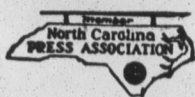


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## A Fine Funeral.....

Bright and witty Rep. Clare Booth Luce (R-Conn.) talking on Sunday to Wisconsin Republicans, summed up, perhaps, more accurately than she knew, the roughest week-end that President Roosevelt has had since he entered the White House, by saying that the "New Deal's reputation is dead on the home front . . . President Roosevelt can only survive it by convincing the people that his foreign policy is sound."

The New Deal died on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, but both the President and the people have been a long time discovering it. Government paternalism, based on the broad view of giving economic and social opportunities to masses of people to whom these opportunities had been denied was a fine and splendid and even a necessary policy during times of peace, but it does not fit as a policy adapted to conditions of total war.

Citizens have said they would like to send John L. Lewis to Guadalcanal, or to North Africa or to any one of a half-dozen fighting fronts where American blood is being spilled in defense of American ideals, but they forget that John L. Lewis' voice is merely the strongest voice of defiance — at the moment. There are other voices, too, some of them keyed to highest tones of domestic patriotism, that are swelling a chorus of dissatisfaction, largely because they are unwilling to let social gains stand still — until the more serious business of winning the war is accomplished.

Imagine, if you please, how much of courage and of comfort an American daily newspaper can give to a blood-soaked, fighting American soldier, when every story of heroism on the battle-front or the home-front is offset by a parade of Washington bickerings extending down into the smallest hamlets. It is a bickering that the President himself is powerless to stop, unless he knocks a few heads together and brings us all, as well as himself, to the realization that winning the war on the home front is just as important as winning it across the seas.

The President, with courage vetoed the anti-strike bill, but the sympathies of the people, as demonstrated by Congress, are not with him in this veto. Nor do they generally approve the slowness with which the Congress and the President have come to terms on the war-imposed Tax bills, still less the bickering over roll-back subsidies. Congressmen do not appreciate Roosevelt's labor stand and both the Broadway banker and the poor white farmer are against the constantly increasing ratio of Federal interference in their respective spheres, but these disagreements are not winning the war.

All in all, it is a fine funeral the New Deal is having and every demonstration over the corpse is eagerly seized upon by the people who can profit most by it, our Axis enemies. We owe it to them to finish the burial quickly and have done with it; else we shall not have the privilege of a postwar resurrection of the admittedly good parts of a badly managed program for social advancement.

## It All Adds Up.....

An overnight, week-end visitor in the Person County jail this past Sunday was a woman whose mentality was disturbed. In quarters close to her was a man, brought in on a charge of intoxication.

The insanity of the woman, who has since then been removed to an appropriate State institution, took the form of exhortation. With a fine frenzy she quoted verses from the Good Book. The corridors rang with damnation and hell-fire. Appeals to sinners to be saved shook the steel bars. Her praying had the intensity, if not the good direction of the prayers of Paul and Silas.

At about this point on the program the intoxicated man came to, not enough to be completely sober, but with just the right degree of faculties to appreciate the rantings of his down the hallway female companion. Without hesitation he added his voice in a mighty appeal. Other prisoners the rest of the night had to listen to two preachers instead of one.

To the psychologists and to properly ordained preachers, we leave the too, too obvious moral.

## A Stranger Can Say It.....

The Sunday morning sight of waste paper and garbage can trash blowing up and down the main streets of the City of Roxboro offers no new sensation to Roxboro residents. The spectacle has been going on for months, so long that the natives have become hardened to it, but when a stranger, a Sunday visitor, looking at our streets, says, "Roxboro is the dirtiest City I have ever seen", somehow, we don't like it, although there is truth in the statement, and truth hurts, as it should in this instance.

We will admit that Roxboro streets on many mornings are cluttered up with wind-blown trash, and for some unexplainable reason, particularly so on Sundays, the very days when we have visitors who can complain, but there is no use discussing a sanitary problem of this type without at least making some suggestion as to how it can be overcome. Survey of the situation reveals the fact that many garbage cans and trash containers have no tops or covers to keep contents confined until collection time. Furthermore, cans and containers are frequently overturned by prowling dogs, of which the City has plenty. Also, it is known that the City of Roxboro's street-cleaning and sanitation department operates on a small budget.

Solution of the problem lies in making the right answers to these facts. Citizens, if they wish to, can see to it that cans and containers are tightly covered. Citizens, if they wish to, can keep dogs at home. Citizens, if they wish to, can appeal to the Board of City Commissioners for a larger appropriation for, or a more careful operation of, the street-cleaning and sanitation department. Within the limitations imposed by wartime conditions, citizens, if they wish to, can find a way to keep Roxboro clean.

## WITH OTHER EDITORS

### Halftruths.....

#### Durham Morning Herald

Reports to the Food Administration indicate that there is a record number of beef cattle on farms and ranges.

Both Government and private slaughter officials say marketing of cattle has dropped approximately one-third in the past few weeks — since the so-called price roll back order.

Packers and producers say the OPA in general, and the price roll back in particular, are to blame for the shortage of beef on the market.

Well, let's see. On the one hand there is a shortage of beef and on the other there is a greater number of beef animals in sight than ever before. At least that is the situation the way some paint it.

