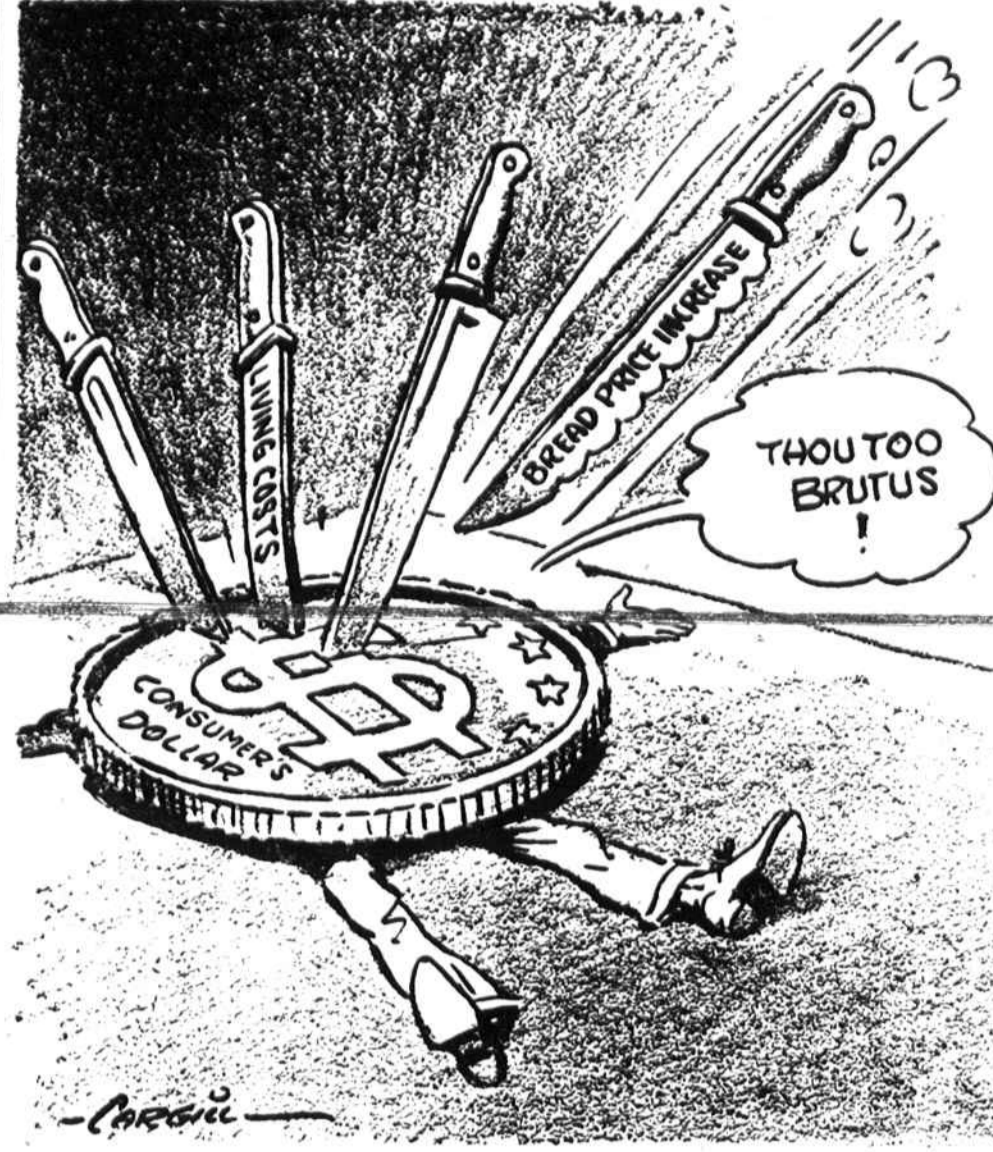
Male lobbyists do better salary-wise. One gets \$65,000, and few are under \$5,000.

The lobbyists represent varied interests. A man and a woman promote the interests of the International Apple association. Thirty work for the Townsend pension plan. One man gets \$4,500 for looking after interests of the Klamath Indians of Oregon. Others represent, almost literally, "butchers and bakers and candlestick makers."

chisel while in the service and after they were demobilized. It was almost impossible for the government to investigate each claimant thoroughly; to have done so would require a tremendous investigative army.

As Mr. Semmel pointed out, the veterans have come back as forthright or conniving, as industrious or gold bricking, as when they went away.—Charlotte Observer.

THE IDES OF MARCH



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Why learn everything the hard way, when there is an easier one. Many say that the school of hard knocks is the best, but it is certainly the most expensive. The earlier a man learns that the better. The sooner he learns that this world and his personal affairs are governed by divine law, the fewer hard knocks he is going to have.

