

N. C. Ranks 42nd In Land Values; California First, Nebraska 2nd

California now ranks first in the United States in the per farm value of farm land and buildings, her average being \$15,466. California is approximately \$4,000 higher than the next ranking state, Nebraska. At the other extreme comes Mississippi with a per farm value of land and buildings of only \$1,150. Fifteen years ago Iowa was the lowest farm state in the union with an average value of all farm property per farm of approximately \$400. In 1935 Iowa held fourth position with a value of land and buildings alone, per farm, of barely \$11,000.

North Carolina now ranks forty-first in value of farm land and buildings per farm, average being \$3,060. While the rank of the state has not changed much during the last fifteen years there has been a decided drop in the average valuation per farm. In 1920 all farm property in North Carolina averaged \$4,894 per farm. This figure includes livestock and farm machinery along with land and buildings.

North Carolina ranked forty-third in farm values per farm at that time. In 1925 the average value of land and buildings alone in North Carolina was \$3,282, and we ranked fortieth among the states. In 1930 the average value of land and buildings alone was \$3,018 and our rank was forty-second. During the last five years the average value of farm land and buildings has dropped to \$3,060 and our rank as has been indicated—is now forty-first among the states. In other words, the value of farm land and buildings in North Carolina has declined by 33 percent, but the rank of the state remains approximately the same.

HOW'S your HEALTH

Blind by the New York Dr. Iago Goldsack Academy of Medicine

Leukemia
Literally, leukemia means white blood. The name is descriptive of the condition, for leukemia is a disease in which there is a marked increase in the number of white cells present in the blood.

Under the heading of leukemia there are listed numerous subdivisions, each describing some particular form of the disease, but despite the careful study of its varying forms, we are still much in doubt as to its origin.

Recent work, however, strongly suggests that leukemia is a neoplastic disease, that is, it belongs to that group of new-growth diseases which are collectively called cancers.

Any type of cell that is capable of multiplication may, from the theoretical standpoint, produce a malignant new growth. The white blood cells, being capable of multiplication, can therefore give rise to cancer.

The disease leukemia has been experimentally produced in mice. The disease has been propagated by being passed from the sick to the healthy animal.

The disease evidently arises only from the multiplication of the transmitted cancer cell. The growths produced in the inoculated animal arise not out of the animal's own tissues, but by the multiplication of the transmitted cancer cells.

In experiments, it has been found that the leukemia of mice artificially produced resembles, very closely the leukemia found in man.

The suggested relationship of the leukemia artificially produced and deliberately transmitted in mice, and that found affecting man, offers a new field for the further study of the puzzling problems of new growths.

Thousands Seek Hostess Job On Big Air Lines

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH
NEW YORK—(AP)—Requirements are strict, yet thousands of young women are seeking the comparatively few hostess jobs available on passenger ships of the nation's airlines.

Six years ago the first major transport line announced it was adding women to its regular crews. Since then the beauty, charm and bravery of the hostesses who cruise the nation's skies have become traditional—and applications from young women have crammed the files of the major companies. One line has 2,000 applications, but insists there is a shortage of qualified women.

Generally stated, the air-minded young woman must fill these requirements if she would don the pert uniform of the stewardess:

- She must be a graduate registered nurse.
- Her height must not be more than five feet, four, nor may she weigh more than 120 pounds.
- She must not be more than 26 years old.
- She must have an engaging personality, be solicitous of the comfort of others and capable of performing a variety of tasks, from explaining the fundamentals of aerial navigation to helping change a diaper.
- One of the airlines operates a school to polish its stewardesses, classes going into such things as passenger psychology, how to make air travelers comfortable, serving lunches and answering questions about the geography of the routes flown.
- The stewardess must be a registered nurse, explains an air line representative, "because the institutionally trained girl has an understanding of discipline and a knowledge of how to deal with the public that is required in the job of stewardess."
- The stewardess may not be "beautiful but dumb."
- She must have sense enough to be able to carry her end of almost any conversation. She must have poise in the presence of the great and near great, for many in these classic airs travel by air—politicians and movie stars, opera singers and captains of industry.

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Hollywood Taps Road To Beauty Grace And Charm

By ROBBIN COONS
HOLLYWOOD—Some tap for fun, some tap for work, and some tap because everybody else is tapping.

Hollywood is tap-tapping its way to slenderness and grace. On the screen—or should it be on the stage?—of the tap-dancing cycle in films, the excitement spread from the people who make a business of it to the people who only want to learn.

Not everybody can dance like Fred Astaire, Eleanor Powell, Bill Robinson, Ruby Keeler or Eleanor Whitney, but everybody—so it seems to Dave Gould dance instructor at Me-Jo—can try and do it.

