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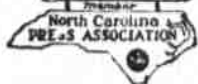
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First Call

This is our "first call" to the annual spring clean up week a preliminary which the mayor will shortly declare. We have been noticing of late accumulations of winter debris.

This business of cleaning up is not only in behalf of an effort to improve appearances, but is a matter of hard boiled business. If we live up to the reputation that Carl Goerch gave us during the past year of being the "cleanest town in the state", will have to really work at the job.

Let us all appoint ourselves a committee of one to see that every pile of unsightly debris and untidy vacant lots or for that matter premises about buildings and homes is removed during the time set aside for this work.

We have heard much agitation about various beautification committees about the community, but they all seem a bit slow about taking off, but if each one will feel his or her personal responsibility in the matter we will have no need for a "committee".

On to Greensboro

The Waynesville Township High School Band leaves today for Greensboro, some 60 odd strong, to compete in the state-wide music festival. Whether or not they are able to come out ahead against other bands and win a "superior rating" as they did in the district contest is a question to be answered after they play tomorrow. But that has nothing to do with the fact that we home folks are proud of their record and accomplishments.

As they take off today our best wishes go with them, and their director. We trust they come home with another "star in their crown", but if they do not we are still proud of our 20 months old organization.

We do know this much in advance, if they make as much progress in the next 20 months as in the past, we are sure that they can compete with any band in their class in the state and come out victorious.

Lack of Training

The fact that industries are begging for workers with certain skills, and yet a million men are asking for WPA jobs should bring home to the people of this country the importance of vocational training in our schools.

It is said that in many of the areas where defense programs are in operation, there are more jobless men than ever before hunting work.

These conflicting facts are being brought out in various government agencies as they study the effect of the bulging national defense program upon the great army of job hunters, which in the economic tide are still begging for WPA jobs.

Had these men enjoyed vocational training that is given the present generation in our public schools, the rolls would no doubt be greatly reduced.

It is said that the number of jobs will reach a peak total of from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 during 1941 and 1942, yet on the other hand the government figures that there are 9,000,000 men unemployed.

The present condition of affairs should serve as an incentive to the rising generation to prepare themselves to fill a definite place in industry or other vocations, as the need for special training becomes more and more acute in this day of specialization.

Symbol

"May the North Carolina be a symbol of progress through strength," President Roosevelt said in a telegram read at the ceremonies incident to the commissioning of the great battleship named for this State. In the service of America his wish for the North Carolina should be accepted also as an injunction to the State itself.

"A symbol of progress through strength" is a phrase which provides a goal for both a ship and a State. Defense is not in battleships alone. Strength lies also in the health and education, good living and good sense of people far behind any lines of battle.

Twenty years ago North Carolina began a period of progress which was unequalled in the South—perhaps in the nation. The State still moves in progress but other States in the South and outside it have at least matched its rate of advance. Now beside the symbol of the greatest ship, the State deserves a new energy in direction and in citizenship to become a greater State.

The defense effort in the whole land, to provide ships and planes and armies of trained men, should be joined at home to create that strength in welfare, education, housing, health, all aspects of human decency, which behind all the arms and armies is the basis of all security.

"A symbol of progress through strength." That is the ship.

"A symbol of progress through strength." That also must be the State.

—Raleigh News and Observer

Traveling Officials

If Governor Broughton keeps up the pace he has set during his first few months as governor of North Carolina, he will be in the class of the Roosevelts when it comes to traveling.

The Governor seems to feel that part of his duties is to sell the state of North Carolina to the outside world. We are inclined to think he is right. The petty routine of signing his name does not make a governor a far visioning executive. It takes something else.

It is said that Governor McLean was the first governor of the state to start "traveling", and he made many trips into the North and even spent his vacations in the Great Lakes section.

This representing the state away from home is part of the trend of changing times, for with the great highways that circle this country and invite people to travel, the "industry of tourists" has developed.

Governor Ehringhaus went up into Canada, and Governor Hoey also got about with thousands of miles to his credit. But Governor Broughton has beat them all to date. He has been to Mexico, New York, New Orleans, to Fort Jackson, and to see Fort Bragg in the East and to Asheville in the West to see and talk to the teachers of the entire state.

No longer are the states of this nation isolated sections, they are part of a whole, and we feel that the governor, who knows conditions elsewhere and how other states are meeting their problems, will make a broader and better governor of North Carolina.

Colds

A recent Gallup survey reveals some interesting things about "a common cold". The economic wastage was appalling, with 59,000,000 days from work lost.

From the survey it was learned that more than 20,000,000 adults, or one in every four, were victims of last winter's epidemic of flu and gripe. Colds, it seems are no respecter of persons, from the day laborer to the white collared executive, they are susceptible to the germs.

