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Mrs. Rom Mallard Welcomes ACWW President from India



Madame Aroti Dutt (left), president of the Associated Country Women of the World, converses with Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trenton. The visitor from Calcutta, India, was in North Carolina to address a meeting of the ACWW — held recently in Hillsboro, N. C. The ACWW is an international organization of farm

women — dedicated to improving the social and economic standards of farm people throughout the world. Mrs. Mallard is a member of the Women's Advisory Committee of the N. C. Farm Bureau — one of the farm organizations sponsoring Madame Dutt's visit to North Carolina.

Jones 4-H'ers Win Superior Camp Awards During Week at Reidsville

The Jones County 4-H Camp delegation returned home Saturday, June 24, after a very enjoyable week of encampment at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp near Reidsville.

No other activity in the 4-H Club program contributes more to the all-time objective of 4-H club work — "4-H Trains Rural Youth in the art of living," than does the well-organized and properly conducted 4-H club camp. The well-planned program provides for the economic, social, spiritual and physical growth and development of all 4-H members attending.

The 4-H camp is the Gateway to: adventure, growth and inspiration. Every 4-H member should have the opportunity to go to camp.

During the week two Jones 4-H delegates received superior camping awards. These awards went to Gregory Strayhorn of the Murphytown 4-H Club and Fletcher Barber Jr. of the Balem Hill 4-H Club.

Also an award for the best boy in handicraft went to Gregory Strayhorn. Herbert Brown of the Riverside 4-H Club received a certificate for swimming. Other 4-H'ers attending were Louis Quinn, Archie Perry, Shelton Becton and Bernard Barber.

The delegation was under the supervision of Farm Agent Fletcher Barber.

OVERNITE TRUCK WRECKED NEAR TRENTON

An Overnite truck driven by Vardell Mishue of Garner, route 1, was wrecked 1 mile west of Trenton last Friday at an estimated loss of \$4,000. Mishue blamed failure of steering mechanism as he was attempting to pass a car driven by Robert Allen Williams of 206 Tower Hill Road, Kinston, N. C. as cause of accident. He struck the rear of

Forestry Students Attend Training School at Kinston

More than 100 forestry students are attending a forest fire control training school at Kinston this week sponsored and conducted by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development's Division of Forestry.

The training school is being conducted by Division of Forestry personnel at the agency's Stallings Field training facility. Students participating in the training session are from North Carolina State University, Clemson University and Wayne County Technical Institute.

The students will receive instruction in the following subjects: fire behavior, fire weather, hazard and risk determination, fire tactics, fire damage measurements and others.

Jack Stickley Republican Club Dinner Speaker

John L. (Jack) Stickley of Charlotte, N. C. will speak in Kinston at the Fairfield Recreation Center, Friday, July 14th at 7 P.M., sponsored by the Lenoir County Young Republican Club. Tickets are on sale from YRC members, by calling JA 3-3816 or 523-2524, or at the door Friday night, at \$2.00 per plate.

Stickley has been mentioned as Republican gubernatorial candidate and is expected to officially throw his hat in the ring soon.

Williams car, inflicting approximately \$300 damage. No charges were made.

Free Men Must Watch and Criticize Their Government

By Jack Rider

The only people who enjoy the luxury of not worrying about their government are people who live under one of the many kinds of dictatorship.

One of the constant responsibilities of free men is to watch and criticize their government.

Americans are among God's freest people because a major part of their time is spent in this indoor and outdoor sport of giving government hell.

From township constable to president, every servant of the American public operates under this same cynical aura of suspicion on the part of those whose bread they eat.

This is an American characteristic that shocks some non-Americans and frightens others. It even bothers some Americans; especially those who hold public offices.

Carried to a paranoid extreme this evil suspicion of all who hold public office is a corroding thing; more to the suspecter than to the suspected.

But this tight rein that Americans keep on their "servants" is directly responsible for two things: First that Americans enjoy more true liberties than any people on the face of the globe, and are also, in spite of their frequent complaints to the contrary, the world's best governed people.