Since Eleanor Powell came on the lot and made a hit, Gould's classes have multiplied. His latest pupil is May Rosson, who is 71 this month and thinks nothing of being assigned a tap dance for her new film, "Gram" and already has taught her a time step, difficulty preliminary to other tapping achievement.

It is a film role that brings the venerable May to class. But then, says Gould, that is how many of his regular pupils get the dancing fever. They learn a few steps for a picture, and then they're "off to Buffalo."

Gould's youngest pupil is Juanita Quigley, 4, who has been studying two years already. Rosalind Russell, an interested student, practices in spare time. Louis Hayward took it up to improve footwork in his boxing hobby. Joan Crawford learned to dance long ago, but when she thought she was to dance opposite Clifton Webb in a movie, she went to work with serious intent. The picture was called off, but Joan still dances.

Marion Talley, the opera star, who had never danced in her life, learned the ballroom type during her long idleness under contract at the studio.

All newcomers, of course, are expected to report for tap-dance lessons regularly. It's supposed to enhance their poise, attractiveness, and health, besides preparing them for possible dancing roles.

Stenographers, secretaries, executives as well as stars are learning the intricacies. Exercise, fun, waist-line preserver—whatever they call it, they dance.

Army, Navy to Get a Billion; But Whom Will America Fight?

WASHINGTON Nobody seems to know why Congress is appropriating more than a billion dollars for the army and the navy this year. But the Senate army bill calls for \$84,699,619 and President Roosevelt's budget estimates \$620,184,077 for the navy.

The navy is more definite than the army about why it needs so much money. It is sure that it is going to fight Japan sooner or later. The idea is widely held, particularly among congressmen from the west, though no one has explained satisfactorily how either the Japanese or the American navy could operate with success so far from home.

The army is vague about whom it's going to fight. No army of officials seriously contends that expansion from 115,000 to 150,000 men and the addition of hundreds of new planes is meant for defense against Mexico or Canada. And few believe that an enemy could get past the navy to land an army on our shores.

Members of Military Affairs Committees Are Equally Hazy About Identity of Our Enemy

MEMBERS of the military affairs committees are equally hazy about the identity of our unknown foe. Some of them profess to believe that the Japanese might attack us via Lower California or Alaska. Other committee members and certain high army officials seem to think we are menaced by a Red uprising.

The suggestion has been heard that we may need that army at home; and army men occasionally mention preparation for the possibility of subduing American citizens by use of American soldiers.

Army manuals contain directions for dealing with mobs and in recent years troops have been concentrated nearer industrial centers. All this would indicate that the army really is preparing for strikes and serious labor troubles.

Remove Red Tape In Bond Issuance On Honesty Note

By HERBERT FLUMMER
WASHINGTON—The federal government in making cash payment of the bonus this summer, intends to proceed on the theory that all war veterans are honest men.

Those in charge of the machinery now being set up in the postoffice department virtually have decided to omit final formalities such as taking veterans' fingerprints.

At explained by one high government official, every effort will be made to simplify the procedure. When it is considered that treasury officials estimate if the bonus bonds to be issued were laid end to end they would reach from New York to London and then still go on almost to Moscow, the tremendous amount of routine involved in their handling is easily understood.

Want Vets To Keep Bonds
There's an element of psychology in the decision of the government to remove as much red tape as possible in the issuance of bonus bonds which may be traded for cash.

Everything possible is being done to persuade the veterans to retain their bonds as long as possible. If treasury officials could figure out even approximately what would be done with this bonus money a lot of their troubles would be removed.

Fiscal experts, however, are up against something entirely new in trying to make such estimates. Relief needs, consumer demand and a host of other influences enter into the question.

It's a vastly different proposition from that presented in government offerings to banks and business men. A fraction of an advance in the interest rate on government securities will cause almost a stampede among those with money to lend. March offerings, for example, were greatly oversubscribed although the interest yield is less than 2 1/2 per cent.

The bonus bonds always will be worth their face value, and if held, will be worth more after the first year because they bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent annually until June 15, 1945.

Colorado has the highest mean elevation in the Rocky Mountains, 8,800 feet. Wyoming is second at 8,700 feet.

Woman Held On Kidnap Charge

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Talks To Parents

By BROOKE PETERS CHURCH
Point Of View

There are and always have been varying theories about play, its origin and purpose. There is, for example, the surplus energy theory, which makes play a by-product of the child's life, and a wasteful one, which must be gradually absorbed into useful channels.

Others look on play as a kind of hang-over from the ways of early man, a recapitulation of his various phases from earliest times. A third school regards play as a preparation for the important work of life. The child in his play is exercising brain and muscle and, from the experience of his play time, choosing what his life's work shall be.

Each of these and almost all the other theories proposed, presupposes a difference between work and play. They claim that for children play may be very essential, but that the sooner they give up the trifle waste of energy and settle down to the serious business of life, the better. Some play, of course, will always be necessary for recreation.

