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Sound Advice

At a recent meeting in Raleigh of their emergency housing committee, Clarence N. Walker advised Raleigh to "marshal to control the inflationary price of existing and newly constructed housing."

It was pointed out for the good of the community that it is essential that prices of residential real estate be held down. A home is a permanent investment, and its price should be based on "long range true values." So the National housing agent told the folks in Raleigh, "if the price is too high-save your money and buy a tent."

That is partty sound advice, for we all know that the present high loy I will not last. There will be a rainy day to blot out the sunshire of the sky-high praces.

There is still another very good reason why no community should want to get its prices up too high, and certainly we should not in this area. We are looking to a rreat into the of growth in this section. New people are coming in and we do not want to frighten them off before they have time to look around and enjoy what we have to offer by being completely sunk with the high cost of a potential home here.

Congratulations

We take pleasure in congratuling Miss Addie Plac Cooke, owner and editor of The Cherokee Scout on her new building in Murphy, into which she moved her plant last week. Miss Cook, who came to Western North Carolina and bought the Murphy paper, formerly edited a paper in the Eastern section of the State.

The building is constructed of flag stone, quarried near Andrews with the inner walls of field stone and concrete, and in the front office the floors are of marble from the Columbia Marble Company of Cherokee county.

Miss Cooke edited a successful paper in Gates county before coming to Murphy where she is continuing to do an excellent job as editor. Realizing the opportunities offered in Murphy, Miss Cooke entered the field as a newcomer, who soon made a place for herself in her adopted home. She has won the confidence of the people of Murphy and surrounding territory and is giving them a first class newspaper. We extend our congratulations and best wishes for her continued success.

Health Insurance

We see that an unofficial tally of one-fourth of Congress on President Truman's proposal for a national compulsory prepaid "health insurance" system showed an approximate seven-to-four opposition.

The tally was made from an informal poll the Associated Press conducted among members of the House and the Senate just before Christmas recess on the question:

"Do you favor President Truman's proposal for a national prepaid health insurance plan to be financed by additional social security taxes and by general government revenue?"

One hundred and forty-one ballots were returned. Of those, 76 voted "No," and 43 voted "Yes."

The vote would indicate in some measure public opinion in general at this time. The American Medical Association which claims a membership of 125,000 doctors is strongly opposed to the proposal for a prepayment plan, that would be financed by taxation and administered under Federal law. Some form of socialized medicine seems to be definitely on the way, though the President last November in his speech recommending the health insurance denied that it was a form of socialized medicine.

Tiger Catfish

The following from a recent copy of The Pathfinder will be of interest to Haywood county folks as they know well and are proud of the "fish expert" to whom the story refers:

"A mess of catfish is a tasty dish for a man. And-perhaps-vice versa.

The sheatfish, a monster catfish, is big enough to dine on humans. Fish expert E. W. Gudger describes it in Scientific Monthly as growing to 10 feet in length, with 18-inch jaws.

Rare these days, sheatfish were common in European rivers two centuries ago and widely credited with an appetite for humans. Its South American cousin, nearly as big, is fenred by Amazon Indians...

Fish Story? Sheattish have been seen goldling up swining ducks, wading lambs. Gudger says one could devour a small child. He thinks the reputation of the fish for eating adult humans springs from anglers' yarns about what they found in the monsters' stomachs.

Reported finds include whole children. men's heads and hands, a woman's torso and a purse of gold coins. Gudger's theory: (1) Catrish are scavangers; (2) especially after wars, human corpses are not uncommon in European rivers.

The Other Side

Not so long ago we wrote about the problems of demobilization and as we recall we becoming of the war about girls others to see that we don't be the approached the subject with a touch of critis and only ladies getting into unisabout the picture is that edge, and cism, stating that it seemed easier for the form, but they have evidently cheaper and cheese unrationed and Dr. R. C. Stretchergovernment to get an army going than to de- made good for we see that the more plentiful-and what has mobilize it. After reading General Eisen- Wars the Waves and the Women could anyone want-next to accur hower on the problems of demobilization we. Marines are to become a permahave changed our attitude.

We guess most civilians and GI's too are peacetime Spars or Coast Guard, heard in sometime is the restricted guilty of lack of realization of the deep re- however. Under the existing laws sponsibilities of the armies of occupation, wastine occupations are abol- former president of the Phone We are weak along this line, and would no shed six months after the end of pines. Last fall the Philippine Cons doubt be tempted to make the same mistake the emergency, but high officials gress voted her a monthly ponsion we did back in World War 1. We lose sight of the three services stated during of what it means to keep the countries under control after they have been defeated.

