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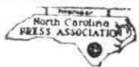
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One Out Of Six

The legislative program of the North Carolina Municipalities as outlined here by leaders in the state at their meeting on Wednesday, if carried through to a reality would mean more than most of us can take in at a first consideration.

Towns and communities in the state have been rapidly growing during the past few years, and there are many improvements needed on the streets and roads leading into the towns.

The distribution of these funds, as we understand would be made on the basis of population, which would be the only fair way, and would eliminate any contention over the allocations.

While the state would not have any authority to dictate what streets or roads needed attention, a strict accounting of the use of the money would have to be given to the state.

More and more are people moving on the outskirts of towns and beyond city limits and there is a pressing need for building up of these outlying streets as well as those in the center of communities.

The Municipal League has on its fighting clothes and is getting well organized to put before the General Assembly their views, so we trust that they are successful in gaining their one cent out of the six gasoline tax fund.

The 4-H Clubs

Having learned to have a high opinion of the membership of the 4-H clubs from our own Haywood county boys and girls, we always stop to read any reference to the group whether local, state or national.

We were deeply impressed by the subjects under discussion at the meeting. Their program was built around "Building Citizenship in a world community."

These young people reflect the times and they are keeping up with what is happening. Considering the number of their brothers who left the farms to fight for the world peace it is not surprising that they should have this broader vision of a world outlook.

Busy Month

North Carolina's highway patrolmen are reported to have traveled 549,543 miles and spent 55,800 hours on duty during the month of November, according to Patrol Commander H. J. Hatcher.

They investigated accidents in which 53 persons were killed and 398 injured. Verdicts of guilty were obtained in 3,071 cases brought by the patrol, and 200 defendants were acquitted.

Sentences in the cases total 145 years, fines totaled \$77,642 and costs were \$31,731. Arrests during the month totaled 3,523, of which 310 were for drunken driving.

Property valued at \$45,842 was returned to its owners. Yet people have been known to say "they just have a good time riding around." The figures would indicate that while they ride they are not idle.

Beating Father Time

Children born today to wage earning parents can look forward to eighteen more years of life than did their parents unless somebody vetoes this life expectancy by scattering a few atomic bombs around, according to statisticians of a large insurance company.

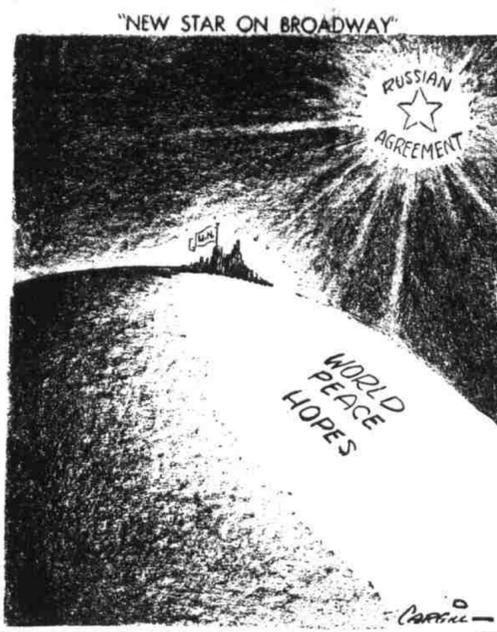
It is the job of the company to keep abreast of such things and they have revealed figures showing that between 1911 and 1945 the expectation of life at birth has risen from forty-six years and eight months to sixty-five years among industrial policyholders.

Credit in this goes to the men of medicine and science who have learned to control the infectious diseases, with just such programs as are now being put across here in Haywood county by the county health department by the doctors and public health nurses.

Shortages

We are so accustomed to shortages that none should surprise us, but we did not expect to find that a shortage of medical officers is proving an impediment to reorganization of the National Guard of the state.