What these theorists fail to perceive is that what is play to one man is work to another. The small boy who is called in from the baseball field to work may one day go out to the diamond to earn a living. The child who is discouraged from senseless scribbling may one day use that scribbling as a means of livelihood. One child does mathematics as a pastime, another reads French in his spare moments. Some girls sew for recreation, others will not even mend a dress.

Life is activity, and activity is play or work according to whether or not one is doing what one wants to do. It is a question of attitude, and if children are from the outset trained to this point of view they may be able to keep a spirit of youth and play rather than drudgery.

Mass Illness Strikes Teacher And 19 Pupils After Rehearsal

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 24.—Nineteen pupils and the teacher of East Highlands grammar school here became suddenly ill after a rehearsal for a pageant Wednesday and physicians attributed the attack to "mass hysteria."

Dr. R. B. Daniel, superintendent of city schools, said school and city health officers had investigated the water supply and other facilities at the school and found no trace of contamination. He added that there was no indication of gas fumes and said the investigation led to the theory of mass hysteria.

The children were stricken immediately after their return from the school yard where they had rehearsed a pageant to be staged Friday. According to reports one pupil, a boy, swooned and the others became sick in a short time. All of the pupils rallied after treatment at the city hospital.

Beam Mill Section Has Many Sick Ones

(Special To The Star.)
BEAMS MILL, Apr. 24.—Prof C. P. Gardner presented his normal singers in an hour's concert at Pleasant Grove Sunday morning. The singing was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd present.

Mrs. Ida Costner remains seriously ill. Mrs. W. C. Bridges is improved. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hendrick are sick. Oscar Hamrick underwent a serious operation at the Shelby hospital Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hoyle and children, Billy and Betty spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. L. Carpenter and family of near Waco.

Miss Verlie Glasco returned home Saturday night after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Glasco of Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hendrick and sons, of Lenoir and Miss Hattie Sherrill of Granite Falls were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hendrick and family.

Mrs. Baxter Carroll and family of Waco spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Costner and daughter, Doris Ann, of Lincoln spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Costner.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Williams and son, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Pete McGinnis of Cherryville. Mrs. Smith who has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Ida Costner, returned to her home.

Miss Eleanor Elliott visited Dr. and Mrs. Forrest Elliott of Lenoir Wednesday.

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We wish to express our appreciation for the sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our mother, and grandmother, Mrs. Emma Cunningham Greer.—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Teel and family Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Greer.

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Tax Collections Swell Balance In N. C. Coffers

RALEIGH, April 24.—Income tax collections of more than \$6,000,000 during March enabled the general fund of the treasury of the state of North Carolina to end that month with a balance of \$4,429,684.29, as compared with the insignificant sum of only \$2,745.42 on February 29, according to a joint statement of the state auditor and state treasurer, which was made public Thursday.

The actual collections of income taxes from all sources—individual, corporation and otherwise—amounted to \$6,009,537.03. Attention was called to the fact that no amount approaching that sum could be expected during any other month of the present fiscal year, as the greater proportion of income taxes are paid during March.

The balance in the highway fund was \$13,444,994.70, almost a four million dollar gain over the previous month. The total cash balance reported, including all funds, amounted to \$23,405,904. This was an increase of \$6,655,513.34 as compared with the report of February 29.

North Carolina's bonded indebtedness, although considerably reduced during the past year or two, still remains at the high figure of \$197,788,000 the report discloses. Of this amount, highway bonds accounted for \$92,711,000 while general fund obligations reached a total of \$58,283,000. The next highest indebtedness was for special school building bonds, amounting to \$12,710,000.

More than 50,000 tung trees have been planted in the Beaumont, Tex., area during the past year and more than 100,000 seedlings were started.

Memorial Day At Pleasant Hill On Third Sunday

(Special To The Star.)
BELOWOOD, R-1, April 24.—Mrs. Nesbit White of Lincoln county spent Sunday night with her cousin, Miss Colleen Mull.

Memorial services will be held at Pleasant Hill Methodist church on the third Sunday in May. Only morning service will be held, but several quartets are expected to be present. Decoration of graves will be at 12 noon.

All people who have relatives or friends buried at Pleasant Hill Methodist church are requested to be present on or before Thursday, May 14 to help clean off the graveyard and church grounds. Those who can not come will be asked to send one dollar to Mrs. Amanda Warlick and she will see that a hand is hired.

Mrs. Jonah Bowman and little daughter, Phyllis Jean, of Valdese spent the week-end with Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carpenter.

