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A Good Sign

We see that North Carolina has topped every state in the nation in employment during the reconversion period...

Only the District of Columbia, of the 49 jurisdictions included in the mainland showed a smaller proportion of its covered labor force as claiming benefits during unemployment.

It is a good sign that the state as a whole is coming back in a fine wholesome attitude to a normal way of living...

Who Won The War

We read where a veteran of World War I had asked the foregoing question - "Who won the war—and what did we win?"

The question was answered in excerpts from General Omar Bradley's Memorial Day speech: "Already people have asked themselves, 'What has the war accomplished?'"

"They do not create. Wars cannot make peace. They remove the barriers to peace. We make a mistake if we believe that with the destruction of our enemies we have achieved an immutable pattern for peace."

All of which is rather disillusioning, to both the veteran and the civilian. There comes another question: "Why did we not exercise that intelligence before we fought the war?"

A Sad Town

We reprint the following from the editorial page of "Charity and Children," for what happened in Thomasville, happens in any other town where a strike takes place.

The City of Thomasville is a sad town because of a strike this week that has shut down the six plants of the Thomasville Chair Company. The 1200 workers in the company are out of work.

While the effect of the strike will be felt most by the owners and the employees, it will extend to everyone. Charity and Children print shop does between two and three thousand dollars worth of work a month for the company and the profits of Charity and Children go to the feeding of orphan children.

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations alike to J. L. Edwards, recently named manager of Pet Dairy Products Company, and R. B. Davenport, retiring manager who goes to a new firm in Durham as head of another dairy.

Mr. Davenport came to Waynesville six years ago, and the plant here has made great progress under his management. During the few years Mr. Davenport has resided here he has been active in the business, civic and religious affairs of the community and he will be greatly missed in all these circles.

We congratulate the Pet Plant here that they had another man in training, so to speak, to take Mr. Davenport's place, and also Mr. Edwards who has won the confidence of his employees by his ability to carry on the work.

We wish both continued success in their new positions.

Big Business

The government of North Carolina is a big business, as evidenced by the fact that it takes in considerably over 100 million dollars a year and spends and invests a like sum.

We have felt for a long time that sufficient publicity is not given to the financial affairs of the state—from whence the money comes and where it goes.

In a recent issue of the magazine "We the People," comparative figures as to tax collections for the past two fiscal years were given, and we are passing them on to our readers, for they should prove of interest to every citizen who pays any taxes.

Table with columns: Tax, Fiscal Year 1944-1945, Fiscal Year 1945-1946. Rows include Inheritance, License, Franchise, Income, Sales, Beverage, Gift, Intangible, Freight Car, Insurance, Miscellaneous, Sub, Total G. F., Highway Fund, Motor Vehicles, Gas tax, Sub, Total H. F., Gas and Oil Inspection Fees, Grand, Total.

Having A Rest

The draft boards over the nation are having a rest from sending men to induction centers until September 1, then they will have to get on the job again, and there looms many a headache for the draft boards as they reclassify the men for training.

Since December, 1941, the local draft board on the top floor of the courthouse has been one of the busiest places in the county. We often wonder if the members of the board, Dr. Tom Stringfield, G. C. Ferguson and T. L. Green would have taken on their duties had they realized how big their task was to be.

It was easier at first when men were called for merely "a year's training," but after December 7, 1941, they knew that when they placed a man in "A-1" he was going in all probability to be in combat, it was another matter.

Now they will have another problem, not so big, but will have many a comeback, as they begin in September to classify the 19 to 29 age group who now face a new draft as compulsory peacetime training will get under way.

This draft, we are told, is to be in effect through March 31, 1947, and the regulations are designed to make 155,000 young men available for military service.

Industrial workers and others deferred on occupational reasons are to fill nearly half the draft quotas, and to make decisions about these men will not be an easy job.

While the 18-year-olds are required to register they are not to be called until they reach 19.

While it is disconcerting to revive the draft to solve the Army's manpower problems and there will be disruptions in industry and in the individual lives of many who face possible drafting, we are willing to trust this matter to those in higher authority, for if it takes this protection to ward off another war, those who take time out for training are serving their country for a noble purpose.

Sympathy is what one girl offers another in exchange for details—Mainsheet.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We don't know whose business it is—technically speaking—it may be the job of the town to see that the area round the bus station where the buses come in and park, is clear of all rubbish.

One D-Day when the Great Normandy Invasion was in process there was only standing room all day at the Blood center in Washington and he worked from 7:00 in the morning to past 8:00 that night, with not a minute out for food assisting in taking the blood from the thousands who wanted to make this gift to their country.