Adj.-Gen J. Van Metz is needing some medical officers for places of officers' examining boards, which must be set up to pass on all officer appointments. It is estimated that North Carolina's quota of 13,000 National Guard troops will include nearly 900 officers.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Do you have the Christmas spirit? It is such an elusive thing. We have it as yet only in the abstract, but we have always liked Christmas. We know from the past that something will happen between now and the 25th that will give us that very special feeling—that secret joy that sings in one's heart—and makes the day something sweet to remember—and more wonderful to experience.

No one can accuse Senator R. S. Ferguson, of Taylorsville, the lone woman member of the General Assembly about neglecting home duties for politics. Despite the overcrowded conditions in Raleigh, she has found herself a house in which to live while she serves in the legislature. She will bring her entire family to Raleigh for the duration of the 1947 session.

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Inside WASHINGTON

Cordell Hull Fools Medicos Second Time in Two Years Former Secretary of State Reported No Longer Bedfast

WASHINGTON—Former Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, has fooled them again. Given up as lost when he suffered a stroke on the eve of his 75th birthday, the rugged Tennessean fought it through. He not only is still alive, but he is up and about his rooms a little each day.

What is not generally known is that this was the second time the elder statesman has fooled the doctors. In the fall of 1944, just before the elections, he was given up by them. This was when the public was told simply that Hull had gone to the hospital for a routine checkup.

Actually, he had suffered a rare malady, brought on by exhaustion. With great fatigue, it causes a lung to collapse. This happened to Hull. Rarely do victims survive it. But the hardy Tennessean did.

The public was not told because an election campaign was on, and it was feared that the opposition would capitalize on the threatened loss of the chief exponent of President Roosevelt's foreign policy—the chief campaign issue.

INDUSTRY SOURCES say that Christmas toys are plentiful this year. But the prices for many playthings will be almost prohibitive.

Many toys, which disappeared during the war because of materials shortages, are appearing on the counters. Toy train manufacturers, for instance, have an ample variety and supply. Rubber for tires and other accessories is now available in quantity.

One factor in the Christmas toy situation is the absence of such war-like items as machine guns, tanks, pursuit planes and the like. Santa Claus is back on a peace-time basis.

RALPH FLANDERS, the new Republican senator from Vermont, has prepared a modest biography for inclusion in the next Congressional directory. But his friends think what he does, not tell in his four-line account would make a headlined success story.

His father eventually borrowed \$100 so that the new lawmaker could become a machinist apprentice. Flanders learned from machines instead of books. Now Flanders holds an armful of honorary university degrees and has a luxurious Capitol Hill office. But, his friends say, he never has forgotten what it is like to work, or to be hungry.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Would you approve the next Congress passing Legislation permitting a broader use of federal injunctions in settlement of labor strikes?

J. E. Barr—"Yes, I think I would approve such legislation."

Mrs. Edith Alley—"I would approve something in legislation that worked."

Ed Sims—"I think we have sufficient legislation if it is interpreted correctly and put in force."

Carroll V. Bell—"I would approve such legislation to a certain extent."

Harold Massie—"I would approve such legislation and I think it should be passed."

Chas. D. Ketner—"I do not approve of centralized power either in government or organizations and would not approve any legislation giving too much power to either."

had the choice room in the hotel.

Which reminds us, we never thought so much of the looks of fire escapes on the front of the Jote Lefaine, though located above the upstairs gallery it was not objectionable, but now it is beautiful, and we know that it gives the guests a good safe and comfortable feeling for right there it is in full view—ready for use—just in case, you know. It is a pity more hotels do not have them.

By request we are repeating the "Quick Chocolate Fudge" recipe we ran in this column a short time ago—which does not call for any sugar. Melt two packages (7 ounce) semi-sweet chocolate in top of double boiler. Add one 15 ounce can sweetened condensed milk and stir until well blended. Remove from heat. Add one teaspoon vanilla, and if desired one cup of chopped nuts. Pour into pan lined with waxed paper. When thoroughly chilled cut into squares. It is well worth your trouble—and will satisfy anyone's sweet tooth.

