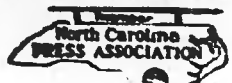


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Any Dissent?

The mayor's making his position clear on the matter of the \$125,000 he wants the voters to let the town spend for improvements in the near future. He has given all the whys and wherefores on his attitude public circulation through this newspaper. We understand that there may be some disagreement with his (and this newspaper's) views about the town needing to spend this money.

This paper will print any reasonable disagreement to the mayor's views, and we'll be glad to have it for next week's issue. That'll give us another issue before the election to pick them apart in, so make them good.

Lesson of New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND, which has had a Labor government and nationalization of industry longer than any other western country, has voted it out of office after a fourteen-year trial and has returned a free-enterprise government led by Sidney G. Holland, who will be the new Prime Minister.

England has had a Labor government for only four and a half years. She did have a Labor Prime Minister in the early 1930s under Ramsay MacDonald, but it did not have a working majority in Parliament and never had a chance to put its nationalization theories into effect.

But New Zealand has had more than three times as much experience with that kind of government as the mother country. It has had nationalization of communications, radio, coal, electricity, railways, coastal shipping, posts and telegraphs, hospitals, and some housing—considerably more than the Labor government in England has been able to effect so far.

After fourteen years of it, New Zealanders have had enough and have turned back to free enterprise.

The reversal, however, was not accomplished by a passive opposition that was content merely to be against the Labor program. Mr. Holland has fought the nationalization movement ever since the Labor party came into power in 1935.

As in England and as in the United States, the party in power so entrenched itself by handing out government favors that no one party could beat it at the polls. As the Labor government became more and more powerful, the old Liberal and Conservative parties both became minority parties, so that neither could unseat the Labor government with its vote-buying handouts.

A new party alignment had to be created, and Holland took the lead in organizing the National party as a coalition of the old Liberals and Conservatives. The election proved that, when the majority of the people could unite under a single leadership, they could and did throw the major party out of power.

The success of the alignment of parties in taking New Zealand back to free enterprise, it seems now, holds a lesson for the American majority that opposes the present trend to nationalization but cannot make its force felt because it is split between the Republican and Democratic parties. Two minorities do not make a majority unless they can combine.

The South has been read out of the Democratic party by National Chairman Boyle, who has said that his organization will elect the next Democratic president without a single electoral vote from the South. Our people will not get enthusiastic about anything bearing a Republican label. And we cannot turn to the States' Right Democrats with any hope of success, because it is and always will be nothing but a sectional minority party. Where, then, do we go from here?

In the Middle West and to some extent in the Far West there is a strong undercurrent of sentiment favoring a coalition with the disinherited South, and some influential leaders in those sections are suggesting a realignment of parties such as Holland led in New Zealand, so that the two minorities can join forces and make a majority.

Because of the odium which the South attaches to the name Republican, the coalition would have to be a new party with a new name, just as it was in New Zealand.

Whether the South is ready for that kind of radical operation, we do not venture to say. Most of us were born, reared, and educated as Democrats, and our loyalty to that party was sealed on bloody battlefields on our own native soil. Such a heritage cannot lightly be thrust aside.

But, if we remain disinherited by the national organization, the excesses of those who have usurped the house of our fathers may yet drive us into the allegiance that lies open to us.—The Charlotte Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Red Springs, N. C.
November 29, 1949.
Last week, a new president for Flora Macdonald college was announced, a president of whom many very fine and very true things have been said. For more than a year, the college has had no permanent administration, and despite the satisfaction in the college and throughout the communities to which Flora Macdonald belongs, at having secured a president with so fine a record, the story would be far from complete without telling of the two men who have so conscientiously and so successfully held the reins of government, and maintained the smooth operation of the college during the interim.

Halbert McNair Jones of Laurinburg, chairman of the board of trustees, and one of the leading business men of the state, consented to add to his already heavy responsibilities as head of large textile industries, by acting as president during this trying period. Mr. Jones has shown his deep interest in every possible way, has given generously of his time in handling the major problems of the college, and as chairman of the committee in charge of selecting a president, has given painstaking thought and care in that selection. More than a hundred men have been under consideration, and in every case this committee has made careful and thorough investigation as to background and qualifications, involving much time and many long trips.

William G. Coxhead of St. Petersburg, Florida, who after serving for many years as YMCA director in this and other countries, came to the college at the request of the trustees, and spent the year before Dr. H. G. Bedinger's resignation became effective, acquainting himself with the routine of college administration. In October of last year, as acting vice president, he took over the active management, in charge of the many details connected with the running of a college. Constantly in his office, available for consultation and advice, Mr. Coxhead did not even take a summer vacation.

—Mrs. Walter Bullock.

Fire Destroys Watson Home

The George Watson home some three miles from Wagram was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning and the five occupants of the house barely made their way to safety.

The house and its contents was an almost total loss, but a part of the damage was covered by insurance.

The blaze apparently started in the attic of the frame dwelling and was discovered by Miss Rosa Watson, a Red Springs school teacher who was spending the week end at home. She awoke the rest of the family and all made their way to safety.

