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BUILDING BOOM STARTS IN COUNTY

Once again you see heavy signs of building in this county. You can take a trip on any road leading from this city out in the country and you will see any number of new homes and business places under construction. Spring is here and when spring comes people start building.

All of this building must prove that Person County is in fairly good shape. People can't build without some money and they don't start building until they see signs of a little more money coming in.

We all have been led to believe that last year's tobacco crop did not bring the farmers much money in this County. These reports may be true, but they have evidently been exaggerated to some extent. There is about as much building in Person County, on a small scale, as has been here for months. This must reflect a financial situation that is not as bad as many seem to think.

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Newspaper editors are aware of the fact that readers get tired of reading about "Death on the Highways," but there seems to be no other way to impress upon drivers the fact that they must use more care in driving.

Take a look at the figures for the month of February: Fifty-nine persons lost their lives on North Carolina roads in February and 518 were hurt in 545 accidents, compared with 55 killed in accidents, the highway safety division reported today.

Director Ronald Houitt of the division, appealed "to city and town officials to organize as they have never organized before to cut down the number of accidents and fatalities in cities." He cited 25 killed in cities and towns last month, compared with eight in January, 1939.

Thirty-four were killed on the highways last month. Also, he noted, out-of-state cars were involved in 66 fatal accidents in February, 12 more than in January.

Of the fatalities last month, 20, were pedestrians, 10 of them children playing in streets. One person was killed on a safety aisle in a street.

From 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening was the time for 81 accidents while on Sunday, 104 accidents occurred and on Saturday 79 happened.

Drunken driving resulted in 38 non-fatal mishaps and five fatal, and hit-and-run driving was given as causing six fatal and 19 non-fatal accidents.

So far this year 117 persons have been killed and 996 hurt in accidents in the state, Hocutt said.

Now that you have read the figures have you been impressed? If only one person who reads this decides to use a little more care then this writer is satisfied with the results.

The city of Roxboro has retired 28 per cent of the total amount of bonds that were refunded four years ago for the City of Roxboro. This is a record that speaks for itself and the city dads and city manager deserve congratulations. If this work can be continued Roxboro will soon be in excellent shape and we will get a tax rate that will afford us pleasure to pay—if paying taxes can be called a pleasure.

ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES FOR RESULTS.

FROM THE RANKS



Starting as a messenger boy at the age of 13, John G. McCarthy, 58, who served seven consecutive years as a director of the Chicago Board of Trade, was recently elected president of the organization. It is an honorary post in that he serves without pay.

Bethel Hill Improvement Roll For Sixth Month

The following students have improved in their work during the past six weeks:

First grade - Miss M. Woody; Christine Dickerson, Florida May Wilburn, Virginia Woodall, Mary Belle Woody, Katherine Wilburn, Marshall Wilburn, J. E. Holt, Jr., Thomas Young, John Yarborough, James Ray Bowes, Cecil Pixley, George E. Langford.

Second grade - Miss Koon; Margaret Carver, Lilly Mae Long, Mattie Long, John Fitz, Jr., David Boswell, Emeory Watts.

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Second grade - Mrs. Hayes - Thelma Hubbard, Ruth Seat, Sybil Pentecost, Mary Long, Bobbie Walker, Donald Bohanon, L. C. Pixley, Walter Tuck, Johnnie Wrenn, William Wrenn, Travis Curtis, G. B. Cox.

Third grade - Miss L. Woody; Ira Bowes, Eunice Long, Charles Sanford, Dorothy Wilkins.

Fourth grade - Mrs. Glenn - Delma Holt, Zelma Tuck, Zelma Shotwell, Margaret Melton, Virginia Dixon, Eunice Carver, Keith Raye.

Fifth grade - Miss Stephens; Lucy Stigall, Margaret Blanks, Billy Rudder, Cedric Evans.

