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Too Much Can Happen

After reviewing the biennial State budget, the Raleigh News and Observer points out that it has been apparent to thoughtful observers of the state government and state finances that the business of the state has grown to such a point where it has become impossible for either its revenue or its expenditure needs to be anticipated.

It was explained that the impossibility of the task is due to a number of factors, the most important of which is that both the State's revenues and its needs are dependent largely upon the economic conditions of the country as a whole.

The Budget Commission two years ago met as the present commission is now doing and gave its best attention to the problem in hand and arrived at estimates which it regarded as reasonably accurate.

The point is that the State's revenue can go down as quickly and as sharply as it has gone up. When this happens the State is liable to find itself with an unexpected deficit rivaling the unexpected surpluses of recent years and a surplus is much easier to handle than a deficit.

Heads of departments are being called upon to make their requests through June 30, 1949. It is not surprising that some of them seem unreasonable.

As the Observer put it, "there is no problem deserving more serious or earlier attention at the hands of the budget commission. Is there a bank or a private corporation anywhere which would be willing to have its board of directors meet only once every two years? And yet that is how the State's largest business, the State itself is now operated.

It looks, with the tempo of modern living that North Carolina will have to change its meeting dates and have these all important items of our State's bookkeeping system given attention more often.

Haywood Youth

The part that the teen-agers are taking in the Haywood County Livestock and Home Arts Show is one of the most encouraging and inspiring features of the event.

These young people have caught the vision of what can be done with education and scientific methods of doing things. They are building toward a better county and a better standard of living.

Our hats off to the 4-H-FFA chapter members and the home economics classes in our schools. We also would like to give a glad hand to our county high school bands, for they are doing a splendid job.

Even Better

Ever since the announcement of the revival of the Livestock and Home Arts show Haywood county folks have been looking forward to the 1946 event.

We all expected great things of the show, for we knew by the hard work that those connected with it had been putting out, the event would be worthwhile, but we had not counted on quite the huge success that has marked the opening events.

No detail has been left out by the sponsors. It is complete in every way, and the exhibits have far surpassed anybody's anticipation.

No native or adopted citizen of Haywood could view the exhibits of livestock, home crafts and manufactured products without feeling great pride in our well balanced county.

May the 1946 show be the beginning of many more in which Haywood folk can get together and show each other what they are doing and the progress that is taking place within our county.

County Roads

We read with interest that emphasis on road work in North Carolina will continue to be placed on county roads through the 1947-49 biennium.

Of this amount \$25,000,000 was included for maintenance and construction of county highways, as compared to \$12,500,000 for State highways and \$12,500,000 more to be spent on improving county roads.

This will be welcome news throughout North Carolina, for the rural roads during the past two years have offered a problem in practically every county of the state.

While we all wish to see our state highways in a fine state of travel, we have too many people here who live on our rural roads not to keep them in condition to travel at any season.

Stalin Expects Peace

Prime Minister Stalin is making the front pages of half the world's press with his statement that there is no "real danger" of a new war.

Actually, what Mr. Stalin says is not decisive on this question. What he does can have more bearing. But what he does may be determined by the Pilotburo.

It would be possible to read a new nuance of policy into the Stalin statement. For last May Day he was sharply warning Russians of a plot of "international reaction" and "capitalist encirclement."

Indeed, one of the root difficulties in relations between Russia and the Western democracies is the feeling that Moscow cannot be trusted. As a matter of record Russia has fulfilled some of her obligations to the letter.

As a matter of fact, few nations depend on the promises of other nations. The good relations between Britain and America do not depend on treaties.

Most small cities are experiencing an increasing number of costly fires these days. Not only are they expensive but they increase the housing shortage.



HERE and THERE

By

HILDA WAY GWYN

Like most people throughout the world, we have been greatly concerned over the outcome of the Nuernberg trial.

He further stated "that there are many things that the world may learn from the trial. It has been more than a mere trial of the defendants charged with crime.

We do not want to be hard-hearted, but we believe that any deviation from the sentences, with the exception of allowing the plea of Jodi and Field Marshall Keitel for execution by a firing squad rather than hanging, would be a world tragedy.