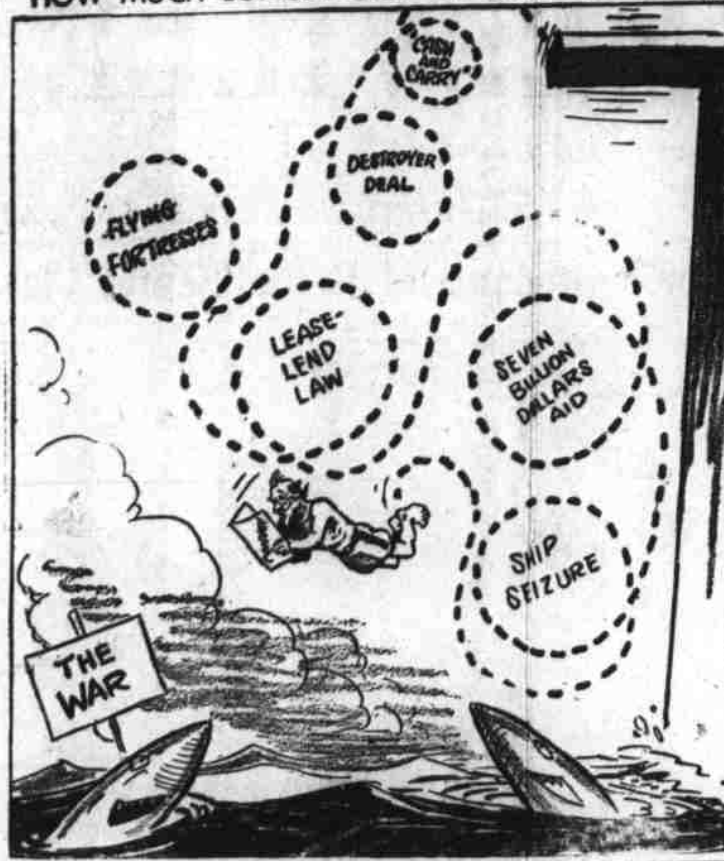
Colds were slightly more common in small towns and rural areas than in large cities. They were also found to be more common with women than men.

While health authorities have been sure that colds are far more common among the poor than the well-to-do, the figures compiled bear out this belief to some extent, but the differences are not so great as might have been expected.

The results of the survey offer convincing proof that flu and colds can be written down as the source of more lowered physical efficiency, and greater economic loss, than any other illness on the American medical calendar.

Judging from the number of men between the ages of 21 and 35 who are being turned down for service and are unable to meet the requirements of the physical examinations, which are a part of the nation's peace-time conscription, American youths are not in such fine form as most of us had expected.

HOW MUCH LONGER CAN WE STAY OUT OF IT?



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Another Easter has come and gone... we wonder if most of us appreciated sufficiently the beauty of the perfect day... sunshine... and peace... no dread of night coming on and what the darkness might bring... the second Easter since Hitler started out to conquer Europe... we wonder what the day meant to little children in England... for even three thousand miles away... the shadows reach out... and only the very young can escape their foreboding effect...

Isn't it strange how you can read account after account of conditions in England... and they register in a way... but a word from someone you actually know... will impress you beyond measure... in comparison... letters to Dr. Gladys Osborne... from her husband, Dr. Dudley Smith these days are not so encouraging about affairs in England... Dr. Smith, orthopedic surgeon... is with the "American Hospital in Britain"... the institution located about 50 miles out from London... and financed by Americans... with a staff made up for the most part of American doctors... his letters are of course all censored... recently a line had been neatly clipped out... but even so enough of interest concerning conditions gets through to give one a very realistic picture of things... he writes that the drone of planes going over the hospital is incessantly heard... these days... and that the dropping of incendiaries has become so constant that each Doctor at the hospital is required ever so often to keep vigil all night... as his turn comes around... these small incendiaries are dropped by hundreds... by planes en route to some major appointment of destruction... but not wishing to miss any opportunity to lay waste the land... blaze their way with all possible danger to the English... the incendiaries start burning at a very high temperature the instant they strike something... and the damage can be quite serious if not watched closely... then another bad sign... is the fact that the American doctors who have served their six months period... in the hospital... and are due to leave... are having difficulty in getting passage either on boat or plane...

We met one enthusiastic person during the week... Mrs. C. C. White... who has charge of sewing for the Red Cross... the last quota for the local chapter calls for 28 dresses to be made... 16 for children... and 12 for women... all must be completed sometime in May... Mrs. White does all the cutting of the garments... and has the material ready for sewing... but even so they don't go like the "proverbial hot cakes" on a Bargain Day... she more or less has to peddle them over the telephone... and among her special friends, before all the dresses are "taken"... it seems she was getting a bit uneasy about this last quota... she called, among others, Mrs. G. F. Boston... and asked her if she would make a dress... the answer... "Why I'll be delighted"... and she sounded so agreeable about it that Martha took courage and ventured... "Well suppose I bring you out two dresses"... whereupon Mrs. Boston said... "Bring six and I will be glad to make them all"... and thereby put herself in the high production class of Mrs. Tom Stringfield and Mrs. Sam Stringfield... who have done their share and the other fellows in Red Cross sewing...

The British people are fond of newspaper stories—especially that daily adventure yarn, "The Defeats of Il Duce".

A Canadian reports seeing a white robin. Maybe the bird was just turning pale at the thought that perhaps winter isn't over yet.