However, they were unable to save anything except a washing machine on the back porch.

This was the second time in the past seven years that the Watsons have lost a home by fire.

Former Pastor Of Baptist Church Dies In Robeson

The Rev. D. B. Humphrey, 89, retired Baptist minister and prosperous farmer of the Saddletree section of Robeson county, died in a Lumberton hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Humphrey was moderator of the Robeson Baptist union for 20 years and was pastor of Baptist churches in Raeford and Parkton. He was pastor of the Raeford Baptist church from 1908 to 1910.

Funeral services will be conducted at three o'clock this afternoon at Saddletree Baptist church in Robeson county.

LEARN AND EARN
IN YOUR SPARE TIME
WITH THE NEW



American Men Too Romantic



Helen Eustis, novelist and magazine writer, who disputes the notion that American husbands are unromantic. In fact, she claims they're too romantic. Writing in the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine, Miss Eustis explains that husbands overwork themselves to free their wives from household drudgery. The result, she says, is that the wives become underworked and overfed and the husbands begin to appear unromantic alongside their wives' soap opera idols. As a solution, the author recommends that husbands and wives become better friends by sharing and enjoying mutual work and recreation.

Ginners Association To Meet At Shelby

The Carolinas Ginners Association will hold its 11th annual meeting at Shelby on Monday, January 9, 1950. The meeting will be at the Armory building in Shelby. The ginners association is a combination of the two Carolina associations and was formed in December, 1946. G. T. Ashford of Red Springs has been president of the association since its

beginning, and J. F. McLaurin of Bennettville is vice president, and S. N. Carroll of Raleigh is a vice president. Louis G. McGill of Red Springs is executive secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Cornelia B. Fair is his assistant. The executive offices are located at Red Springs.

Farm Notes

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended November 26 totaled 320 million pounds.

Although European corn orer and other night-flying moths can be attracted by a special type of electric lamp and killed with electric traps, U. S. Department of Agriculture engineers suggest that farmers avoid becoming too enthusiastic about this possible method of control until its practicality is fully proved by further research.

SCHOOL NEWS

to purchase instruments. The school wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the merchants of Raeford for their most generous donations of prizes that helped in a most material way in making a success of this undertaking.

The double sextet from the Upchurch school sang for the Methodist Men of the Church last week at their monthly meeting at the airport. This group of young singers made a splendid impression on their audience.

Pearl Harbor Day was celebrated at Upchurch school yesterday. The junior class presented a special film on Freedom to the

whole school. This picture stressed the various phases of Democracy that must work if we are to maintain our freedom as a nation.

MORE ABOUT Shirer

ments. For his work as commentator, Mr. Shirer was given one of radio's highest honors, the George Foster Peabody award for "the outstanding interpretation of the news in 1946."

In his talk at Flora Macdonald, he will cover the world-wide struggle for freedom and peace, placing emphasis on America's role in international leadership. A keen analyst, and widely known as one of America's foremost speakers, Mr. Shirer has no hesitation in stating frankly the facts as he sees them.

PERSONALS

Miss Maggie Snead of Fayetteville was a week end guest of Mrs. Jesse Gibson.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bell, who has been employed at Hotel Raeford for the past several months, has accepted a position at Camp Lejeune.

Mrs. Marshall Thomas and Mrs. Helen S. Barrington had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Barrington at Fuquay Springs. They then went to Raleigh where they heard Messiah sung at the Memorial Auditorium that afternoon. This was sponsored by the Raleigh Music Club.

Mrs. Layton Bennett and Mrs. Fredrick Bennett of Shallotte were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mar-

ion Gatlin and Mrs. Lillian Oliver Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Oliver for a visit.

Mrs. Walter Baker spent last Thursday and Friday with relatives in Pine Level and Smithfield.

Mrs. L. B. Brandon, R. O. and Carolina Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Muench and daughter, Sallie Boyd, spent the week end in Williamston, N. C. They went especially to attend a reunion of the Brandon family at the home of T. B. Brandon, farm agent of Martin County. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and son of Norfolk were also guests of Mrs. Durham's uncle at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter Nicholson visited relatives in Ellenboro Sunday.

J. F. Jordan and Dr. Julius Jordan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Jordan at Wake Forest Sunday.

Mrs. Allie Lunsford and daughter of Roxboro spent several days last week in the home of Mrs. Lunsford's sister, Mrs. C. H. Tapp.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Mann, Shirley and Joyce, visited relatives in Elizabethtown Sunday.

