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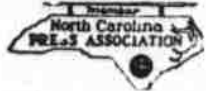
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Growing Pains

In this day of defense projects, and general government expenditures, we read of huge sums of money without realizing just what it embraces.

When a local corporation gets a lump sum of over a quarter of a million for an expansion program we begin to sit up and take notice.

The Cruso Electric Membership Corporation is all set to construct 275 miles of new lines in four counties.

That much money doesn't come just by writing to Washington and saying "Please".

The directors and officers have spent many a sleepless night working out the hundreds of details.

These growing pains will bring about a much larger corporation and will serve hundreds of more homes with electric power which the world has so closely geared itself.

No More "Xmas"

Brevity. Brevity. That is what the world has demanded for centuries, and away back yonder, someone hit upon the idea of putting a cross in front of "mas" and calling it an ideal abbreviation for Christmas.

No one realizes more than a newspaper writer, headline writer or advertising man that the word Christmas has nine letters and is hard to use at times, but that is no reason for using an abbreviation such as the world has used for years—Xmas.

A general campaign has started throughout the South to discontinue the use of the word "Xmas" this season.

When Occasion Demands

One of the outstanding citizens of the community was pointing out the fine cooperation recently shown in putting over a public meeting of value and interest in the community, as well as to this section of the state.

He spoke of how both men and women rallied around with cooperative support in making the occasion a success.

We think that the people of this community have a fine sense of the responsibility of hospitality.

In fact when anyone in this community takes the lead and earnestly tries to put across a really worth while project, he is generally assured of assistance.

Thirty-Nine Women

We congratulate the rural women of Haywood County of the many improvements that have been brought about in the homes of this county.

In many instances it has not been an easy matter, for to take the line of least resistance seems to be the natural way, with the majority.

The requirements for receiving the award won by 39 Haywood women are many, and cover a two-year period of activity, an accomplishment, of which any woman should be proud.

So while the farmers of Haywood are marching on to higher standards the women are keeping step with them, in a way that is bound to bring even greater results in rural living in this section.

Timely Suggestion

We notice that soon the Chamber of Commerce will get organized again for the coming year. We know there are four or five needy places for every dollar at the disposal of the board.

It is an old problem, one that has come up annually for many years—that is something to announce to the motorists that they are approaching Waynesville.

We would recommend an arch, built of native stone or rustic effect, as you please, maybe we would have to be satisfied with the cheapest construction available.

As more roads are to be developed in this section, this will become a more vital factor in regard to the motorist.

I am now ready to meet Hitler and show him how good an American boy can fight... Thanking you so much.

Drafting the Strikers

Even though the supreme head of the draft system, General Lewis Hershey, insists that the customary procedures be followed without exception, and with utmost conformity to the general rules, the announcement by a Philadelphia board, that it would immediately induct into the army any one of its 4,100 registrants who joined a jurisdictional or illegal strike, is rather compelling of sympathy and admiration.

Those days were not without the problems of strikes of these days. But they were handled differently.

There was the case of the International Association of Machinists which President Wilson openly accused of violating the terms of its contract with the management.

We wrote on: "If you refuse, each of you will be barred from employment in any war industry in the community in which the strike occurs for a period of one year."

The present Administration is not meeting these strike crisis in this manner, the more's the pity, and the more's the reason there are so many strikes in defense industries.—The Charlotte Observer.

Talk is revived of streamlining the national anthem. That is about the last of the patriotic repair jobs, except sending the liberty bell to the welders.—Charlotte News.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We dropped in on the draft board last week... and found the members... Dr. Tom Stringfield, Grayden Ferguson and Mr. T. L. Green, and Clerk Debrayda Fisher... all wearing smiles.

Dear Sir: My name is Private Woodrow Dewey Arrington. I am in the 309 Signal Air Wing in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

That's the spirit son... and as long as American youth feels that way... we are safe in America... and it makes us folks back home who can't get into active service feel like making the necessary sacrifices to keep an army going.

Mayor Way had an unusual request recently... Chas. M. Johnson, State Treasurer... asked for the loan of Chief of Police Jim Stringfield... not for any strenuous duty in the line of picketing or other such law enforcement measures.

We were speaking of the many new jobs open to women... that modern trends in business have created... then someone mentioned Mrs. Tom Lee, Jr... Leola is city hostess for "Welcome Wagon Service" of Spartanburg.

We were interested in her sources of information about newcomers... it seems the best bet is the power company... for "lights turned on" are the first gesture of the modern household getting settled.

and of course the dairy listed with her naturally has the purest and most sanitary milk put on the market... we are sure that Leola must be tops on her job because graciousness is bound to be one of the chief assets of such work... which she possesses to a coveted degree.

US Newsmen Irked By London's Pleas For Censorship

By CHARLES P. STEWART (Central Press Columnist)

AMERICAN newspapermen do not like being censored. Possibly the press in other countries dislikes it also, but it's accustomed to it pretty well all over Europe.

News scribes, of course, are a larger percentage of the population of Washington than of any other spot on earth and it's also into Washington that British protests concerning the volume of Yankee publicity pour.

The British apparently won't be satisfied with a policy of mere silence on the part of American officials in possession of information that reporters are in quest of.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Rambling Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS Bits of this, that and the other picked up here, there and yonder.

Voice OF THE People

Excepting President Roosevelt, who do you think is the most outstanding citizen in this country today?

W. T. Crawford—"I would say Wilkie, for he is doing his best to unify this country, which is one of the biggest jobs we have facing us today."

Dr. G. M. Davis—"I would say Cordell Hull, secretary of State."

W. C. Allen—"I think Cordell Hull in the most outstanding citizen, for he seems to have the best grasp of international affairs."

E. C. Wagenfeld—"Forgetting all personal angles, I think that Wendell Wilkie is the leading citizen outside of President Roosevelt in the country today."

R. V. Erk—"Wendell Wilkie in my opinion is the most outstanding because he is showing how big he is by helping an administration that defeated him for president."

H. C. Wilburn—"Cordell Hull, because of the fact that he keeps his fingers on the pulse of the world, and so is able to deal in a wise way with both enemy and friendly nations."

Rev. F. H. Leatherwood—"Cordell Hull is my answer. I think he knows more about international situations than any one in the country, and in fact I think I would rate him as the equal of President Roosevelt along this line."

N. N. Wood—"Cordell Hull. I would name him for his knowledge of the world situation, his ability and his steadfastness in standing squarely for what he believes to be right."

E. K. Herman—"Mayor La Guardia, of New York City. Because he is outspoken and has done so much to break up the rackets in his city and is a fine example to other citizens."

London evidently wants 'em forbidden to write such stuff after they get it somehow or other, and are certain it's true.

The Capital's Set-Up The Washington situation's peculiar.

Every department and agency, including the emergency groups, has its publicity staff, and there are classes of news that these birds not only are willing to disclose but anxious to have as widely broadcast as possible.

A case in point was that of the maritime commission's announcement, some time ago, that military supplies for Russia thenceforward would be sent via Boston and Archangel.

It was one of the yarns, anyway, that London has contended we shouldn't have permitted out.

Furthermore, we've details relative to the lease-lend commodities being sent to England—tanks, and that class of stuff.

Washington correspondents off from this publicity, this thesis is that censorial concern concerning it came with grace from the English.

The scheme undoubtedly been broached to Uncle Sam's embassy, which is never, to be decidedly approved of it, doubtless realizing of American press is anything enthusiastic over the notion of being censored, especially abroad.

Government officials in London generally concur that we shouldn't have a Yankee censor.

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