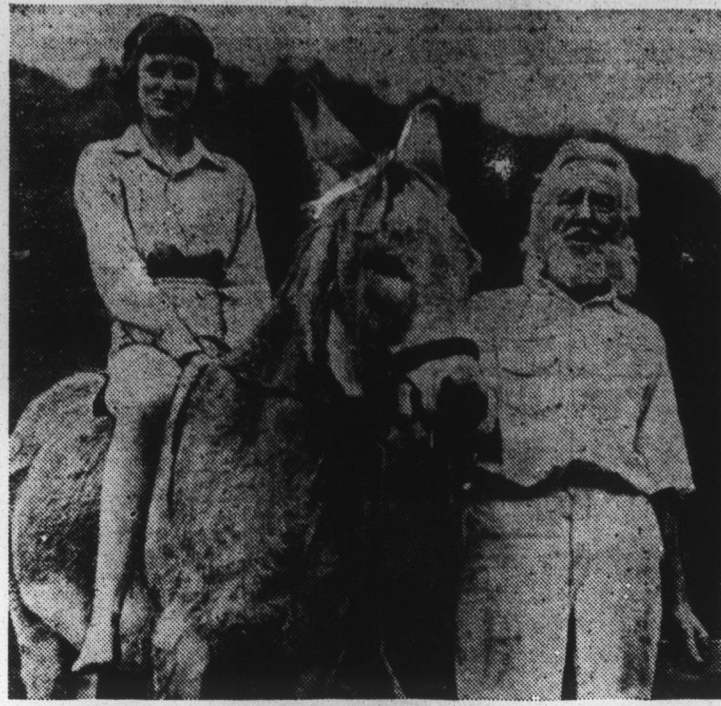
Sixth grade - Miss Cates; William Merritt Davis, John Robert Murray, Frank Gentry, Mabel Pentecost, Ira Tuck, Ruben Watson, Spencer Wilkins, Beatrice Jones, Harry C. Brandon, Edward Lowery.

Seventh grade - Mrs. Cannon; Alice Irby, John Wiley, Leigh O'Brian, Arthur Wiley, Jr., Tommie Humphries, Mary Lois Long, Evie Sue Long, Margaret Ramsey, Elizabeth Boswell, Imogene Ramsey, Franklin Gentry, Newton Ramsey.

Eighth grade - Mr. Bullard; Healon Walker, Raymond Lowery, Roland White.

Eleventh grade - Miss Taylor; Fred Mitchell.

Divorcee Asks for 'Freedom of Dress'



The fondness of Ellen Tilton Holmsen, society divorcee, for going about in woolen pajamas finally convinced police chiefs of three New Jersey towns that she should be "exported" because she attracted too much attention. She then wrote to Washington for a badge saying "Leave this girl alone, she's all right." Mrs. Holmsen is pictured here with Hollywood's Peter the Hermit whom she visited shortly after her divorce in 1934.

With Our Contemporaries

ARE FIRE DRILLS A FARCE IN YOUR SCHOOLS?

By T. Alfred Fleming, Supervisor Conservation Department, National Board of Fire Underwriters, in the Kiwanis Magazine

School authorities often feel that because they've never had a fire they're never going to have one. This cruel fallacy is a menace to the lives of American school children, for actually there are five school fires a day in this country. We cannot unfortunately, eliminate all school fires. But we can, by efficient fire drills, get our children out of burning buildings safely.

Most of the present school fire drills are wretchedly inadequate; some are actually dangerous. In a shocking number of cases constricted exits make quick evacuation of the building impossible with any kind of drill. Even when exits and drill systems appear adequate, they are usually so poorly planned that they would collapse under the panic conditions of a real fire.

Accompanied by the local fire chief, I once visited a New England public school to witness a drill for which it had become famous. The school principal was cordiality itself; he would be happy to call a drill if we could wait until he finished an urgent matter. After handing his secretary a hastily scribbled note, he completed his business, then invited us to pull an alarm box in the school. The drill we saw was marvelously efficient. But when, on the way home, the chief asked my opinion of it, I handed him a crumpled note I'd snagged from the secretary's waste basket. It read: "Tell teachers to announce fire drill in five minutes."

The chief returned to the school immediately. Entering unnoticed, he pulled the nearest alarm. In a split second pandemonium reigned. The wild-eyed principal came racing down the hall. Children piled out of classrooms. Teachers screamed futile instructions, which only added to the badlam. The school famed for its perfect drill was in tumult because this time everybody thought it really was a fire.

In another school the fire bell brought pupils from the top floor rushing downstairs with their hats and coats, while those from the lower floor raced upstairs! Why? The cloak-room was on the upper floor, and the principal blithely explained that the children must get their wraps. "It seems that his son had once caught cold going out bareheaded."