This is the time of the year, says a nature note, when the sap runs. That's why the manager sent him to the bushes—he forgot to slide.

Half a million disease germs, claims a bacteriologist, can perch

lives with his Grandmother... Mary Love in colored town?... well, if you don't... you've missed something... there are a few certain jobs about spring cleaning... that Pete can do better than anyone we know... for one thing his height is such that he has an almost impossible "reach"... seeing him reclining on a telephone pole about town... as no doubt you have, you would never suspect that he might be a philosopher... but he is... of the first order... he has a great way of reasoning things out... and we would not dare try to fool him about anything... we have smiled more than once over bits of his conversation... as he worked for us recently...

"Yes'm... Miss Hilda... my grandma can tell to the penny how much money I got on hand... and when I haven't got a cent... she knows that too... and I can tell she knows by the way she treats me... everything's sweet and fine when I got the money... "You know I've been thinking here lately of joining these prohibitionists... I have about come to the conclusion that it pays to be one... you can save money and your reputation... now you take on the other hand if you belong to the other crowd... you can't hardly stay out of jail nor keep a red cent"... "You know one of the best ways I figure to save is to buy a good piece of jewelry... you do that and you can't never go broke... for there's always some fool with money that'll buy it... "I been figuring lately I'll sorter change my ways... fur I shore hope someday to call Heaven my home... but one thing... certain... I ain't homesick yet"...

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YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT, Central Press Writer

The reason we prefer spring is because it's much nicer to watch the leaves come out than down.

Beards have become fashionable among French soldier prisoners in Germany—news item. So their jailors can't see them grit their teeth?

A midwestern burglar successfully carted off a large bath tub. Even the police had to admit that he made a clean getaway.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

WOMEN HATS OF CENTRAL PORTUGAL ARE LOW AND FLAT-TOPPED IN ORDER THAT THE WEARERS MAY CARRY TRAYS OF BREAD AND FISH ON THEIR HEADS

A RHINOS BODY ARMOR IS IN THREE LARGE PLATES, HUNG LIKE SADDLE BLANKETS OVER ITS BACK BONE.

IT WOULD REQUIRE 40 YEARS TO SEE ALL THE EXHIBITS IN THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON, GOING AT THE RATE OF ONE EVERY 30 SECONDS, PER 8-HOUR DAY.

Priorities Offer Tough Problem In War Relief

By Charles P. ... Central Press Col

Voice OF THE People

What do you like best about Spring?

R. T. Boyd—"Turnip Greens—and see the grass grow green."

Mrs. E. L. Withers—"The flowers in the spring mean more to me than anything else the season brings."

Mrs. L. M. Richeson—"The glorious budding out of things."

Miss Elsie McCracken—"Putting away winter clothing and getting out fresh new colors is what I like best about spring."

Fred Martin—"Getting rid of a coal bill is one of the best things about spring to me."

R. E. Sentelle—"The interest and pleasure I get out of planting a good garden is what I like best about spring."

Rev. Pink McCracken—"There are so many good things about spring, but one thing I particularly like is that it make the trout in my pool bite."

Asbury Howell—"I like to see the cattle go out on the green grass. I turned out 25 cows this week and it was certainly a pretty sight to me."

B. G. O'Brien—"I like the warm weather."

Fred A. Ferguson—"We all feel rejuvenated in the spring and are reborn, so I like this phase of spring best."

OPINIONS And COMMENTS OF OTHER EDITORS

SPARING THE NICKEL

If Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, director of the United States mint, had not called it to our attention we would have plumb missed the nickel's 75th birthday last week. As part of the honors due this, one of the most useful of all coins, she divulged the fact that since the jiny was first minted more than 2,000,000,000 have been circulated.

It is supposed this was quite adequate but it does seem strange that in the course of three-quarters of a century when we were spending billions for wars and preparations for wars—we haven't finished counting yet, laying out numerous billions for relief and other public expenditures, we should have need-

While warmly commending charity to victims of conditions, State Secretary Hull wants it so system to make it 100 per cent. Besides the Red Cross, the number of private agencies runs into the hundreds each on its own. Hull's idea is that they over one another, clutter job at which they all m

That's why, upon recommendation, President recently named his thional committee to gi direction to the miscel ganizations' efforts.

The chairman is Davies, American and Belgium until the Ger ran the country. Ass him are Charles P. Ta nati and President F. Keppel of the Carneg tion. Besides funneling lief into the right ch committee will have ch task of shaping the c contributions for the b selectees' training cen home. This latter may lief, in its strict sense, and Secretary Hull th attending to, to mak count up to a maximum

You don't get far in sion of anything relating overseas situation and defensive preparation running into the questio ties.

Who Comes Fi Who's to be provided supply sources or tra facilities are skimpy?

It's quite a problem tion with shipments ab gency-stricken peopl oceans holler for ma stuff faster than we c it, and there's the ever ficuity of scaring up e to deliver it in.

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We've got at least o priority already. Alum ority-ized in military a vor. Our flyers get the at it, and pots-and-pa rurers can have only w it's left over, if any, to housewives with kitch

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