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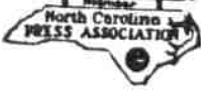
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N. C. Veterans

It is refreshing to learn that according to records issued recently North Carolina Veterans of World War II are more interested in working for themselves than they are in drawing unemployment compensation from the government.

On the other hand our Veterans are receiving substantially more in self-employment allowances than are Veterans in Northern states, but less in compensation for unemployment, which we think is a good healthy sign that they are working toward their eventual independence.

The self-employment allowances go to veterans who go into business for themselves and fail to make at least \$100 monthly to support themselves. The unemployment compensation is received by veterans who are not working at all.

Unofficial Invitation

We take the liberty to give a special invitation to the people who live in the towns of Haywood county to attend the annual Achievement Day program of the organized rural groups which will be held in the courtroom here on Saturday morning.

Attendance at one of these events is the best and most comprehensive way in which to mark progress in Haywood county. What is being done in rural and agricultural development in Haywood can best be understood by the townspeople by hearing the reports, which are too lengthy to print, but give a full picture of the accomplishments of our rural citizens.

We would not suggest any restrictions as to who should attend, for the reports of the farmers, their wives and their children are all included in the day's program.

We trust that the meeting in the morning will be the largest in attendance ever held here and that our invitation will be accepted by the townspeople, business, civic leaders and private citizens.

Eisenhower—Candidate

It would seem that General Eisenhower, with his heroic war record, is being a current political target, through no fault of his own. Columnists are writing about him as a potential candidate for president, and radio commentators have taken up the subject.

They have insisted that General Eisenhower's appearance at a recent meeting in Washington, can mean only that he is running for either the Republican or the Democratic nomination. The one big flaw it has been pointed out, is that in all that has been written and said, is that none of the writers or talkers has any idea of what is in the General's mind. And he is not free to tell them.

He can't talk because to do so would be to violate the practice he has pursued ever since he has been in the army, which has been to refuse to comment upon any question of domestic politics, whether the point involved was one of policy or personality.

In view of his war record, this friendly acclaim by his admiring countrymen is a natural reaction, but it may be embarrassing to the General. We may be guessing wrong, but we believe that General Eisenhower is wedded to his army career and will not forsake it for the political arena.

Open The Pipe Lines

The need for oil for transport and Navy ships was so great during the war that Uncle Sam spent hundreds of millions of dollars to construct pipe lines to bring oil from the fields to the Eastern coast. With the end of hostilities, the pipe lines went into disuse and were advertised for sale. The offers were so low they were rejected and they are the property of the Federal government lying idle.

The pipe lines ought to be used to bring oil more cheaply to consumers on the East coast. To be sure, the big oil companies, the owners of coal mines, and like interests prefer to discard them; but they are needed for industry as they were in war days.

There is at this time another pressing reason for utilizing these pipe lines. It is the scarcity and threatened greater scarcity of coal due to strike of the coal miners. If Lewis can tie up the country's transportation and industry by making coal scarce, the government should bring coal to the industrial centers in the pipe lines it built for war needs. As a matter of fact, the country's interests would be served by competition between coal and oil all the time. This can be insured by operating the pipe lines in peace as well as in war.—Raleigh News and Observer.

World peace, based upon universal disarmament, depends very large upon the willingness of the United States to accept full responsibility for world affairs.

Style experts hint that long skirts are coming back; can it be possible that, in the next twenty years, men will wonder whether women have legs again?

Your Week

DECEMBER 2-8

YOUR BIRTHSTONE FOR DECEMBER—TURQUOISE, RUBY, LAPIS LAZULI.

WEEKSCOPE
YOU ARE A SAGITTARIAN: THOSE WELL EQUIPPED TO BE LECTURERS AND PUBLIC SPEAKERS. YOU ARE BROADMINDED, TOLERANT, ALWAYS FRISK AND TRUTHFUL.