We also have lost sight of the fact that kept. Major General Willard S. demobilization had been carried forward with diffing before the Senate Military such speed that it was far ahead of its intend- Affairs committee on demobilizaed program. As General Eisenhower pointed tion, said in part, "We fully exout if we continue shipping men home at the en in both the permanent and rate we reached during the last few months merim army. Women have done about April we would have nothing left but a very outstanding and grand job a weefully inadequate number of volunteers -we would literally be "run out of an army."

As he further pointed out, "there is actual. Take a bow suchs. We here in Hayly no change in policy, we have merely wood county salute you all, because reached a point in the pursuance of our plans finest girls in your groups. Winiand policies which we knew we would face fred Rodgers, Helen Plott, Helen when it came."

On second thought it hardly behowes the civilians who are delaying the joys of peace jeters and the Mary Francis. In by a continued state of striking to open up connection with the war and womany criticism of the armed forces. It is really service that Betsy Lane and Mary a case of the not calling the kettle black. Quintin have played in the work

Who Got The Bacon?

There have been so many interpretations about which country got the best of the anything we are quoted from its Moscow Conference that it is hard to decide bases. It's regul editorial enthe net result. Not a few Americans say Depatch has been lattle off its Secretary Eyrnes lost everything except his estal editorial depths, but has ofpants to Molotov, while others assess him as fered a world of humor. The Rich-ton tells us that according to The Manches- guia led the South in skunk trapter Guardian, Britain feels it was shorn, ping in 1944. The Kentucky paper How? An agreement was made that the chose to regard this as a rather dubious honor. The Richmond trusteeship of Korea should end in five years, paper came back with the inquiry Why? The British "are fearful that the as to the number of skunks still clause may stir the Burmese and all Far above ground in Virginia and also Eastern colonies for a commutation of their drank mint juleps through a straw. own term for five years," Mr. Grafton thinks And further added that this prothat, coming out of the conference as losers, fanation of the sacred julep was the British may resort to old-fashioned measures which he describes as follows:

They try crude moves against the Jews Courier-Journal waited until Jan. to win the support of the Arab world; and its make its reply to that—stating that the delay was due to the they descend upon Siam with a demand for natural objection of discussing special rights and for war reparations of up mint juleps out of season-and to 1,500,000 tons of rice, with which they that for a Virginian to lecture a hope to feed the starving in their own Burma juleps was like a school boy arguand India, thus easing their own colonial ing stomic coergy with a group problem. We, who are not dislocated by of learned physicists. Then the having colonial interests, try to get the un the question of mint juleps-Siamese reparations scaled down; we emerge unless they were used in skunk as the friends of Siam.

The New York Herald-Tribune, in an ediby stating that "Kentuckians do torial sensitively feeling out the new position, not go around with a julep cup in murmurs meaningfully that British and one hand and a skunk trap in the American interests in Asia are not identical, other. After reading the amusing and that it is not really necessary for us to it is a case of "Greek meet Greek" act in unison with Britain in the Far East. Our interests lie in profitable trade, which editorials that because of the times require a free and developing Asia; Britain's interests lie (or she thinks they do) in subjugation and colonial milking .- Raleigh News that we are really heading into a and Observer.

The big difference between a gossip and a to follow the crowds in industry. tombstone is that the latter has a good word for a man when he's down.

The postman says: Where you find sand on a slippery sidewalk, there you find a good



HERE and THERE

HILDA WAY GWYN

pent part of the army, mays and he week that the women had done such a good wartime job that at hast a nathens of all three will be in the war. We have found that often one woman can do the work of two or three men in certain jobs. we have had some of our very Medford Hilda Moody Leatherwood to say nothing of the part our nurses have played, with the Plott

The Control Journal of Louisville. Ky has always been of spereal interest to it. We carely see a copy, but we mover fail to read than any state in the union. The Kentuckian on the subejet of mint Kentucky paper asked "why bring trapping in Virginia. The Louisarguments, we have decided that

and a delightful interlude in have had to be so problematical,

We hear from reliable sources meat shortage that will outrival any wartime rationing era-because the meat strikers are trying Well, it won't be rationed this time, but we will be on our honor, so to speak, not to be pigs in our effort to stock up on pigs and beef. In other words the government won't be demanding those onetime precious red points to curb our meat buying, but it will be up