In a Michigan school I begged the principal not to call a drill for me because the fire-escapes were so steep that the children had to come down backwards. In a real fire they would have dropped to the ground like scorched flies. In Montana, I lost my veteran nerve after one glance at an escape which was only a perpendicular iron ladder on the outer wall. The children had to stand

on the window sill a swing three feet to reach it. When they got 12 feet from the ground they had to drop the rest of the way! In yet another school, 1400 pupils were crowded into a building intended for 400. The only exits were wooden stairways, barely wide enough to accommodate a single file!

A proud Ohio principal once showed me the tubular-chute escapes in his modern school. The chutes had doors at the bottom (never approved by the Underwriters) and these doors were kept locked. It took 20 minutes to locate the janitor—who confessed that he had lost the keys the year before! A surprise drill there—not to mention a fire—would have been rank slaughter.

Far too often drills are just a lark for the kids, a nuisance for the teachers, and a vexing routine for the principal. From the top down nobody has any conception of the gravity of the business which any day may become a life-and-death matter, so they run through the motions simply because state regulations require them to do so, and forget it until next time.

Such criminal ignorance is nationwide, and it takes its ghastly toll. I saw with my own eyes a school fire in Collinwood, Ohio, in which 173 children perished. In Peabody, Mass., a volcano of smoke fatally engulfed 22 girls and boys. The blackened remains of 77 children were raked out of the ashes of a Camden, S. C., school. Ninety per cent. of our schools are still shameful fire traps.

It takes 47 muscles of the face to frown and only 13 to laugh. Why work overtime?

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PRACTICAL HEALTH HINTS Six Points In Sound Nutrition

By Dr. James A. Tobey

THE average American is not well fed. This fact is surprising when you consider the abundance and variety of economical foods in this country.

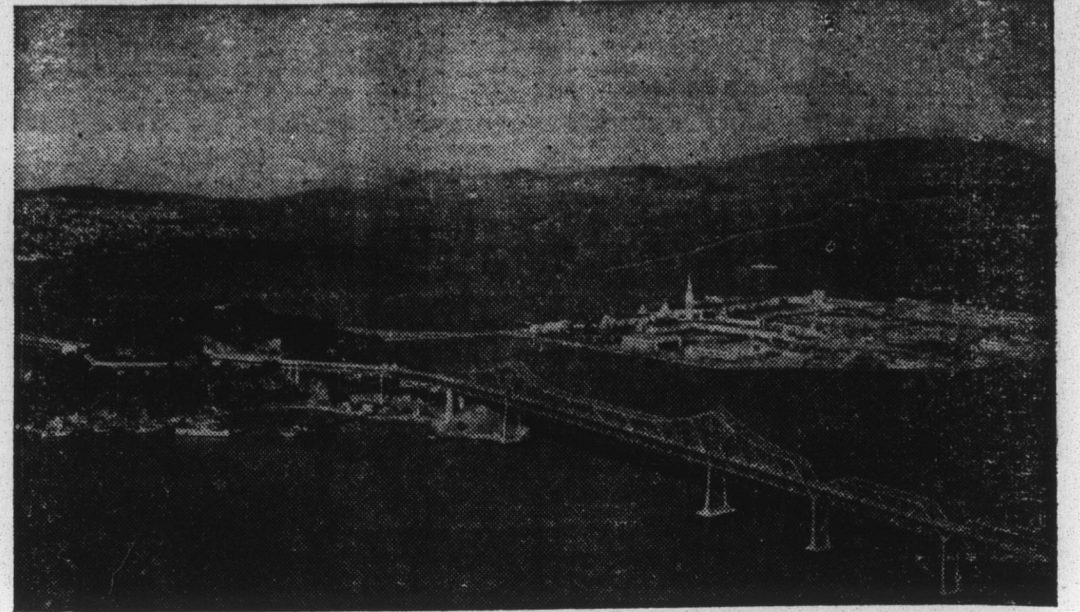
Defects in the diet of the average American are due only occasionally to poverty. They are usually due to ignorance of the principles of sound nutrition. Plenty of money is no assurance of good food habits.

Recent investigations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the diets of 4000 families in 43 cities show that more than half of these diets need improvement. They are defective, as a rule, in six significant dietary factors.