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Washington Letter

WHAT THE NAMES OF PULLMAN CARS SIGNIFY AND WHY By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Remember the names on the doors as you slam and sway out of one Pullman car into another?

Why that name? you wonder as you stumble out of Mt. Ida and lurch into Jezabel, or the like, as the train roars around a curve.

The first car was named back in 1865. It was called the "Pioneer." It was completed in time to be used in the funeral train that bore the body of Abe Lincoln from Chicago to Springfield, Illinois.

Some of the early sleeping cars were given letters, A, B, C and so on. Since there are only 26 letters, that source soon was exhausted and numbers were resorted to.

This system was soon abandoned because the numbers conflicted with railroad car numbers. Finally, during the '70s it was decided that each car should be given an honest-to-goodness Christian name.

Pullman officials appointed a committee on nomenclature. The names they selected were to indicate different types of accommodations.

Parlor cars would bear feminine names or be christened after birds



BROADWAY By Jack O'Brian

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR MAKE THE CLUB CIRCUIT

NEW YORK — The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have been taken nicely into Broadway's whirl without undue concern for the bobbies assigned to watch their royal nibs. No one bothers them much; even the daffy autograph finds are a little awed and don't knock them about in quest of a signature as they will do at the drop of a hint that a Hollywood star is around.

Ginny Davis, daughter of Meyer Davis, the millionaire band leader, suit the cast of "Call Me Mister" and now is singing at the smart Corsair Club on the Champs Elysee in Paris. Bob Hope's brother George has been offered a big pay envelope by pictures after his recent radio writing established that Bob isn't the only entertainer hope in the Hope home.

Trying out their new act in Buffalo's Town Casino, Olsen and Johnson pulled a timely gag by presenting each customer a lump of coal. The daffy duo opens in

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Fire Hazards

It is gratifying to observe that towns and cities all over the nation are taking warning from the Atlanta holocaust and are sending out their building and electrical inspectors to make detailed surveys, with an idea of reaching every public property owner in their respective areas.

T. Henry Gaddy, building inspector and Newman McElroy, electrical inspector, have completed a survey, which has revealed some startling and alarming conditions which exist right here in our own midst, which offer fire hazards of potential tragedies.

We were disappointed that the inspectors did not meet with a 100 per cent cooperation in their findings, for it is hard to understand how anyone with the terrors of the burning of the Winecoff, who would not deeply appreciate this survey and inspection of their property.

Conditions in the school buildings come very close to hundreds of homes in the community, and we feel sure that the county board of education will immediately make good their promise to make the proper installations of required fire escapes and correct the wiring.

We note with interest that the col-red school was found in good condition and order and that the teachers, students and patrons have great pride in their building.

It was likewise disappointing to learn of the destruction of the property in the motion picture theater. It is hard to understand how a person who visits a place of entertainment for pleasure would have to add this touch of destruction in order to get their money's worth, which is evidently the way they feel.

While public places come under the survey, the fact that defective wiring was found in so many cases should sound a warning to owners of private residences to have their buildings checked at once for any careless work which may have been done on their structures.

Neglect of these things is only courting disaster and while most people may feel that their homes are in good condition, could find that they are daily living under hazardous conditions.

Circus Talent

We see where John Ringling North of Sarasota, Fla., vice president of Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus has gone by plane to Lisbon, Portugal, on the first leg of a two and a half months talent search.

The circus executive stated that he hoped to get enough acts for "an entirely new show." Now we like new things, but we hope they don't change the circus routine, for its traditional features have outlasted many innovations in other shows, and we believe will continue to attract the whole family.

Explosions Warn Us

Recent newspapers have contained accounts of several explosions, involving the loss of life, including that of a boiler in a Michigan schoolhouse which killed one pupil and injured at least eighteen.

We do not know whether these explosions have been caused, in part, by prolonged use of worn-out equipment, but the occurrences suggest that those who are responsible for boilers have them inspected and tested as a safety factor.