One of the most stirring exammarine erems. There will be no ples of real patriotism we have D. I. Boydof the widow of Manual Conver-She sent back the first check with a note and her reply that on account of countless was ear and orphans, I should wat a galment assistance when so many as children are not taken rate of know that if I accepted it I wanted my less fortunate sister, and the not be keeping faith with the sound ory of my beloved basemed." Contained on of the University. you imagine the glow of warm and affection this letter erected. among the Filipinos, who have suf- i ment is going to honor draft board fered so much during the war In this day of pushing to get every thing in sight, which seems in be the motto of many, it is refreshing to know that there are profile bill like this Filipino woman. Lie we are sure that she has suffered the material losses and that her standard of living has been great; re-

> There is hardly a work page but some young voter a wire i starting his married title diask, "Mrs. Gwen, Co. 19 where I could find an accordant or a small house." conscious of a housing sharper here, but our local problems or nothing in companion with sections. It is reported that State College some of the bio are just giving up the idea of fur ther education because they can't find places to live-we should have said-a room in which to been house. There is a total of 240 married veterans at State with the prospect of 200 more in March They are living in atties, basement and anywhere they can find. They all haven't been as lucky as Carrol Louise Bell Phillips and her ex-pilot husband. Lt. Fred Phillips Carroll Louise saw a nice looking house and just took her courage and went in and begged the owner who had never rented a room to take her in. At the University in Chapel Hill there are over 4,000 students, and by March there will be 5,000 and next September 6,000. The dormitories are filled and unless a student can handle his housing or roofing problems he can't enter the University. The students are not taking short courses, but are returning after one to five ent in our everyday life, and an years in the service and are a hard working, serious lot, according to

THE OLD HOME TOWN

People

Owing to the crowded conditions of state instituions would you portunity each new day for those but a child. favor the state buying the U. S. who will grasp them. It is well ties I piled: Hospital at Camp Butner and simi- known that a good night's sleep feel, all my lar institutions?

Lawrence B. Leatherwood-Yes, because I think we need more hospital facilities.

Charles F. Ray-

R. L. Prevost-

If it is in the mature judgment of the men in charge of these instatutions that care for the unfortunate in our state that it is best to buy these camps I think it beald be done and not for any mulitural reasons."

Oliver H. Shelton-I would approve of the

or of the people."

... ure needed J. P. Morgan-Yes I would favor buying such ed the Land of Beginning Again.

real large of such buildings since

fare Massie-

1.1) as it would be a wise plan since more space is a little is a problem at this

"Ye I think it would be a good Till the lost times are of a per-

Yes, we have to have more and Saviour, some some would favor buying such

De. J. P. McCracken-"I will approve of buying such and buildings. As presthe North Carolina State Partition group I recommendin pur hase of such camps Just World War 1, in 1919. mereled them at that time.

I could approve for I hap-

We are glad that the govern-

Having done a steady the father's house. seekly coverage of the draft board thre share the first draftees left a ment eroud standing on the and house bank, back in 1942, we be imiliar with the hours that m. Tour. Mr. Green and Graydon Form on have put in around that ing table in the office up the two ality of long stairs just climb a abyou don't believe they were toll equecially for us Moun-They have gone over and " the boundeds of files listendeferments In uld be made. Many were legitidr for the home front had to his ration as well as the battle lest it was not always an tiling to decide-just where to may the line. So much pressure a brancht to bear and to make n hones effort to conform with he selective service laws against the facts presented often offered headaches. They have received no for their services, but taken lot of "back talk" from disruntled parents, etc. The public Teneral may not know of their cind, but they do up in Washing-

Sea shell Echo

in, as evidenced in the honor to

a adding our bit to the laurels

iven by Uncle Sam.

shown them. We take pleasure

Still another of the cherished beirfs of childhood has been puncfured by the advance of science. his one is the theory that when a sea shell to your ear stening to the ocean's roar. ally the sound you hear is a election of certain tones from the general noise which is always presshell tiue to its size and shape.