MON 2 NAPOLEON
CROWNED EMPEROR 142 YEARS AGO

TUE 3 SCRAM
31 YEARS AGO FRANCE WON WAR (WORLD WAR I) CRIMINALS WERE SENT HOME FROM THE U.S. WHERE HE HAD SERVED AS GERMAN MILITARY ATTACHE

WED 4 GEORGE WASHINGTON DELIVERED HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS AT FRANKFURT TWENTY NEW YORK CITY 163 YEARS AGO

THUR 5 AHEM
TODAY IN HOLLAND IT'S THE SINTER CLASS (SANTA CLAUS) FESTIVAL

FRI 6 30 YEARS AGO DAVID LLOYD GEORGE BECAME BRITISH PREMIER

SAT 7 SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS EARLY BY FIRST CLASS MAIL. USE THE NEW 5 CENT AIR MAIL FOR GREETINGS TO DISTANT POINTS

SUN 8 PEARL HARBOR (1941) "A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY"
BIRTHDAY—HERVEY ALLEN, AUTHOR OF ANTHONY ADVERSE
POUR NOT WATER ON A DROPPING MOLE!

MARY STUART QUEEN OF SCOTS, BEHEADED UPON ORDERS OF HER COUSIN QUEEN ELIZABETH I WAS BORN 404 YEARS AGO TODAY

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HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

There were a group of us and the conversation had taken a gloomy turn about the current conditions of affairs—which is mighty easy to do if you get on such things as the trials and tribulations of settling world peace, the fact that John L. Lewis is trying to freeze us all this winter—and the sad fact that coal bins are often merely dust spots these days—with great anxiety over where the next ton is coming from. After going to bed—to read a bit before falling asleep—we picked up a copy of the American Magazine and read the following paragraph taken from a short article by Lanny Ross, CBS singing star, about going back home—and how startled he was over the changes in the picture he had carried in his memory.

"We shall look back on the troubled headlines that fill our papers today and find they have shrunk to insignificance. That they're no longer deep and dark. It's a hopeful sign that we are growing, always going forward. That we cannot go back. . . . So we should all take courage in the time worn expression. . . . 'And this too will pass' . . . and maybe we won't freeze this winter after all."

As we have remarked from time to time perfume advertisements always intrigue us, with their subtle promise of creating irresistible charm. We saw one recently that gave the perfume this quality, a "high fashion fragrance with the maddening rapacity of things so definitely, so elegantly French."

Mrs. Charles Burgin must have had a funny feeling and rubbed her eyes to see if they were giving her the right impression. She was in her back yard recently and saw a glorious red bush all in its spring blossom fullness. It was one of her favorite japonica shrubs—she

says she looked twice to make sure she was seeing correctly. But there it was all in color—having been completely fooled by the warm sunny days of November. Its blooms have decorated more than one of the recent parties in town.

With the Christmas tree decorations going out of the local shops at such a rapid rate, we are wondering how the young parents, and there are so many of them, war marriages with young children, are going to get lights and trimmings to fix up their trees. This is the first year we have had lights to buy and just think on the other hand of the new homes started since the string of Christmas bulbs went off the market. We hope the shops get in a new supply, for those first trees in the homes are so important to the parents who trim them with such love and happiness—to say nothing of the thrill they give the young ones.

We saw Lester Burgin, in stocking feet fixing up a Christmas fire-place in Burgin's Main street store. We thought of where he was two years ago—and wondered if he himself might have been remembering the big difference.

Not having beer to France, we are not exactly certain about what was meant, but we are sure it must be very alluring. Perhaps we might ask some G.I. who was stationed in Paris just what was intended in the high sounding description. The New Yorker in a recent issue told of how to wear "perfume dangerously," and to create a mystery. We also read of one new brand which was called "Foolish Virgin." At any rate perfume seems to be a highlight among the Christmas lists for the girls.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

NEWS that Brazil possesses an aquamarine weighing 56 pounds must have come as a shock to those London gem thieves—when they discovered they had been swiping just the small stuff.

