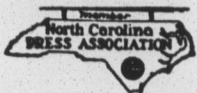


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Closer and Closer

Publication last week of the names of those who were recommended to Governor Clyde R. Hoey and subsequently approved by him as members of the Person County Selective Service board, means that the people of Person County are one step closer to experiencing actual operative effects of the Selective Service act.

To those who are apprehensive over culminative effects of Selective Service, not only in Person county, but throughout the nation, we must say that no man or woman now living in America can foresee the outcome.

We do know, however, regardless of the imposition of Selective Service or of the outcome of the National Election next month or of our possible involvement into armed conflict with any one of several nations now seeking world power through conquest, that there is yet left in America a character reserve strong enough to preserve and to fight for those principles of individualism embraced in the democratic tradition.

As the mad world of which we are a part draws us closer and closer into actual conflict we must take care to keep our own house in order, remembering always not to become too much like that portion of the world in which kindness, tolerance and consideration for minorities have been pushed aside in the name of the all-powerful state.

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Not To Be Too Long Deferred

Although members of the Person County Board of commissioners on Monday deferred until a later session further consideration of a petition presented by a representative group of Person citizens who believe that the County needs an Agricultural building to house various (and apparently expanding) agricultural agencies and departments, we sincerely hope that postponement will not be taken as a "do nothing" way out.

We understand that the matter of the construction of such a building was first discussed some two-three years ago, that for what appeared to be good reason the proposal was then turned down and that in the meantime activities of the County Agent's office, including Four-H and Home Demonstration work, to say nothing of work more nearly of the red-tape classification, have so increased that Person folks coming to town to obtain assistance and advice from these various departments oftentimes have to wander all over the courthouse and into other buildings before they can find that for which they seek.

Spokesmen for the group appearing before the Commissioners have said that they hope to secure WPA assistance for the construction of such a building. No mention was made of the amount of money required for the structure, but it is understood similar buildings have been put up in more than half the other counties in the State for comparatively modest sums.

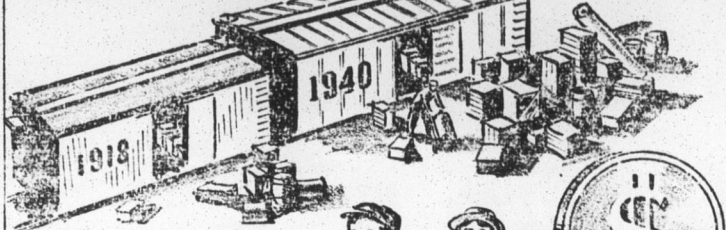
Never would we be among those subscribing to the theory that Person county should have an Agricultural building simply because this and that and the other neighboring county has one. Person people have more commonsense than to be swayed by any such reasoning.

Rail oddities



IN PIONEER DAYS HUGE HERDS OF BUFFALOES FREQUENTLY DELAYED TRAINS CROSSING THE WESTERN PLAINS. OBSTINATE STRAGGLERS WERE SOMETIMES CHASED FROM THE TRACK WITH HOT WATER FROM THE LOCOMOTIVE

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inclination and that although it may take some time to get machinery in motion, Person county will ultimately have an Agricultural building, small auditorium and all.

While they are about it the Commissioners might remember that construction of such a building would relieve the court house structure of congestion but that somewhere in the new set-up some provision for an inadequate housed and a cramped health department should be made, to say nothing of ditto for the department of public welfare.



Stop This One!

The News and Observer

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, has started a movement which should be stopped in its very beginning by the force of public opinion.

Speaking to what has been described as "an unprecedented assembly of the university faculties," Dr. Butler described the present war as one between "beasts and human beings", and under a clearly implied penalty of dismissal called upon every teacher in Columbia to espouse the side of Great Britain in the name of "national defense."

After all, freedom of speech and liberty of thought are two of the most precious things this country is supposed to defend.

Dr. Butler brushed aside that concept with the remark:

"It is very essence of our national defense that our people as a whole should understand what it is that they are defending, and that they have this presented to them with calmness, good judgement. In this regard the responsibility of each one of us is very great. We must not ourselves be misled by phrases and formulas, and we must do our best to keep others from being misled. Let there be no doubt where Columbia University stands in this war."

Removing any possibility of doubt concerning what might happen to those not conforming, Dr. Butler said: "Those whose convictions are of such a character as to bring their conduct in open conflict with the university's freedom to go its way toward its lofty aim, should, in ordinary self-respect, withdraw of their own accord from university membership in order that their conduct may be freed from the limitations which university membership naturally and necessarily places upon it."

Even in time of war, such doctrine in a democracy would be highly questionable. In time of peace, it violates all principles of democracy.

Fortunately no other university is on record as having followed the example of Dr. Butler. Regimentation of ideas is the last kind of regimentation desired in this country. It is to be hoped that the example of Dr. Butler will not be followed by any other responsible educator.