We were much interested in what Judge John J. Parker, N. C. lawyer, and alternate American member of the International Military tribunal at Nuernberg had to say since his

Inside WASHINGTON

Livestock Ceiling Prices Better Diplomatic Service Boost Now Seen Possible To Be Slow in Attainment

WASHINGTON—There is a good chance that Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson may boost again the ceiling prices on livestock if the meat shortage continues for any length of time or becomes more acute.

Such action by Anderson would force OPA to raise meat ceiling prices at all levels of sale, thus adding more millions to consumers' annual food bills.

Although OPA Boss Paul Porter has declared that there will be no upward revision of meat prices, there is nothing he can do if Anderson decides to hike the livestock ceilings.

The new Price Control Act empowers the secretary of agriculture to raise ceiling prices whenever he finds that existing price levels impede production. Anderson could act merely by ruling that the present livestock prices have cut meat output.

OPA must carry out within 10 days any recommendation on food prices made by the secretary of agriculture. Anderson used this power to set the present livestock ceilings on Aug. 28, although OPA argued for lower prices.

Government officials say that there is virtually no chance for restoration of meat rationing. They point out that Anderson would act to accelerate production by raising ceilings before he would allow the return of a war-time type of rationing.

DON'T LOOK FOR ANY SENSATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS in the United States diplomatic service as a result of the newly-enacted bill to increase the pay of foreign service officers and to provide other reforms.

Like other legislation affecting the diplomatic service, it will probably take years to show up in concrete results. This was also the case several years ago when the diplomatic and consular services were united and a foreign service officer could hope to rise to the rank of minister.

Aside from the question of more pay, there is still the matter of manpower shortage. Foreign service officers are not made overnight and, with new embassies and legations opening up all over the world, the department is hard put to it to find able men to do the work.

Moreover, smart companies eager to regain a position in foreign trade are bidding against the state department for qualified personnel. Then too, Congress, which has never been willing to put United States envoys on the same footing with those of foreign powers, was quick to retrench on this year's state department appropriation.

The constant grumble heard around the state department is that Congress will spend any amount to prosecute a war but is niggardly when it comes to spending money to maintain the peace—which is the principal job of Secretary James Byrnes' organization.

IF THE NEW FASTER-THAN-SOUND PLANE proves a success in its coming tests at Muroc Dry Lake, Cal., this fall many of today's bombs will be outmoded.

The Army, already recognizing this development, has undertaken intensive studies at the Aberdeen, Md., Proving Ground where data is to be compiled which would give the new planes full tactical advantage.

For instance, traveling at a rate of 750 miles per hour, such bombs would have to be laid down with much more accuracy, would need to fall faster, present less wind resistance and be more sensitive. Gunners, too, may undergo vast changes since a fighter has just a split second on his target when going at such a speed.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What do you like best about the autumn season?

Charles W. Balentine: "I like the change of scenery."

Mrs. O. R. Martin: "The cool mornings and nights and the warm sunshine in the middle of the day—and of course the turning of 'the leaves.'"

Rab. Gibson: "I like the color and it always seems to me there is a peaceful feeling that comes at this season that we do not have at any other time of the year."

Dr. N. M. Medford: "The color in the forest and the crisp fall morning—and always the anticipation of getting into the woods."

E. C. Wagenfeld: "The bracing air and the foliage."

Dan Watkins: "I like it best because it brings the hunting season."

story during the week told by Ryndall Cobb, son of the late Dr. Needham Cobb, one time pastor of the Baptist church here.

The Haywood County hospital, which is having such hectic days with its over-crowded maternity ward has nothing on St. Patrick's hospital out in Missoula, Mont., judging from a news item from that area.

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ALONG BROADWAY

By Walter Winchell

Reason Russians so cocky lately is they allegedly have cosmic ray bombs. Plan inviting Americans and other nations to a demonstration of the new weapon in their "war of nerves."

N. Y. Novelette: The ABC network had a correspondent in Tokyo His name, Joe Julian. He went to Hiroshima to do a broadcast months after the atomb fell.

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Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

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