There is another and, we think, a more rational and more accurate way to correlate the facts recited.

First, it isn't a real shortage of beef that bothers if there is a record number of beef cattle on farms and ranges; the shortage, which is in the market place, is artificial, at least in part. For if farmer John Jones has plenty of beef cattle and butcher John Doe has no beef for his customers, the shortage isn't so much a shortage of beef as it is a shortage of whatever is involved in converting cattle on the range to beef sold across the counter.

So what the gentlemen who say OPA regulations, the price roll back in particular, are to blame for the beef shortage really mean is that people who have beef cattle for sale aren't selling any above what they have to because they want and think they can get a higher price later on.

The price roll back, everyone knows, neither adds to no subtracts from the number of cattle on ranges or the pounds of beef slaughter houses, packing houses, etc., can handle. It merely deals with the price factor and that in a manner calculated to permit slaughterers to pay farmers existing prices and sell to middlemen so that retailers can sell below existing retail prices. The roll back is part and parcel of the subsidy, indeed the source and justification for subsidies.

It isn't all of the truth, then, to say that the roll back is the cause of the shortage of beef in butcher shops. The roll back plus the attitude of cattlemen, packers, etc., toward the roll back may be called the cause; but the attitude of beef handlers becomes a part of the picture, a most important part.

The same principle applies in many of the other indictments recklessly hurled against the OPA and other regulatory agencies. It isn't so much the regulations that precipitate shortages, maldistributions, etc., as it is the attitude people take toward regulations and the way they respond to them.

Everybody knows that people in the cattle business push harder to up their "crop" when the price is high and profit margin is attractive. And on that account there is substance in the thesis that rising prices stimulate production. But everybody also knows that it takes more than prices to produce beef for market; it takes farms, experienced personnel, feed, etc., and it is about time less emphasis was placed on price and more on the things that really put foods on the market.

### COMBINES

J. D. Blicke, Agricultural Engineering Specialist at N. C. State College, reports that a series of combine schools will be held to help operators in problems connected with the soybean harvest.

Foreign consumption of cotton has declined each year since

1939. Consumption in this country has increased from 6.9 million bales to 11.2 million bales.

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## Truck Crops Said To Be In Fair To Good Condition

RALEIGH, Jun 30. The State Department of Agriculture reports that North Carolina's truck crops are in "fair to good condition", but that harvesting of crops now ready for market is being hampered by unfavorable weather conditions and by labor shortages.

In a resume of prospects for truck crop production, Henry G. Brown, statistician in charge of Markets, said "altogether, the outlook for all crops is good — with fair yields and prices in prospects."

Brown reported these crop "prospects":

Lima beans — Yield of 65,000 bushels expected from 1,300 planted acres; or 12,000 bushels under 1942 and 9,000 under the 10-year average. Decrease due to less acreage and yield of five per cent less than the 55 bushels per acre harvester last year.

Carrots — Production of 36,000 bushels or 6,000 more than harvested in 1942, is expected. Approximately 180 acres will be harvested, compared with 150 last year.

Cucumbers — Present surveys indicate a yield of 340,000 bushels from approximately 3,000 acres, or 64,000 bushels less than the 304,000 bushels produced last year and 50,000 less than the 10-year average.

Beets — Although peak bunch shipments are about over, a limited supply of root-stock will be available a few days longer. Prices and yields have been satisfactory.

Cabbage — Shipments from

the early crop are about complete. Growing conditions generally have been favorable for cabbage in Western North Carolina and the crop is reported to be in fair to good condition.

Cantaloupes — The crop has continued to make satisfactory growth and is reported to be in good condition in all areas. Yield prospects are good.

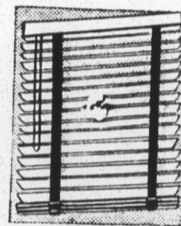
Irish potatoes — Although light diggings got underway early last week, the peak movement is expected to be reached the last week in June. Only 101 carloads were shipped during the first week of harvest. Labor shortages are expected to extend the harvest season well into July. The crop is producing slightly better yields of quality potatoes than was at first predicted.

Tomatoes — The crop has made good to splendid growth in most areas. Peak shipments are expected during the week of June 24-29.

Watermelons — Growth has been satisfactory. First shipments are expected about mid-July.

Snapbeans — Peak shipments are past. Early pickings brought excellent prices, but prices and quality declined near the peak period. The Western North Carolina crop is reported to be in fair to good condition.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that the crimson clover seed crop is the second largest on record — 14,100,000 pounds.



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## Circus Scenes Add Color To Drama Of Horror

Latest of Universal's horror dramas and the first to have a circus background. "Captive Wild Woman," comes Thursday and Friday to the Dolly Madison Theatre.

Evelyn Ankers and Milburn Stone have romantic leads, Aquanetta the title part and John Carradine undertakes his first scare-em role at Universal after completing the title portrayal in "The Hangman." Other featured players are Lloyd Corrigan and Vince Barnett.

Edward Dmytryk was the director, and Ben Pivar the associate producer.

### HOGS

Johnston County growers will feed their hogs on soybean pastures this summer to help relieve the grain shortage, reports E. V. Vestal, Extension Wildlife Specialist at State College.



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