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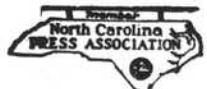
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'... and what doth the Lord require of thee, but
to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly
with thy God?'—Micah 6:6.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Future of Every Individual
Nation and International Problems Inseparable
From Local Welfare.

On Wednesday, July 21, newspapers and radio
commentators noted that for the first time in 23
years there had been a cessation of fighting all
over the world. But the peace is an uneasy one
indeed, and there are many who wonder just how
large a price has been paid for it.

Whether the Indo-China truce was a great victory,
a stunning defeat, or something in between those

extremes depends on where you sit. According to
an AP dispatch, Europe and Asia greeted it "with
mingled relief, distaste and optimism." The relief
is caused by the end of the bloodletting, the distaste
comes from the concessions France was forced to
make at Geneva—concessions that would have seemed
absolutely inconceivable even a year or two ago.
The optimism is felt in two camps—by the communists,
who gained a huge, rice-rich area in which
some 13,000,000 people live, and by those who believe
that the communist and non-communist worlds
can honestly settle their differences at council tables,
eventually end the cold war, and prevent future hot
wars.

A view held by many informed Americans, both
in and out of the government, was expressed in these
words by John M. Hightower of the AP: "The United
States and its allies lost a great battle... in the long
range conflict with communism. They lost because
they could not command the united will and the
power to win the fight for Northern Indo-China."

That "will to win" element was the heart of the
matter. Our military people felt and feel that France
had the necessary resources. It is true that she had
suffered terrible losses in the prolonged Indo-China
war, as we did in Korea—but at the same time she
had tough well-trained troops backed with virtually
all-out American support so far as materials and
supplies were concerned. France was simply weary of
death of war and Mendes-France peace at any price
policy undoubtedly reflected the feeling of the nation.
Conversely to quote Mr. Hightower again "There
was no apparent lack of will on the part of the
Communists who had been fighting for an equally long
time."

At the White House press conference following
the truce President Eisenhower made a very significant
statement. He said that this settlement makes
it necessary for the free world to look at the facts
in the face and decide what must be done to assure
its survival. That means of course that American
policy is undergoing rigorous examination and
overhaul. The apparently insoluble differences that were
displayed at Geneva between the United States,
Britain and France certainly proved to be among the
greatest assets the Communist bargainers had. There
were no differences over policy on their side.

It is certainly clear that if Indo-China is to be
the end of Communist aggression—and the President
intimated that it must be—the wide rift in free
world thinking and acting must be mended. No one
minimizes the difficulties this involves. But it is
as essential a task as the nations concerned have
ever faced.

Ski Scope Tells Story of Meteor Striking in Russia

By SKI SCOPE

Something came hurtling out of the sky in broad daylight and struck the earth with such force as to devastate the forest which covered the region over an area of several hundred square miles. This happened in Northern Siberia on June 30, 1908. It was the most destructive visitor to strike the earth in modern times. It struck near the Stony Tunguska river in a sparsely settled region of Northern Russia.

This was one of our visitors from outer space and it had the people who watched the seismographs, an instrument for recording earthquakes, in a tizz. They knew something had happened somewhere on or in the earth. Their instruments had acted up in such a way that they were convinced it was not an earthquake. The disturbance was recorded in St. Petersburg, London, Paris, Berlin and other places throughout the world including San Francisco.

This catastrophe was a meteor and was seen by a man who lived to tell the story. This writer had the privilege of seeing and hearing this little, swiveled-up emaciated Russian peasant tell his story. Some investigators and scientists had interviewed him and made a film strip and recording of this visit. This was shown in the Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill.

In passing let me say this is a wonderful show. They give replicas of how they think this meteor looked as it hit Siberia. The meteor appears so sudden that you are not prepared for it and you will most likely jump out of your seat. Most people who see it will let out a yell and scream. It's worth a trip up there to see it and they also have a fine display of fairly large and small meteorites that have hit the earth in times past.

This little Russian spoke in broken English but you could under-

stand him as he talked very slow and described what happened in this lonely far-off land.

He was sitting on his porch when all of a sudden there was a fierce sudden light, brighter than the sun, then a wave of hot searing wind that knocked him to the ground, seared his face and set his clothes afire. It almost demolished his little house. Then a terrible crash came. All this happened 150 miles from his place and was a terrible destruction.

A picture was made later by explorers and scientists. They described the scene as a site of a terrible explosion. All the trees were laid flat for miles and miles and they all pointed toward a common center. One man lost a herd of reindeer.