One of the most interesting conversations we have had in some time was with a summer visitor Ashton Mossburg of Washington, D. C. now in town who was with the Blood Bank of the American Red Cross during the war.

over the country. We were surprised to learn that some people gave blood as many as 25 and 30 times. The publicity which attended the gift of blood from celebrities was astounding. He told of one high Washington official who was accompanied to the blood center by six photographers and reporters, and the stage was set in a most dramatic manner for the pictures of his bravery and sacrifice a few minutes after the process, but they did not show that only under way that he passed completely out of the picture—dead to the world for the time being.

Scores of movie stars, high officials, socialites, and people of prominence filed through the center. So often the most physically fit from appearances were the ones who fainted dead away he said. One of the funniest sights, to my narrator, was the day when six six-footers and heavy weight U. S. Marines who had fought through the Guadalcanal campaign, their uniforms a blaze of color with the

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think that persons who are found guilty of driving drunk should be sentenced to jail for their first offense?

JOE TATE—"I believe that it would be a good idea to let them go until their second offense."

JOHN M. QUEEN—"A drunken driver on the highways should be given not a jail sentence, but a prison sentence, as he jeopardizes everyone he meets on the road until he is caught."

JOE DAVIS—"Not necessarily, as other offenders of the law are given a second chance."

C. N. ALLEN—"Yes, I do."

COL. J. HARDEN HOWELL—"I do not."

CHES GEORGE—"I always believe in giving a person a second chance."

Manhattan Mirror Vienna dishwasher... big explosion that the nation's finest... Hopkins reported... The Newark Star-Ledger... State medics they... For the Zanzibar...

Most terrific anti-trust action in history of the U. S. is slated for Sept. It will involve at least seven of the best-known brokerage houses, an insurance firm and some banks... One of the digest mags for August has the exclusive story on it by B. Atlas... Wall Streeters are poised for the

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cable, of Hazelwood, announce the birth of a daughter on July 31.

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Foreign Trade

In prewar days the United States was second only to the British empire in trade with South Africa, United States imports including copper, chrome, tungsten, lead, manganese and other ores. In 1940 Americans ordered two million pounds of lobster tails, ice-packed for shipping 7,810 miles to New York City. These rock or Cape spiny lobsters are really sea crawfish, lacking the big pincers of the lobster.

ribbons they had won the right to wear, came in to give their blood, for their comrades. They looked like they could take anything, and surviving Guadalcanal they had proved it. They gave their blood—and all fainted dead away—six beds in a row—with the stalwart Marines all passed out. Hundreds of men returning from the battle fronts came to the center to return as they said the "life giving fluid," which had been so generously loaned to them by their fellow countrymen, which had saved their lives when they had been wounded.

The care of the blood and how it was shipped across the country and made into plasma was a story of modern science that seemed like a miracle as we listened to the details and precautions which science made possible to relieve and save the war victims, as well as civilians.

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

FACTORIES VS TOBACCO—At least two establishments in the Wilson-Greenville area have ceased operation within the past two weeks... Publicist—Tom from the wars in with Wake Forest public relations man... Wake Forest also ask him to be kinder than his father he through the years accompanied the let-out-of-state trips... Since Tom J. sports slants while was having his Carolina, maybe he head Walker some

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YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

THE BOYS down Bolivia way are doing a bit of electioneering again. They've just lynched their president.

The Bolivian revolt, we read, was led by students. Maybe this is an argument against a too-long summer vacation for collegians.

The late president planned to fly to Chile for sanctuary but he failed to pack his bags in time.

Reports indicate the late president was something of a dictator—so maybe the rebelling students were concerned about something a little more serious than just showing off muscle, in an irresponsible,

juvenile sort of way. A good part of Bolivia is on top of towering mountain ranges and this may be what gives some of the citizens such high and mighty ideas.

Bolivia has three kinds of climates and this may be what makes Bolivians, at times, bad tempered. The climates are too hot, too damp and too cold.

All of Bolivia's chief cities are in the highlands. This enables the white folk to look down on the native Indians. But the Indians don't care—down where they live there are no politics and a guy lives longer as a result.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



WHEN AUNT SARAH STARTED THROWING HER ATOMIC ENERGY AROUND THE JUKE BOX SET WENT INTO HIDING

Trusted Guardian The hazards of keeping valuables in the home are many. Robbery, loss through fire or inability to locate hidden papers and gems can cause serious financial loss. Important documents and receipts should be given the loss-proof protection of a safe deposit box. We have safe deposit boxes available for our customers now. Rent yours today. THE First National Bank ORGANIZED 1902 Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation We Have Lock Boxes To Rent