The rising rate of juvenile delinquency is an indication of the increasing ignorance among our young people of those fundamental laws of God which must be recognized. The law of cause and effect is just as certain as the law of gravity. The Bible put it, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." There is the law of right and wrong. It is summed up in the Ten Commandments. Men do not successfully break the Ten Commandments; instead they are broken by them. There is a law of property right included in the Ten Commandments—the law against theft, adultery, murder. When we take that which belongs to others, we inevitably suffer.

Fortunate is the boy or girl who learns early in life how to find God's will for his daily life through prayer. God has a plan for his life, just as He has a plan by which the earth rotates on its axis, producing

day and night. The boy or girl who starts out in life trying to follow his own desires without regarding the law of God and the rights of others, soon finds himself in trouble, sometimes serious trouble.

We can't live successfully without God. God has made it possible for us to learn His plan of living—and His plan for dying. He gave us the Bible and the Church to teach us. Yet an increasing number treat religion as a kind of optional luxury. They are "too busy" to do any Bible study, "too tired" to go to church and take their children to Sunday school. Yet the day inevitably comes when they will need those things which the Bible and the Church teach. They will run afoul of the police. They will need character reference for employment or a character witness in court. Then they call on the Church and the minister whose services they have treated so carelessly in the past. I have seen it happen time after time.

Why wait until you get into a jam to call on God? Why wait until you have to be driven to your knees? Why take the hard knocks when you don't have to? The Bible pleads, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."

The most important event in the life of a boy or a girl is when he learns to know his Lord.

Court Of Honor Held

For Colored Troop No. 9

A court of honor for Negro troop No. 9, Boy Scouts of America, was held on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Liberty Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Joe Smith gave the invocation. H. Gibson, chairman of the interracial committee, made a short talk and presented H. E. Monteith, chairman of the advancement committee of the Smoky Mountain district, who presided.

Eleven boys received the Tenderfoot investiture. Their badges were presented by W. C. Wall, Field Scout executive. John F. Corbin gave the second class awards to the boys.

Jack Bryson and Major Wells were advanced to Star rank and their awards were given by Rev. Kennedy, colored scout leader of Asheville.

H. Gibson gave merit badges to five boys, who had completed work to entitle them to this recognition.

Others taking part on the program were W. C. Hennessie, chairman of the Smoky Mountain district, and Dr. White, another colored leader from Asheville, who recognized the old timers in scouting.

Too Late For Classification

FOR SALE—Pansy Plants at \$1.00 per dozen. See Ben Queen, Sylva, N. C. 43

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FOR SALE—Good logging skidder and log loader combined, operated with a friction drum, 1,000 feet of new 5-8 cable, first class condition. Good Chevrolet motor. See Ray Bumgarner, Glenville, N. C. 43-44*

LOST — On Friday, March 7 at Cullowhee a medium sized blue-speckled hound with a scar on left hip and nose. Answers to the name of Ben. Reward, D. C. Cotter, Cullowhee, N. C. 43*

LOOKING BACKWARD

From the Files of The Ruralite of 15 years ago

Margaret Queen, Sylva High school girl, tied with Josephine Perry, of the Mills River High school, for first place in the State-wide French contest for North Carolina high schools, conducted by the French department of the extension division of the University of North Carolina and participated in by 953 students from 75 schools.

In the state-wide stewardship contest sponsored by the Baptist Missionary Union, held in Greensboro recently, little Miss Carolyn Stillwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stillwell and member of the Junior Girls auxiliary of the Cullowhee Baptist church, was the successful contestant for the prize offered to the junior girls. She was given a cash award.

A collection of Easter bunnies was sent to the Presbyterian orphanage by the Presbyterian Sunday School class at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson left Sunday to spend a few days in Bedford, Va. with their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Overstreet, and family. Misses Mary Allison, Thelma Fancher, and Carrie Jo Lewis spent Easter in Newport, Tenn., guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fancher.

Misses Mattie Cogdill and Phyllis McCulley were here last week from Asheville spending several days with their parents.

William McKee of the University of North Carolina spent the spring holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee.

Dr. V. P. Perry of Kinston, owner of a farm on the Lenoir-Jones county line, has built a plant that will treat from 800 to 1,000 fence posts a day with a combination creosote-oil preservative.

Funeral For Glenda June Woods Held

Funeral services for Glenda June Woods, two years and nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ingle Woods of Sylva will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Wilkesdale Baptist church. Burial will be in Keener cemetery.

The child had not been sick until she was taken suddenly ill and died a short time after at the home of her parents in Rhodsgstown.

She is survived by her parents and two sisters, Ileen Gail and Arquilla Ruth.

Moody Funeral Home is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Funeral For Mrs. Burge Friday

Mrs. Betsy Archer Juanita Burge, 31 years of age, a former resident of the Cherokee Indian reservation, died Sunday morning at 2 o'clock in a hospital in Pascagoula, Miss., as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Saturday afternoon.

Her body was brought here Wednesday by the Funeral Home in Pascagoula. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Cherokee, with Moody Funeral Home in charge.

The deceased was first married to Austin Juanita and he was killed in World War II. She later married Mr. Burge.

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