If this thing had occurred later it would have hit the center of the great city of Moscow. It is not pleasant to imagine what would happen if such a missile from the skies should score a bulls-eye on a big city. Fortunately, the celestial artillery has very few such bolts in its arsenal and big cities are small dots on the earth's broad face and therefore hard to hit.

We have shooting stars, falling stars, big ones and little ones. They all come from outer space. The big spectacular fire balls are some of these. They come through our atmosphere by the millions, but a layer of protection surrounding the earth is all that protects us from sudden and immediate death. We should be thankful for this 200 miles of celestial armor plate.

These visitors make pretty good time—probably 30 or 40 miles per second. When they reach the 100-mile earth covering they immediately burn up due to the atmospheric friction they encounter.

In the years past it has been calculated that tremendous large meteors hit the earth from every direction. There is no doubt that some of our lakes in Eastern North Carolina were formed after giant meteors had hit the earth with terrific force. Some day we may decide to dig down hundreds of feet below these lakes and find the buried meteor.

A peculiar thing about meteors is that they have always hit in isolated, non-inhabited areas. No person has ever been recorded as being killed by one. A man in Pennsylvania had one to burst through the hood of his car, but he was not injured. The car was wrecked and the meteor was found near the accident.

Meteorites of unknown size—exploding as they fell—have left great scars on the earth. One in Arizona, another in South West Africa, one was recently discovered in Northern Quebec and also one in Greenland.

Bethel

(By Mrs. Garland Alphin)
Mr. and Mrs. Mac Stocks of Greenville spent the weekend with relatives here.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grady and family spent Sunday at White Lake.
Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Outlaw of near Seven Springs visited Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Outlaw Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ivey, Jr., spent the weekend at Carolina Beach.
Annie Lois Grady and her roommate, Phyllis Piner, of ECC, Greenville, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Grady.

News of the Negro Population

(By Mrs. Maude Korngay)
Miss Mildred King returned to her home Friday after attending the all-Baptist assembly meeting in Raleigh last week. Miss King represented the Mount Gilead church.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones of Franklinton visited Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Elliott during the weekend.
Mrs. Vance Orhea and children, Lois, Wayne and Wanda, of Charlotte came Monday evening to spend two weeks with Mrs. Orhea's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant.

Henry Solice of Durham visited relatives here Sunday.
Mrs. Nettie Wynn of New York City left for home Tuesday after spending several days with relatives here.
Mrs. Pearl Durham, a member of the elementary department at Carver school returned Monday from an educational tour of several cities.
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Boatwright of Wilson visited here Sunday.
A revival meeting is being held at North East Free Will Baptist church this week. The Rev. Z. D. Harrie, pastor of St. Mark church, is conducting the services.

Long Ridge

(By Mrs. Pearl Sutton)
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thigpen and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sutton of Clinton visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Thigpen Sunday.
Those home for summer vacation are Marcia Scott of Fayetteville, Mary Ann Sullivan of Greensboro, Alton Dail, Chapel Hill, Ralph Douglas Manning of Camden, N. J., and Annie Ruth Outlaw of Kingston.
Mrs. Ossie Boyd and children returned to their home at Holly Ridge after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sutton.
Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Sutton and Alton Register visited the latter's brother in the Wayne Memorial hospital Saturday.
Mrs. H. J. Sutton is confined to her home by illness.
Larry James Outlaw spent last weekend with Dennie Bill of Rones Chapel.
Little Charlie Buck Dail returned home Saturday after having his tonsils removed at the Wayne Memorial hospital last week. He had been recuperating at the home of Mrs. Roland Sullivan.

Essential Knowledge
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Husband (bitterly) — The price.

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7.10-15	28.45	6.73	31.72	7.69	30.76
7.60-15	42.50	7.99	34.81	8.48	33.75
8.00-15	46.15	8.98	38.07	9.23	36.92
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News For Veterans

Veterans have repaid in full 694,623 GI loans for homes, farms, and businesses, totalling more than \$3 billion in the past decade of the GI loan program, Veterans Administration announced.

The 694,623 loans repaid as of June 25, 1954, represents nearly

19 per cent of the 3,632,518 loans made totalling \$23.9 billion.

This high rate of repayment is matched by the low rate of claims VA has paid on foreclosed loans—32,574, or less than one per cent, of the total number of loans made.

To date, the Government has

suffered an out-of-pocket loss of only \$27 million and that amount is subject to substantial further recoveries either by sale of acquired security or from veterans themselves.