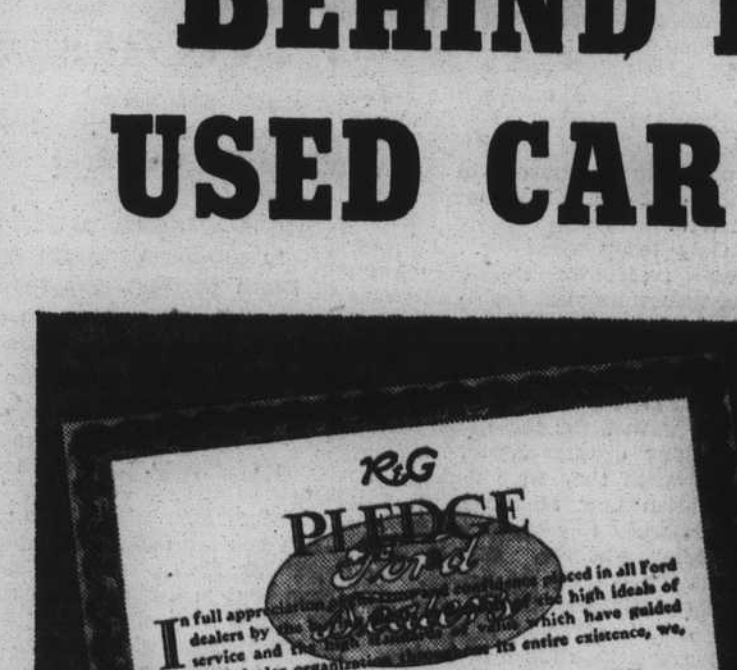
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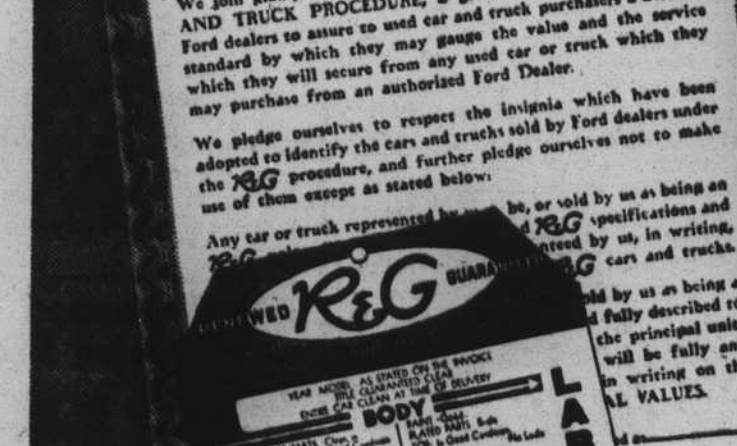
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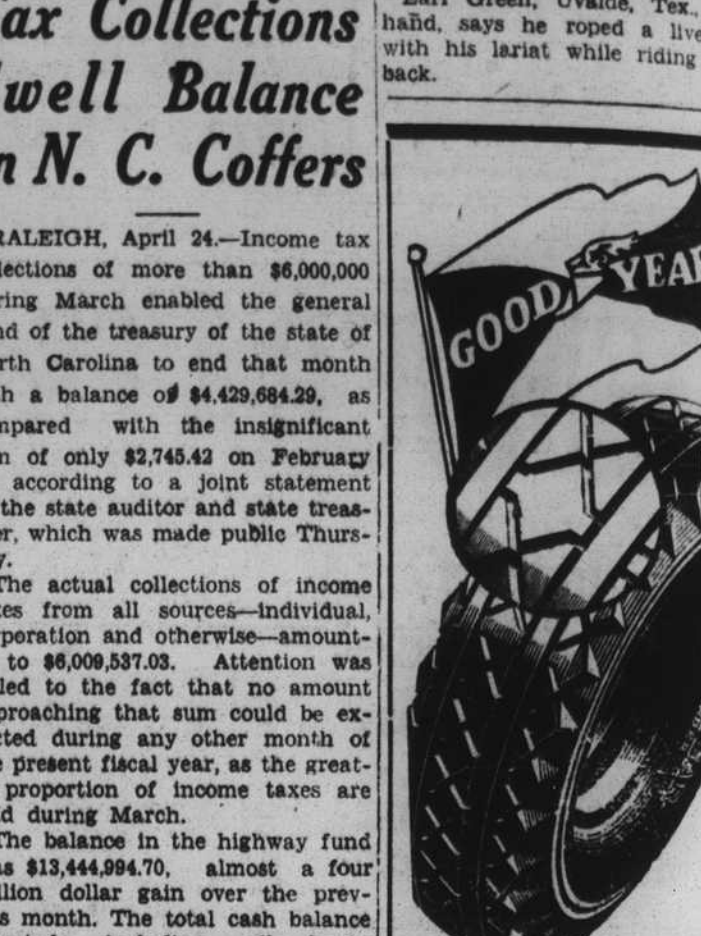
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