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Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before' Campbell

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The camera and the right set of circumstances are able to turn out some forceful records, sometimes ghastly, some times dramatic, often humorous but always interesting.

The picture here on this page is almost too dramatic for average comprehension. Here in one scene is recorded as much as this page full of words can say.

White—ghostly white—in the foreground is the War Memorial to those men from Lenoir County who gave their lives in World Wars One and Two.

The shadow from this memorial reaches back and up the solid stone face of the Lenoir County Courthouse, reaching, it seems, with almost uncanny understanding to the one room in the courthouse where a light is burning—where work goes on into the night.

As nearly every man and most women in the county know, that room is the office of the Draft Board. There the reams of red tape, the records, the endless records grow and grow and now again for the second time in a decade it is the unhappy duty of men to name other men who must go off to foreign shores to fight a battle and to make the world safe for democracy.

All this and much more is said in just this one picture here on this page.

On that cold, ugly, impersonal piece of marble are deeply etched the names of those valiant Lenoir Countians who have died in two World Wars to make the world safe for democracy.

Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Normandy, St. Lo, Aachen, Ardennes, Flak Alley, Midway, Coral Sea, Okinawa, Burma, Huertgen Forest, Anzio, Casablanca, Palermo, Kasserine Pass, Gafsa—these are just a few of the hundreds of foreign spots where Lenoir County boys



fought and died. Today most of these names are lost in the pages of history, remembered but by those who have a part of their soul buried there far away.

In 1917 the Kaiser and German imperialism, the hated Hun, the arrogant Prussian, was the bugaboo. In 1941 it was Japanese Imperialism, Hitlerian Nazism, Mussolini Fascism and today a perverted type of communism that history may call Stalinism is causing that light to burn late in the Lenoir County courthouse and in thousands of other courthouses all across these

United States.

There's no room on the courthouse war memorial for names of World War III men who die fighting Stalinism. Those men who erected this cold slab of expensive marble had no idea that more war memorial names would be added to the Lenoir County list in their lifetime. They filled the marble slab with the names of those men who died in 1917 and 1918, the names of those who died in 1941-42-43-44-45 but they left no space for those who die in 1950—this is all in the pic-

ture here.

The worried half-hysterical laugh of the teen-age boys who stroll by on a hot summer night and see the light burning in the draft board office, wondering when "my number will come up", saying, "What the hell! The sooner the better."

Young brides looking soulfully at their man who soon may leave. . . Gray-haired mothers sputtering, "They ought not to take my boy until they've got that sorry son of the next door neighbor." . . . World War I fathers half wondering aloud, "And now my boy must go." . . . The younger World War II vet hopefully boasting, "They won't take me, I was in the last war." . . . The evil, greedy little men who rub their hands and think of quick black market profits leer half wishfully at the light and the monument and fester inwardly with thoughts that might sound like, "If this one lasts long enough I'll make a million."—This is in the picture, too.

There are hospitals filled with men who'll never be well again, neat but not beautiful cemeteries in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Holland, Austria, Italy, Sicily, Algiers, Australia, the hundred, hundred islands of the Pacific, India, Japan. There are orphans, widows, tearful parents and weeping kinsmen in every nook and corner of the land and Lenoir County.

Those who months ago bragged about what they got out of the National Guard are pulling strings and hollering from the housetops in an effort to "get out". The Reservists are nervously waiting for the telegram that will put them back in the saluting, shooting and recruiting business. Mamas and Papas with an eye to junior's future think of enrolling him in the right kind of school.

Mr. and Mrs. National Patriotism are running to the store buying up dozens of nylons, sugar, butter, lard before "those greedy hoarders start hoarding". There it is. Look closely at the picture—it's all there!

Far-East Expert to Speak At Farm-Home Meeting

Because of the crisis in Korea, the appearance of Dean Rusk, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, on the North Carolina Farm and Home Week program early next month is expected to attract unusual interest.

Rusk will be one of the featured speakers at the annual event, to be held on the State College campus, Raleigh, July 31-August 3. Advance room reservations are now being accepted and should be sent to Miss Maud Schaub, Box 5157, State College Station, Raleigh.