Extra heavy fur on caterpillars this year is taken to forecast a hard winter—or, maybe, it just means they're balking at those \$1 haircuts.

Someone suggests a half-cent coin. Half-cent? Why, gosh, these days the penny's almost obsolete!

In a new Broadway play all the action takes place in a saloon. The drama must be an absorbing one—if it succeeds in making the audience forget its mounting thirst.

The premier of Cochon China, realizing the people no longer backed him, committed suicide. That's rather a harsh way of settling the lame duck problem.

The era of peace and quiet for the penguins is over. Six nations, we read, are sending expeditions, looking for uranium to the South Pole.

Zadok Dumkopf says he has developed a sure-fire plan to get rich. He's going to write a book. Its title: "How to Get Rich."

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

IT'S FOR A NEW CUSTOMER—AND THE BOSS SAYS YOU BETTER DELIVER IT—SQUATTY. YOU'LL MAKE THE TON LOOK BIGGER!

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

From the movies that you have seen this year, which picture would you recommend for an Academy Award?

Louise Gaddy: "Bells of St. Mary's."

Mrs. Robert Treue: "I think that 'Two Years Before the Mast' was a very important picture. It illustrates one of the best uses of movies by showing how a bad situation can be changed as our civilization makes progress."

Lester Burgin: "I would recommend 'Our Vines Have Tender Grapes,' which had a lot of human interest."

Mrs. Kenneth Rogers: "I liked 'Bells of St. Mary's'."

Enos Boyd: "'Canyon Passage' was one of the best pictures I saw."

Letters To The Editor

APPRECIATES HAYWOOD

Editor The Mountaineer: It shouldn't be any surprise to you that this letter is being written since seeing the last two editions of your paper wherein there has been set forth one of the best reports of the doings of Haywood county which does so many fine things and has since it has been a county recognized in the grand assembly of counties of the best state in the Union, if you ask me. But this one fine thing you all have done sets a few of the other things aside.

As an old resident of Haywood I feel more proud of my folks than usual since they have given the (Continued on Page Seven)

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

CALLING—W. B. Umstead, Durham attorney, former Congressman, and just resigned chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in North Carolina, made several calls in Raleigh last week to inform department heads and others that he is definitely a candidate for Governor in 1948.

The response, as might be expected, was not too good. Smart man and astute politician that he is, Umstead was looking for no commitments. Those called felt it is too early to get out on anybody's limb—even Umstead's.

MISTAKE—This column regrets the grave injustice thrust on Federal Judge Webb recently by making him a Republican. He was appointed to the bench by Woodrow Wilson, of course, and is a member in good standing of the Gardner-Webb clan. Sorry.

FORECAST—Many people who heard Governor R. Gregg Cherry's speech to the Citizens Association here last week felt they were getting a pretty accurate forecast of weather conditions in the next General Assembly.

The Governor said, the outstanding need is better schools, we should improve good health in

pickled herring, caviar, houbon, manhattans and Oysters took the line, ironically speaking, so I spent my ing out how they catch.

Washington Letters

IT'S KILLING TIME THAT'S KILLING

WHALE OF PARTY BUT THE OYSTERS CARRY THE LOAD

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Some statistical-minded soul clocked off 108,000 oysters as they slid down the hatches of 1,000 or more Shriners meeting here the other night.

The same person estimated they were washed down with 5,400 glasses of beer, that each oyster eater increased about four inches around the middle during the evening.

Oysters are a favorite dish around the nation's capital. They are shipped in from the finest oyster beds in the world—Robbins Islands and Chincoteagues. They are served raw, baked, fried and in Rockefeller, Bonne Femme and Ancienne style.

They figured prominently too at a recent party given by men, who dote on the world's biggest mammals—whales.

They were the main catch—fried—at a reception for 65 delegates attending an international whaling conference.

There were smoked salmon, (Continued on Page

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