Although the majority of the loans repaid are for homes, more business loans have been paid off percentage-wise.

More than 135,714 business loans, or 63 per cent of the 214,544 loans made, have been paid back in full.

Total amount of the business loans repaid is more than \$332.9 million out of \$577.7 million borrowed by veterans.

Of the 214,544 business loans made, VA has paid claims on 11,643, or only 5.4 per cent. The current loss before further recoveries is \$9.4 million.

Fifteen percent, or 512,090 of the 3,351,643 home loans made since 1944 have been repaid in full. Money-wise, nearly \$2.7 billion has been repaid out of \$23.1 billion borrowed. GI home loans are usually written with 15 to 30-year terms.

As for farm loans, veteran-farmers have repaid 36,819 loans totalling \$108 million out of 66,331 farm loans totalling \$257 million that have been closed since 1944.

VA has had to make good on only 2,045 foreclosed farm loans and the current loss before further recovery is \$1,470,000.

Rones Chapel

(By Mrs. A. H. Carter)

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Aycock of Fremont, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fields and daughter Mary Janet of Goldsboro visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitfield Sunday.

Miss Mamie King of Faison spent the weekend with Miss Iris Underhill.

Miss Mary Katherine Edwards and Mr. Thigpen of Beulaville visited Miss Alma Jean Whitfield Sunday.

Mrs. Gaynell Smith of Goldsboro and Mrs. Thera McPhail of Mount Olive spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Aldine Whitfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldine Whitfield and Miss Susan Abbott visited Mrs. Louise Bullock and Roy Keith Whitfield at McCain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carter spent Tuesday at Lake Waccamaw.

Time to stop

Yes, it is time to stop the wasting away of precious topsoil on farmlands. Why lose income and see land values go down when so many leading farmers have proved—time and again—that proper conservation practices mean more profit. It's often the difference between profit and loss from farming.

Talking about

Mark Twain said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything." But conservation practices like irrigation, strip cropping, contour farming and others can help even out the effect of weather on your crops. Planned waterways and drainage systems also help prevent erosion of crop-producing topsoil.

soil conservation

The facts are available, test cases are recorded, and all the knowledge necessary for starting a soil conservation plan on your farm is in the hands of your County Soil Conservation Committee. Millions of acres of Carolina farms are under soil conservation plans, but millions of acres are still not using conservation practices.

and Do something

We at C. P. & L. are proud that in the 80-County Finner Carolina area, 1,598 farms totaling 670,422 acres have entered the 1954 "Finner Farms" Contest based on soil and water conservation. Each farmer agreed to start one new conservation practice or expand an existing one. There is still a long way to go before every farm is benefiting from soil conservation.



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HORIZONTAL

- Saucy
- Heroic
- Forward
- Principal
- Pagan deity
- Compass point
- Slight deliberately
- Following
- Pronoun
- Alot
- Negative
- Depart
- Burelar (slang)
- In process of settlement
- Replete
- Unimpeded
- None explorer
- Side stance
- Segment of a circle
- Reflected sound
- Period of time
- Perform
- Goals
- Bird's habitation
- Behold
- Paid notice

VERTICAL

- Printer's measure
- Chief
- Ornamental material
- Insult type
- Girl's name
- Beverage
- Roman emperor
- Bone
- Greek letter
- Lieutenant (Abbr.)
- Which person
- Insult
- Finish
- Rapacity
- Genus of flowering plants
- Melancholy

THIS WEEK'S ANSWERS

Atlas Features Syndicate

IT NEVER FAILS

BUT GEORGE—WHY SHOULD HE WANT TO STEAL A BASE—ARE THEY VALUABLE? AND THE PLAYER THAT HIT THE BALL OVER THE FENCE—WON'T HE HAVE TO PAY FOR IT? AND WHY DID YOU YELL FOR HIM TO RUN HOME—DOES HIS WIFE WANT HIM?

IF ONLY MY CAR WOULD RUN AS STEADY AS HER MOUTH!

THAT GUY'S GOT MORE CONTROL THAN THE PITCHER! HE OUGHT TO SHOVE THE PROGRAM DOWN HER THROAT!

SHE'S ALREADY ASKED HIM MORE QUESTIONS THAN MY WIFE DOES WHEN I GET HOME AT 4 A.M.

THE NEXT TIME HE TAKES A DAME TO THE BALL-GAME, HELL STAY HOME!