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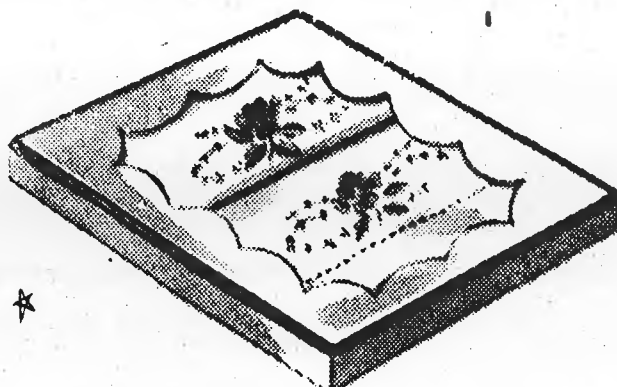
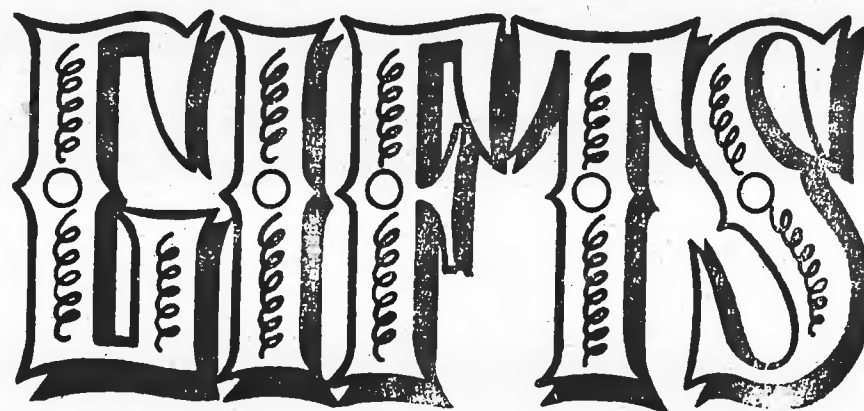
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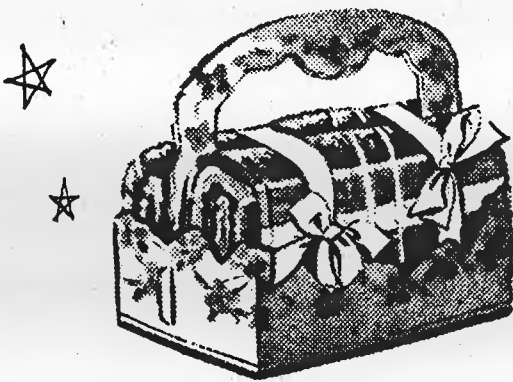
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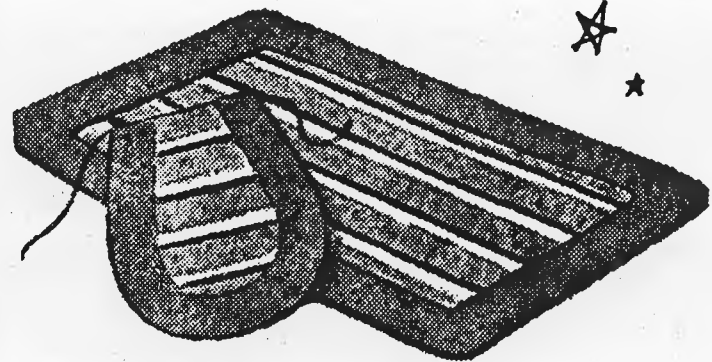
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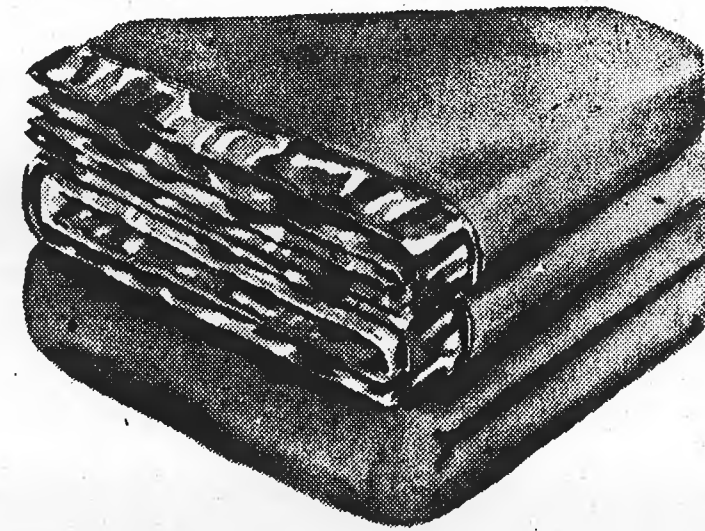
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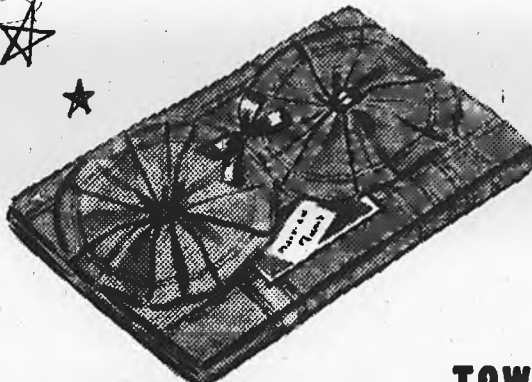
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