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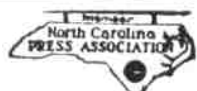
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More In Haywood

We read that the number of milk cows in North Carolina has dropped during the past 12 months from an estimated 379,000 to 363,000 or about four per cent—according to Carl Scott, statistician with the State Department of Agriculture.

The decline is not only in this state but in the nation for in the figures of the whole United States, approximately a 4.3 per cent fewer cows than at this time last year is reported. It is said that only two previous major downturns in milk cow numbers have occurred since 1887, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. These reductions followed the peaks of 1925 and 1934. Each time, numbers declined for four years and then increased for six years.

Scott attributed the reduction in this state to the uncertain feed situation and to the fact that farmers are culling out low-quality animals and concentrating on relatively heavy feeding of good cows.

We are happy to report that Haywood county has another story, a much brighter one to tell. A check with County Farm Agent Wayne Corpening revealed that there are ten more milk producers in Haywood county this year than last. In 1945 there were 305 and today there are 315. This does not give even then the true story, as the quality of the cows has been raised to the point that the production of milk will be ten per cent higher this year than last. During 1945 the Pet Dairy alone purchased 7,514,231 pounds of milk from Haywood farmers and through August of this year the total was 4,849,091 pounds with five months yet to go.

"Soaking Drivers"

Judge Paul F. Smith, of the City Court of Raleigh has some pronounced ideas about dealing with traffic law violators. He thinks it is too easy now under the system in operation in most places.

"People who wouldn't think of breaking any other law will disregard the traffic laws. I don't understand why the people violate speeding laws. You see them every day, going through stop signs, speeding and breaking all traffic laws," the Judge recently stated at one of his court sessions.

"I'm thinking of going up on fines. I've been told that there is only one way to stop these traffic violations and that is to put all violators in jail," he further stated.

We believe that the Judge has something in both statements. If the fines were higher we feel confident that the majority would be more careful and certainly the penalty of a jail sentence would have its affect.

A Tempest In A Teapot

This paper does not for one moment condone any misappropriation of public funds, no matter how small, by any public official. The recent exposure and wide publicity given an employe of the State Department of Revenue, however, does seem a bit overdue.

The lady in question had been a trusted employe of the Department for 20 years and was necessarily therefore by no means a young woman. The alleged shortage was \$79, and it is further admitted that she made prompt and full settlement of her accounts.

The publicity given her case may make it difficult for her to obtain other employment. Incidentally a few clerical errors might account for the sum of \$79 over a period of 20 years.

Considering the waste and extravagance that goes on in the conduct of most public

offices, it would seem to an outsider that the astute Mr. Gill, State Commissioner, had leaned over backwards to a considerable extent.

Truth, Russian Style

Last week we read that 30,000,000 Russian school children trooped back to their classes. The newspapers reported millions of textbooks on the presses, for the Russian children would not have enough books for all courses. Their textbooks about the outside world are said to be not only propaganda but dated propoganda. The geography book they will study this year was published in 1934 and describes the U. S. thusly:

"The huge wealth of the country is in the hands of a small bunch of millionaires who are heads of capitalistic industries. The millionaires lead luxurious lives and the sweat workers go as hard as they can. At the age of 47 a worker loses his health and becomes an old man."

"The world crisis has badly hit American industry. Millions of workers have been thrown out of work on the streets. Agriculture is in decay. Many farmers have been pauperized and have abandoned their farms. Capitalist trusts destroy grain and burn corn in engines in order to raise the price of grain and flour."

"In cultural development the U. S. is besieged by contrasts. There are a few schools organized by American Millionaires which are luxuriously equipped and are rich in all kinds of equipment. In contrast the schools for the masses are poor and frequently in one room with one teacher and three classes."

"In Congress they have two bourgeois parties—the Democrats and Republicans. But both parties have words to defend the interests of the Capitalists who are the real bosses of the country."

Seeing ourselves as others see is rather a shock, and certainly misleading to those who are being taught the foregoing facts. With such information, just in case, there should be another war, maybe this rising generation of Russians will make their attack in this country on the "Millionaires," and will spare the great majority of us who belong to the masses.

Stacking Up

We understand that rumors out of Washington hint that the incoming Congress may try to put one over the American public by "stalling and dodging" the congressional reforms approved by the previous Congress. If this be the case the voting public better get on the wires and take note of the trend of things. There are still a few weeks before the final deciding vote of who will go to Congress to persuade our representatives that we want certain and definite changes made, and policies put into effect.

It is reported that "prestige-grabbing" senators and representatives don't like the provisions of the La Follette-Moroney bill reducing Senate committees from 33 to 15 and House committees from 43 to 19. They may put up a fight to keep those committee jobs by delaying and revising the reform measures to death or ineffectiveness.

