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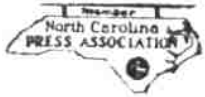
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1946

Interest Grows

Interest in the Homer L. Ferguson Day is growing throughout the county. The event is the promise of being one of the most outstanding of its kind ever staged in Haywood.

Longer Skirts

All limitations on women's clothing have been removed by the Civilian Production Administration and, for the first time since April 6, 1942, women can have longer skirts if the manufacturers make them and they prefer to buy them.

The CPA says that there should be no substantial change in Fall or Winter styles because the bulk of cutting garments for Fall and Winter is over.

Under the abandoned order, dresses were limited to a length of forty-two to forty-seven inches, depending on size.

The Editors Agree

We see that the twelve American editors who spent a month in the U. S. occupation zones of Europe under the auspices of the War Department have agreed that the American troops should stay in Germany as long as there is any danger of another World War.

All 12 men supported the policies of Secretary of State Byrnes. They had some interesting comments to make on the Russian foreign policy.

Seven found a "defeatist" attitude among the people of Europe, and another felt that the word "discouragement" fitted conditions better. They all agreed that Berlin was the "most badly damaged of any of the big cities," spiritually and morally, as well as physically.

Our Forests

In America today we are finding out that World War II took a tremendous amount of our natural resources and that we are not as rich in these natural assets after World War II, as we were 25 years ago.

While we were all glad to supply the armed forces with everything they needed, the time has come for certain areas in the South, and North Carolina lies in that section, to tackle the job of building back our depleted forests.

Only through good management can this work be done, and we must remember that Nature will need assistance in this rebuilding program.

Toward A Buyers' Market

The following taken from a New York paper applies in many ways to what is taking place right here in our own community with the lifting of price control and will no doubt be reflected throughout the nation during our months ahead, showing how even in small communities we are affected by conditions elsewhere.

If one takes meat prices as a barometer, what is happening in the local market indicates that supply and demand are gradually adjusting themselves to one another. These prices still remain rather far above the government-imposed ceilings, which have recently been removed, but due to their removal the supply of meat has multiplied and with its increase the consuming public is showing a natural inclination to wait for a buyers' market.

The process will not be without its interruptions and delays, we can be sure. A factor in the present trend, for instance, has been the recent strike settlements, particularly that of the truck strike.

It is a truism that production is the answer to inflation—production plus transportation. An end to the shipping strike promises us more bananas, coffee and sugar, for example, and, in the case of other commodities, so does the consequent lifting of the embargoes at rail heads.

Enormous Savings

The long-term savings of the American people amounted to \$150,000,000,000 at the middle of 1946 and have probably increased since the mid-year, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

The long term savings include U. S. Savings bonds, net funds on life insurance policies, savings accounts and net savings and investments of individuals in savings and loan associations.

The report indicates that saving of individuals reached an abnormally high level during the war and that the current trend is more in line with normal savings practices. With such a fund of savings, the average American should be interested in any method of keeping prices down because the lower the prices, the more the money will buy.

Another Remedy

The following by Ralph McGill in the Atlanta Constitution turns the light on ourselves:

"The farmer reads about the coal strikers or the steel strikers on strike and says: 'D - - - those strikers. They ought to be run out of America. I am going to hold my stuff off the market as long as I can.'"

"The business man looks at his huge inventories, which were \$30,000,000 in August, and says: 'The labor unions and the farmers with their parties and constant price increases are running up my costs until I can't do business or expansions. A plague on both their houses.'"

"People in the production business say that labor productivity has gone down 34 per cent while labor has gone up 100 per cent. 'All of us are familiar with men on jobs who don't care whether school keeps or not. 'We are sick nationally. 'The only cure is to go to work. It is really quite simple. Production is the key to national health. There isn't any necessity to go to the right or left. There is a necessity to go to work and produce.'"

Your Week NOVEMBER 11-17. A weekly calendar with various events and illustrations for each day, including Armistice Day, Indian Summer, and Lawrence Tibbett's birthday.

HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Recently the Methodists here had to give their pastor a leave of absence for one Sunday but knowing the facts in the case, his congregation was happy to release Rev. Paul Townsend.

We note that Helen Bannerman, author of "Little Black Sambo," died in October at her home in Scotland. Little Black Sambo has a charm for children hard to describe.

Always interested in talking to men in service when on leave and furlough, we saw two sailors early Monday morning, neat as pins in their blue uniforms with their overseas and service ribbons.

On cave ceilings—and moved out. Now that Zadok Dumkopf has finally managed to buy a suit with a vest, he has found the garment so uncomfortable he never wears it.

A New York mansion which includes 30 bathrooms under its roof is proposed as a home for the United Nations. At least it would furnish plenty of hot water for the diplomats to get themselves into.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

A THIRTY-POUND cabbage has put in its appearance, according to a news item. It would—just when we can't get corned beef for love or money.

Judging by the noises in that song about old MacDonald who had a farm it seems he suffered from a shortage of meat shortages.

Grandpappy Jenkins wishes those folk in China and Korea would stop fighting long enough to learn the news that the war is over.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

Do you think the United States will elect a Republican president in 1948?

G. W. Burnett—"I don't think so. I believe they'll wear themselves out in the next two years."

H. L. Brown—"I believe they will but hope they don't."

L. H. Wood—"I don't know. I think it's too early to form an opinion yet."

Mrs. Charles Burgin—"I think they will."

C. S. Rollins—"Yes, I believe they will."

D. D. Russell—"I think it will be a mistake if they do. I'd like to see Mr. Truman stay on."

don't stay on the shelves long.

We liked our Armistice Day program. True, there was disappointment over the parade getting in the court room was all to be rained out, but the brief program desired in solemnity and appropriate features.

GOING ALONG—In this connection, it should be reported that former Governor J. M. Broughton, young next Eastern N. C. senator in Washington, will leave here on December 9 to accompany 200-odd farmers to San Francisco for the National Farm Bureau convention.

DOINGS—Carl Goerch, editor of State Magazine and North Carolina's favorite gadabout, said the other day that he was "thinking of slowing down a little."

"I want to be able to take off to Florida now and then—and to go hunting, fishing, and so forth. I'm getting along in years now. I ought to be taking it easy," said Goerch, a sort of wistful look in his sharp blue eyes.

He started the State in the midst of the depression. Now smoothing along on upwards of a 20,000 circulation, his magazine has made a fool of the doubters.

Slowing down or not, Goerch will be on WPTF each evening next January, February, and into March reporting "Doings of the Legislature," whether it happened to be anything or not.

Carl is probably the nearest thing to "Ol Man River" we have in the Old North State—except the little line to the effect that "He don't say nothing..."

JOLT—The proposed State rural health program which is so badly needed received a terrific jolt last week with the election of a GOP

representative in the could put to good use day expenses which tough time of last amendment vote.

The legislator will than \$2.50 per day for—and if he stays at the the hangout, the no about \$3.30. The sun at the Carolina. If risk a fight with the might succeed in carry bag up to the room, will cost him a quart be classed as a dead will run him about figuring conservative back home will come—"Just passing through there goes at least \$3.

No one will be able for less than \$8 per day to send home. We pay 60 days, our lawmakers, \$60 days. We should be ourselves! At the end they get nothing.

This small pay does courage fans' lobby; other one thing.

KEEP IT—A few days earlier stopped at a hotel. The bellhop pointed him seized his bag, into his room—all over course. Our traveler stung into his pockets found eight cents. Sorry, but this is all (Continued on page 3)

America is on Trial.... it is a time to be practical.

Sunday morning, when price controls on all but three items were lifted, it put the American people on trial to prove that they are capable of carrying out sound economic practices of letting supply and demand govern prices.

We Americans are capable of carrying out these sound business practices, just as long as we think things through and do not get jittery and alarmed. This is a time for caution—a time for fighting inflation. Buy only what you must have—If you think the price too high, we suggest you wait awhile.

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