Those who quote Thomas Jefferson, of course, deny this, since to them "The Best Government is the Government that Governs least." But is it really?

Would we exchange the government of an Australian aborigine — who is governed only by the elements for the slings and arrows of this outrageous government we now suffer? Few would, for if they did even here in over-governed America they have the opportunity.

True, today's Thoreau cannot pitch

his tent beside Walden Pond, because it has been made into a tourist trap, of a sort. But there are millions of acres of open space where the Modern Thoreau could sit in quiet contemplation; overseeing the miracles of nature and ignoring the material pressures of civilization.

But if there were no government to build roads, or streets, or canals, or bridges, or airports, or to subsidize railroads . . . no government to build schools, hospitals, libraries, parks; how far would we be from Australian aborigine?

For this service — for these many services we pay a heavy price. But the price is in money, and money without these other things that most of us take for granted would be more of a curse than blessing.

I will be 50 years old if I make it until August 4th. So a half century has passed since I began squawling. What would the world be like for me, and my children if all that government has done in these 50 years had not been done?

Most missed I suspect would be roads, because even in my younger years I can recall when a good road was the exception rather than the rule, and when many farmers made a living just dragging Model T's out of mudholes which the farmers plowed and watered every night.

Without government, aviation would still be a toy, not far removed from what Wilbur and Orville Wright flew down at Kitty Hawk 64 years ago.

There is hardly a direction one can look toward or a trade one can work in that has not been vitally changed by the interplay of governmental activities in these 50 years.

From the most mundane to the most exalted callings these changes have come about as the end product

of free men, seeking a better way of life, at a profit, and in spite of the "confounded interference of government". Actually very little of this forward progress would have been possible without the "meddling of government".

And a paradox of this vociferous anti-government attitude is that those who squawl the loudest have generally prospered most under this "government meddling". But philosophically this, too, is perhaps as it should be, since they not only have profited most, but also having prospered, they have more to lose, and this gives them an incentive that less successful people lack.

The American system is still the most violent revolutionary political force in the world today. The United States is the only major country that has to maintain immigration quotas, and unlike those planned paradises under one form or another of state socialism, the United States citizen is free to leave anytime he wishes.

There is no wall either literal or spiritual around the comings and goings of Americans. The only thing that limits their venture is money or time or both; certainly the government offers little control of this kind.

But there is a limit even to the good things available to this American society. The demarkation line between being a have and a have-not nation is very fine, and no society can survive for long when the truly productive citizen is overloaded with the best intentions of doing things, through government for people that they can and should do for themselves.

Lincoln's principle that, "Government should do only those things for the people that the people cannot do for themselves." is the best guide for government policy ever conceived.

Today too many have decided on too many governmental projects of the kind in which people will not, rather than cannot.

Wiping out poverty, for instance, is not the job of government. This is a totally individual thing. Many people are better off in every happy index with very little than others are with a great deal more; so money is not an absolute index to poverty.

Some of the most poverty stricken people are those who have a great deal of wealth, but lack the ability to share and enjoy what they have.

Government is also moving far beyond the rational in an almost psychopathic effort to "educate" every mother's son, when unhappily there are a great many who cannot absorb education and even more who will not.

But after all of the excesses and shortcomings of government such as ours are weighed against each other one has to admit in the final analysis that the power to change; either for more or for less government still remains completely with us cynical, suspicious, griping voters.

Already a majority of us own homes, and feel the blow of property tax as well as income tax and all the countless other taxes that gnaw away at one's pay check.

But whether the free-spenders or the tight-wads are elected the services of government will have to continue, and likely expand; since in the complexly interdependent world of today there is no other path that people will willingly take.

The job of every one of us cynical citizens, and especially those of us who hold public office is to "Get The Most of The Best for The Least Money", and come to think of it, this is a pretty good system for personal as well as public spending.