Personally we think there might well be made some revisions and modernization of Congress. We can appreciate fully that the more jobs a member of Congress has to hand out the greater his influence back home—but such patronage has gotten out of hand during the past several years and in this age of streamlining, there is no reason why our national debt might not be reduced a little in this department of our government.

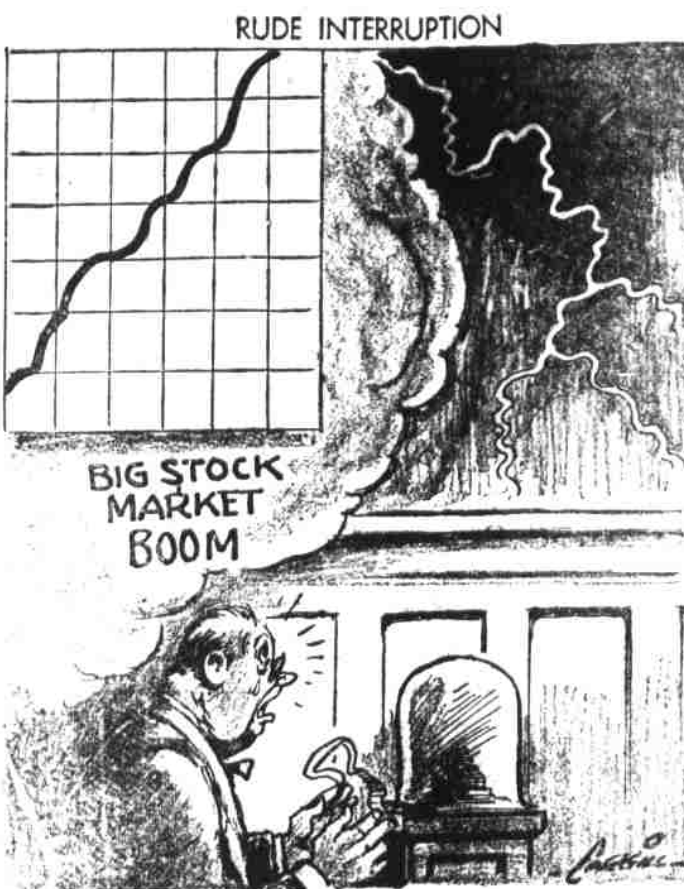
Immigration Problems

With veterans' organizations in favor of reducing the quotas of immigrants and President Truman opposed to any such move, the present outlook is that over-all quotas will be left unchanged, while millions, we are told, would like to come to America, the promised land of opportunity."

The tide of immigration is said to have reached its lowest ebb during the past 100 years, in the war period, but now refugees and displaced persons from Europe are seeking new homes here.

The situation is dramatized by the desperate attempt of refugees to find a place to live. Off hand it would seem to us that we should try to get our own living shortages caught up before we open the gates to new home-seekers. Yet on the other hand, it is reported that there are 2,000,000 displaced persons in Europe who have not been able or are unwilling to return to their former homes. Of this number nearly 1,000,000 are in relief camps and are being fed by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration or by the Armies of the various Allied powers.

No wonder debate in this country over national immigration is being agitated. There will no doubt have to be some new and special legislation. We don't envy those responsible for working out the problems involved. They are far more complicated than when this country was the great melting pot of Europe, and the American way of life was simple.



HERE and THERE

By

HILDA WAY GWYN

Few women have had the privilege of learning first hand what Mary Quinlan, who has served as special representative of both war and civilian relief for the American Red Cross in Europe has, during the past two years. Few girls would have had the courage and ability to "take" what Mary has in the "tough spots" she has served. She arrived in Europe during the critical period of the war, and was plunged into the area around "The Battle of the Bulge." She was the first American girl of any branch of service to work on the East side of the Rhine (in Germany) during the war. She has been as near as two miles of the front lines, and lived from day to day not knowing where she would sleep that night—like any other soldier—and has held a responsible supervisory post during the post war days—filled with complicated problems. Yet as we talked on our back porch and sipped cokes, we found her the same sweet unpretentious Mary, who used to bring her dolls down to see us—and between us we had a little trouble in getting our story.

With the background of six years experience in American

Red Cross work back home, she was well qualified to do the job assigned her to work with refugees and displaced persons. She served as secretary of the home service for the Norfolk, Va. Red Cross Chapter, and as executive secretary at the chapter in Alexandria, La., which served a large area of camps during the training periods. She left this country in September, 1944, for Europe, and returned in August, 1946. She will leave 30 days with her family, then report to headquarters in Washington, and back to her job in Europe.