Although Rusk has not announced the subject for his address, any remarks he may make on conditions in the Far East will be considered significant because of his position in the government. He will speak in William Neal Reynolds Coliseum on Tuesday evening, August 1.

Several other speakers of national prominence will appear on the program.

Dr. J. Ken Stern, president of the American Institute of Cooperation, will discuss "The Role of Farmers Cooperatives in Society" at a general session beginning at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday. Governor W. Kerr Scott will speak on Wednesday evening, and Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, first woman to hold the post of

Treasurer of the United States, will deliver the final address on Tuesday evening.

Talent contests will be held daily during Farm and Home Week. They are open to any adult or junior farm group or individual and may include choruses, solos, instrumental music, recitations, folk dancing, tricks, or stunts. Prizes totaling \$400 have been donated by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and the North Carolina State Grange. Entry forms should be sent to Eugene Starnes, Box 5121, State College Station, Raleigh, at once.

Mosquitos Plentiful

There are plenty of mosquitoes in Jones County following the heavy downpour of rains, but there is none of the malaria-bearing variety in the vicinity of Trenton, it has been reported by Health Department Sanitarian R. B. Lewis. In a series of spot checks Lewis said he found no anopheles quadrimaculatus, the malaria-bearing breed, but plenty of the "pest" type were identified. The survey was conducted in cooperation with Dan Ashton of the State Board of Health and the U. S. Public Health Service.

Tobacco Barns All Full and More is Waiting to Go In

The tobacco-curing barns of this section are not getting any chance to cool out between curings. The wet rainy season has caused the 1950 crop to mature completely on the stalks almost at once, and the rain soaked fields have delayed the harvest. As quickly as one lot of tobacco is yellowed in the curing barns another is ready to take its place before the heat of the first curing has cooled out.

A familiar sight on the roads of the county is the truck and trailer loads of tobacco, not yellow and on their way to market, but green and on the way to the nearest available curing barn of a neighbor. There is a considerable swapping of barn space in the frenzied effort to save the suddenly ripened tobacco. County Agent A. V. Thomas said the cooperation will save far more of the crop than it was first thought possible, but that the loss from the rain damage would still be considerable.

Most of the water-soaked tobacco is curing out fairly well, but some of it is coming from the curing barns with a greenish tinge that will result in quality loss on the market floors. Thomas reported also that the newly developed Dixie-101 of the State Experiment Station, resistant to both black shank and Granville wilt diseases, is standing up well under the test by water.

New Complications May Be Thrown In Bridge Path

State Highway and Public Works Commission Engineers were busy laying off the location of the bridge that is to be built across Neuse River at the foot of King Street in Kinston. After long delay due to difficulty in finding a suitable site for the tower of Radio Station WFTC the work is scheduled to begin this week with the driving of test piling.

Still looming in the offing as a further threat to the right-of-way of the bridge are claims filed by Delia Hyatt in behalf of herself, her sister, Sybil, and her brother, Dr. A. L. Hyatt. Miss Hyatt has been in correspondence for some time with District Highway Commissioner Guy Hargett, Commission Chairman H. W. Jordan, District Engineer offices in Greenville and other lesser highway authorities.

Miss Hyatt points out that her family has deeds to that portion of the river shore line where the bridge is to be located and further points to the deeds held for many years by her family to a portion of King Street itself, which was a "wash" that ran nearly halfway from the river to Queen Street.

She says that she will persist in her effort to obtain relief from the unauthorized use of the family land. Until now, she in-

sists her claims have been largely ignored. Portions of the river bank property were granted to the Hyatt family by the State of North Carolina for the payment of twelve and one half cents per acre and "such other payments as the General Assembly shall stipulate from time to time."

Radio Expansion

Two developments during the past week point toward improved radio service for the Kinston area. Radio Station WFTC, the only station now broadcasting from Kinston, has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for permission to change its frequency and to increase its power to 1,000 watts. Linwood Scott, owner of a Norfolk radio station, has broken ground on the Goldsboro Highway just west of Hines' junction for his new station which is to be a 1,000 watt daytime outlet. There is no estimate available as to when either of the stations expects to be on the air with this wider coverage.

Timber is one farm crop that will make some money every year, says John E. Ford of the State College Extension Service.