By STANLEY



Voice

There is new hope and new op- "I played a often changes one's attitude com- my father sa pletely towards life. The burden again! I prowhich seems so heavy, the situa- what's time tion which seems so confused, as- over book sumes different proportion in the Blad! [11]] morning. Many of you can remem- like a sweet ber as children, how at night when father said you were sick or tired your mother again! I pla tucked you in bed and said "Go such gifts a to sleep now. It will all be better with, to win in the morning. God bless you."

This experience is waste and un but a foretaste said kindly and a symbol of I played with the whole new is I, The life which comes I smothered to man when he I dulled it. accepts member- Yet my Farlship into the di- try it again vine family. Wist-

fully Louisa Tarkington has written: "I wish there was some wonwhere all our mistakes and all our

he extra facilities to take heartaches And all our poor selfish grief, at the door, Could be dropped. like a shabby old coat, And never put on again." There is just such place-at the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ. season modate the people. John Bunyan in his immortal "Pil- lowed to grim's Progress" portrays Christian Ill-tasting

rolling all of his burdens off at the soft such gra-Cross and standing up straight and before mittfree in the new life for the first leading dair time. St. Paul writes about that College Extein the sixth chapter of Romans, should be allo The whole book tells how a man tation after a may reach this new life by faith accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord Membership in the divine family,

becoming a son of Ged, is a gift which must be received by personal choice. But there those who meats, says the have entered the divine family. State Calle of and then like the Prodigal Son agent who is have wandered away into the "far on food trecountry." Jesus related that par- for her sactor able to show that they too may return to the Father's house and reecive a welcome and forgive- take to develo

A correspondent sent me a news- of careful and In he in a position to know paper clipping by Chaplain Frank quired to have a mally more space is needed." M. Thompson, "The Land of Be- hybrids, says in the ginning Again," in which he quotes the State Cone. I a little poem "Try It Again" by Lon. The la Robert Freeman, which reminds us program in North that there is always a welcome for its infancy. Dr Mas the returning son or daughter in 1946 is just the six

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Pearl Harbor Probe Body May Get Paid Legal Staff

Special to Central Press

• WASHINGTON-Inside sources report that the Pearli vestigating committee will accede to the request of & Ferguson (R.) of Michigan, that it pay legal staff Former Attorney General William D. Mitchell Association

Gerhard Gesell and their aides worked without pay nounced their resignation and will step down as a sea as attend to their regular law practice. Ferguson has emphasized the committee has pleaty left out of its \$25,000 appropriation



Numerous other committee member ing around to Ferguson's way of this • NOW THAT BRITAIN has accommon \$4,400,000,000 American loan terms stration has initiated a vigotous can it to the American public and part

yers, and that when the money still

gone, it would be a simple maker t

Congress. They think the latter task may be by British approval also of Digition Wo ments which is expected to found a

Sen. Ferguson international pool of help for ec troubled nations. As the matter is put before Congress through a message President Truman, a campaign will probably be confucted the idea to the public.

• THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS. meanst set to equal or better any flight record set by Great Briss

other power during the next six months or a year At least that is the hope of Gen. H. H. Arnold who soon as chief of the Air Corps. Great Britain has been for months to set new long-distance and speed records

Britain soon will attempt to fly non-stop from London lia, about 10,000 miles, to beat the recent mark set by an a B-29 between Japan and Washington, D. C. According to best information, however, the United State

Army plane which can top the 10,000-mile mark by miles. Also, Arnold's boys soon will make an 600-mile-per-hour record set recently by a British jet I

• CONGRESS ALWAYS MANAGES to come up humor. For instance: A pinup picture of a Hollywood lovely was displayed in B

before it adjourned. Senator O'Mahoney (D) of Wyoming, held up in the picture of Actress Martha Holliday, showing her clad in bathing suit.

"I would like to place something in the record," sold 0 "It's from Yank magazine and about basic suggestions sold have for improvement of the United States Army It turned out, however, that O'Mahoney was talking article printed on the other side of the picture.

• OVER IN THE HOUSE, the lower chamber applaude for a speech he did not make. Everyone agreed it was a humdinger.

Representative Graham (R) of Pennsylvania, was prepared to make a speech when he reached the well

of the House, but before he could begin he was interrupted by a question from one of the members. This was followed by another and another until speaker's gavel banged and the Pennsylvanian was infor "the gentleman's time has expired."

Non-plussed but for a moment, Graham glanced at the faced the House and declared:

"I think this was the greatest speech I ever made."