"Conditions are difficult in Germany today for lack of leadership. All leaders at the beginning and during the war were Nazis, and those before were persecuted and killed. It will take a long time for adjustment, as there are unbelievable problems to face. The destruction is past comprehension to you here in America. Transportation is completely paralyzed and railroads were bombed. You can't know what bombing did in

Inside WASHINGTON

Third Atomic Bomb Test Really Thought Useless | Realtors Are Set to Attack Low Cost Housing Measure

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Capital news sleuths, always seeking a hidden reason for everything, have gone pretty thoroughly into why President Truman called off the third atomic bomb test. They now report that the chief executive gave a full and fair report when he said it was uncalled for.

Here are further details on the why and wherefore of the decision: The joint chiefs of staff decided that it would be virtually impossible for an enemy quickly to sink an A-bomb one-third or one-half mile under the ocean and blast a United States fleet.

Moreover, as was said, the blast, if carried out, would have produced no new information—the only excuse for such a test. Moreover, the Navy found it had a nice new and difficult problem or, its hands in getting the bomb down to such a depth and detonating it.

Water pressures are great that far down. While the remote control trigger would have been simple, developing a caisson strong enough to remain water tight at that depth would not have been so simple. It would have had to be so heavy that sinking it would have taken much time and engineering skill.

Then, too, the Navy argued, why would any power want to attempt a sneak attack with a deepwater charge when a bomb at harbor depth, as at Bikini, could accomplish more?

As analysis of previous blasts proceeds, the Navy men believe they gained most new data from the Bikini harbor depth charge. The above-surface blast merely confirmed what the scientists and ship experts had previously calculated.

EVEN THOUGH THE NEXT NOVEMBER votes are far from being cast, the alert National Association of Real Estate boards is forming its lines for another attack on any renewed version of the Wagner-Elender-Taft low-cost housing bill.

Hubert V. Nelson, the association's executive vice president, who handles affairs in Washington, is certain that the old bill or a revised version, will be revived in the next Congress, regardless of the latter's political complexion. He has warned his association's members that the successful fight to stall the bill in the House committee in the last session produced an armistice—nothing more.

Meanwhile, a drive for memberships in the rapidly-growing National Home and Property Owners' foundation is going on. Its backers foresee a membership potential of 27,000,000 property owners.

They plan to use members of the foundation to spearhead any attack on the low-cost housing legislation. In fact, the real estate association, numbering 33,000, has pledged an all-out effort to recruit foundation members with an allotment of 100 new foundation members for each realtor member.

This would make a goal of 3,800,000 to be achieved in the week of Sept. 23. Nelson, speaking boldly to his own membership, argued: "There are only 33,000 of us. We can't produce votes and so we can't influence Congress. What we need is an organization that can speak for millions of votes."

THE BUSINESS OF FLYING fresh foods to market in summer months is expected to boom as winter approaches. They have proved best in transporting products where freshness gives them a premium price on markets.

Now the Bureau of Agricultural Economics predicts that Christmas tables this year may be laden with albarbore flowers, fruits and vegetables, including Florida strawberries instead of the canned preserves of grandma's day.

In eulogizing the value of air transport, the bureau notes that tree and vine ripened products can be rushed to markets in 24 hours. Quick transit requires less wrapping and, because planes fly high, refrigeration is less needed.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Would you approve a change made in the sales tax by the 1947 North Carolina General Assembly? W. I. Lamarkin: "I would not approve any change, I think it is all right as it is." Bob Sutton: "I think the sales tax is the fairest tax that we have."

ALONG BROAD

By Walter Winchell. Broadway Torch Song: (By Don Winslow) The mob is back—the nights take on a tang... New shows, new gals, new blood in the Yelms... Yet I remember all the songs we sang... When wine was king and glamour held the reins... That was an autumn tinted with delight... When life was lush and all the chips were down... And we would wait like culprits for the night... To steal the gold that drifted on the town... But we were ripe for all the pranks of Fate... And so we came to terms with discontent... And suddenly we found the hour was late... The wine was low—the gold was strangely spent... I turned to you as solace for a Fool... But you and autumn both turned very cool!

John Boyd: "I think the sales tax a big nuisance and would approve some kind of a change." Europe," she said.

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

NOT MUCH — Oh, yes, there will be an election in November, but only in the Republican counties will it amount to anything. In other words, it just doesn't figure as very important. Offices were set up by the State Democratic Executive officials in the Sir Walter Monday, and speeches will be written there, campaign literature will go out, and there will be visits—and good old Democratic friends will meet, shake hands, and ask: "How is everything looking?" But they already know.

One of the experiences I expect to remember always was at Buchenwald Concentration Camp—one of the worst in Europe, with its 22,000 prisoners. Unless you have seen a starved prisoner, you do not know the meaning of "skin and bones." We found 5,800 persons in immediate need of medical care. No picture you (Continued on Page Three)

WANT A BOB being built near of 30 per cent approved this at \$2,000 and from prewar levels shipped elsewhere just set up over really missing 20 too. This is an It is just how what it may be.

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