Those who value the "phrases and formulas" so lightly dismissed by Dr. Butler should make known their views in no uncertain terms. This is no time to outlaw liberty of thought and freedom of speech in the name of "defense." From what are we to be defended if they are not worthy of preservation?

Chilly Weather Favors Fall Planting

Chilly weather and light freezing at night is not a sign that the fall planting season is at an end, but rather that it is beginning.

Until the time when the ground is frozen and can no longer be firmed properly around the roots of plants, all planting operations may be carried on. Hardy plants are indifferent to temperature; it is the physical conditions which low temperatures create in the soil that puts a stop to planting.

If the ground remains unfrozen until Christmas, it will still be possible to plant perennials, including peonies and iris and all hardy bulbs, as well as shrubs and trees, and they will not suffer from the late-ness, except that they may leaf and bloom somewhat later in the spring.

When any seed, bulb or plant is set in the ground it must be placed firmly in contact with the soil. This contact is necessary in order that the roots may absorb food. It is obvious that in frozen soil such proper contact is impossible.

Vegetables To Be Stored Should Be Well Chosen

Raleigh, Oct. 8 — There is no reason for discarding surplus vegetables, or for dumping them on a depressed market, says H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist of the N. C. State college extension service. But on the other hand, there is no use to store vegetables that are not of high quality, free from mechanical injuries, insect and diseases, and mature but not over-ripe.

"If you put an inferior, diseased, damaged product in storage it will come out an inferior, diseased, damaged product, in worse condition than when it went in," Niswonger declared.

The problem of where to store vegetables is important, and the State college specialist makes the following recommendations along this line: Beans and field peas may be picked in the pod, spread out in a warm dry place in the attic until dried and after being shelled the beans should be placed in tight containers and treated with carbon disulphide to control weevils.

Root crops, such as carrots, beets and turnips, should have the tops cut off, leaving short leaf stems, before storing. They may be stored in shallow crates and placed in the cellar. An occasional sprinkling with water will prevent shriveling. Cabbage and collards can best be stored in trenches out-of-doors. Another method commonly used in Eastern Carolina consists of pushing the heads of the plants toward the North and covering the stem and base of the heads with soil. The plants are thus, left right in the row where they grew.

Sweet potatoes keep best in a dry place, and where the temperature throughout the storage period is around 55 to 60 degrees. Onions should be kept in slatted crates in the attic where the atmosphere is dry and the temperature is around 50 degrees. A basement or cellar is not a good place to store onions. Pumpkins and squashes should also be stored in a warm dry room at a temperature of 50 degrees.

Sheep Make Comeback As Farm Enterprise

Raleigh, Oct. 8 — There has been an acute awakening of interest in sheep production in North Carolina within the last year, reports Dr. John E. Foster of the State college animal husbandry department.

He says that whereas sheepmen formerly experienced difficulty in placing their surplus ewes and frequently had to send valuable breeding animals to the butcher, now all available ewes are taken. In addition, western ewes are being shipped into the state to meet the demand.

Why the increased interest? "A number of factors have contributed," Dr. Foster replies. "The substantial profits derived from most

flocks for the past five years have had an effect. The change in our farming system has also been conducive to sheep production."

"The reduction in cotton, tobacco and other raw crop acreage has released more land for pastures and feed crops. The improvement of pastures through proper fertilization and management has been almost as important."

"Then too, the sheep organization, establishment of parasitic control methods, improving breeding and controlled marketing have been major factors. The co-operatives have been instrumental in promoting interest, in obtaining protection from the dog-rhine, and in providing and encouraging better breeding and dipping to control parasites."

Dr. Foster said that, in most cases, sheep production is with grade ewes and pure-bred mutton-type rams. Spring lambs are the chief product and wool is a by-product. It is conducted on a farm flock, rather than a large-scale commercial basis, with 10 to 30 ewes per farm being the average. "Yes, sheep production

is returning to North Carolina, but not on the haphazard basis of old," the animal husbandman concluded.

EGGS With slightly more layers on farms than last year, egg production in August was the largest for the month since 1931, reports the U. S. Agricultural Marketing service.

UNAFFECTED Despite the European war and the national defense program, living costs in the United States are unlikely to increase by more than 2 to 5 percent before spring.

REMOVED The development of a method at Georgia Tech for removing the wood from flax fiber takes away the main obstacle to profitable flax growing in Southern states.

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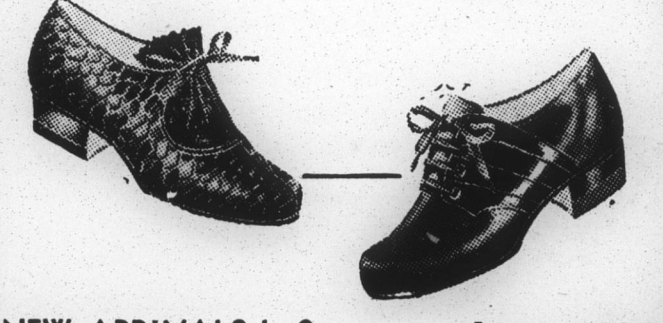
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