Four out of five of these diets had too little vitamin A. Half of them were too low in vitamin B, or thiamin, and also in vitamin C. An equal number of the diets were lacking in sufficient iron, while another important fault was a general lack of calcium. Finally, many of the diets were poorly balanced. All of the food factors mentioned

San Francisco Is Proud Of Its Name; So Don't Dare Call It Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, to Max Miller, noted "waterfront" writer, is something more than just a city of thousands of people engaged in the standard pursuits of trade and happiness. It is a drama, a philosophy which has stood a definite test of time and holds a magical interest for him.



San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge—"Man's Greatest Arch Over Space"—and Treasure Island, Site of the Fair, in the Background

"I shall be sorry the day I learn the answer why I like San Francisco," Mr. Miller confides in his article "Don't Call It Frisco" in the April Good Housekeeping. "The moment I should learn the answer—from that moment on San Francisco no longer will be the place it is for me."

But one suspects that of all the landmarks in the city, it is the bridges that come closest to supplying the answer. The bridges fascinate him. Take them away and San Francisco ceases to be for him. "Some day, of course," he sentimentalizes, "the Golden Gate bridge will be obsolete and ancient, and your grandsons will laugh at the bygone times when it meant so much and when so much ado was made about it. But when you are on that bridge today, in our generation, you do not laugh. You cannot laugh. The simplicity of man's greatest arch

over space is too much for even fools to be foolish about while going across."

San Francisco has a permanency about it, a true history, a lasting heritage that have never been endangered by periodic rises and falls in real estate. A building or a home or a store in San Francisco has a defined and permanent value and is used for what it was made. Natives take the permanency of their city seriously, and do not point out how "years ago I could have bought such and such a lot for so much and look at it now."

Getting down to the title of the article, Mr. Miller says it is a breach of rightness to call the city "Frisco." Natives resent it and with stern face will correct the speaker. The visitor invariably fumbles around for a moment, then remarks brightly, "But in Los Angeles the Los Angeles people themselves think nothing of calling it 'L.A.'"

And invariably the answer comes back: "But there are no Los Angeles people."

Visitors to the World's Fair—don't call it Frisco.

In order to win a fight, you must make up your mind, as you are bound to meet obstacles, for kites rise against and not with the wind.

Legal Notices

NORTH CAROLINA, In the Superior Court, PERSON COUNTY.

Graham Nichols Roberson vs. Ida Sue Roberson. (Notice.)

The defendant Ida Sue Roberson will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Person County, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining a divorce by the above named plaintiff; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of said county in the courthouse in Roxboro, N. C., on or before the 2nd day of May, 1939, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

R. A. Bullock, Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County, North Carolina.

This 9th day of March, 1939. 3-12-39 - 4t - s

Holland Princess Goes for Sleigh Ride



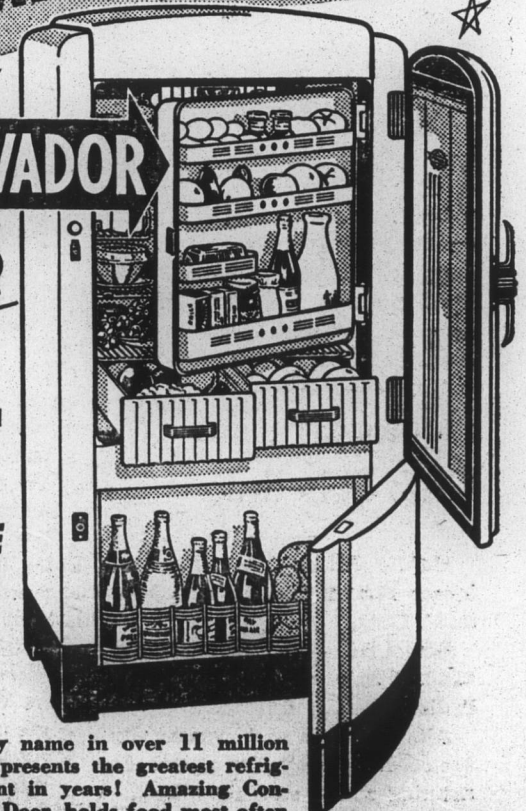
Crown Princess Juliana of Holland makes little Princess Beatrix comfortable before they start out on a walk during their winter vacation with Prince Bernhard at Grindelwald, Switzerland. The perambulator is mounted on sled runners, and is drawn by a St. Bernard dog.

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