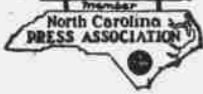


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Trade At Home

With our present day mode of traveling, in addition to our love for driving, there has been an increased tendency for most everyone to drive to another town or city for shopping.

There is one thought, however, that The Weekly wishes could be impressed upon people's minds. That is the fact that your home-town merchant can supply you with the same merchandise at the same prices, and even in some cases, at a lower figure.

Let's all make this a trade-at-home summer.

Item For The Budget

One topic mentioned at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday was a question asked, "when would the Band come to the point that it would need no further assistance from the Board?"

Of course, the wording of the question is ours, but it carries the meaning of the query and in this connection The Weekly believes that The Perquimans County School Band, its upkeep and support is certainly an item for the budget that the Commissioners will soon be making for the coming year.

Certainly, the band has very little opportunity to ever become a self-supporting unit. Even if concerts and shows were given it is highly probable that the financial returns would not cover the cost that it takes to maintain a band for the school.

If the comment we heard after the band had made a public appearance on the downtown streets several weeks ago, giving a short performance, is any criterion of the public interest in the band, then we believe the band to be a worth while extra curriculum activity at the school and should be maintained by monies allotted by the Board of Commissioners.

A Strange Defense

Henry A. Wallace, United States Secretary of Agriculture, has just made reply to critics of his Department's proposal to make permanent its 3 1/2 per cent rate of interest on farm loans. Taking up the imputation that the new Farm Credit Administration will use soft or loose credit policies, he asserts that, "The land banks—several of them—have been dealing in soft credit for years," and asks, "If this is not true, why are 25 per cent of the loans of the system delinquent and why has it been necessary to foreclose on so many farmers?"

The defense is a peculiar one. In effect it seems to argue that because a situation has been bad the remedy is more of the same thing. It does not seem to occur to the Secretary—or to many others—that something could be learned from the experience of over-lending on thousands of farms which contributed to land boom speculation some years ago. Instead of drawing the conclusion from land bank delinquency rates that loans should be made more conservatively, his group proposes to make up the deficiency by having the Government add its guarantee to the billions of dollars of bonds which would be issued to take up the existing land bank bonds.

Thus the Government would assume the responsibility for making up any shrinkage which might occur from delinquency on future loans. What with its previous guarantees of Home Owners Loan Corporation bonds and its insurance of Federal Housing Administration mortgages, the Federal Treasury, and through it the taxpayers, would be committed to supporting the value of a very large part of all the real estate securities, and hence of the real estate, farm and urban, in the United States.

Mr. Wallace says, "We believe the Federal Government should be put squarely behind the bonds, and if done, they will in the future be as strong as the Government itself." But if the tendency of all groups to lean on the Government continues undiminished, how strong will the Government be? — Christian Science Monitor.



Chewing The Rag With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

This week's Serious Thought is inspired by the Industrial Press Service, a terse little sheet gotten out by the National Association of Manufacturers and National Industrial Council in Washington.

"The United States is at peace," the Service leads off, "Great Britain is at War."

It goes on to inform us that in the coming fiscal year, Great Britain's local and national government will spend ten billion dollars. During the same period, government—federal, state and local—in the United States will cost well over 19 billion dollars! "Nation at war for its life—ten billion dollars of government spending!" the Service shouts, "Nation at peace—19 billions!"

Of course our population is three times as large as that of Great Britain, the Service claims, but even making the allowance, the figures still remain startling in their implications, for it is well to remember that the British bill—still much smaller than ours—is two and a half times what it was in pre-war days. "Can it be," the Industrial Press Service questions, "that the govern-

ment in this country has declared war, too—war on economy and on the poor defenseless taxpayer?"

And while we're talking about money, we wonder if you read the piece on another page of this paper that tells you it's possible to travel now and pay later.

Railroads going in for installment plan business!

The thing has possibilities... and economists herald it as one of the most drastic steps the carriers ever took. Sixty-six lines are in on it. You can travel anywhere and pay for it after you get back on the installment plan... like buying a radio or even a set of teeth. (Yes, you can buy teeth on the installment plan, too.)

We met a couple of very interesting signs one day last week. They indicated that a couple of rest rooms were to be found behind them, but instead of the coldly formal "Ladies" and "Gentlemen" we were accustomed to seeing, these read in a friendly manner, "Yes Ma'am" and "Yes Sir."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

The item in a recent issue of The Weekly telling the difference between the thrasher and the thrush is interesting. I have wondered if some reader would like to learn them by song as well as appearance.

If you hear a song which you think to be that of a mocking bird, stop and listen. If the bird sings a few notes and repeats them, then a few more and repeats them, and so on and on, you should try to see the bird for it is most likely a thrasher instead of a mocking bird.

The song of the wood thrush, which most often comes from the deep wood lands in early mornings or late afternoons, is entirely different. It never imitates other birds, but has the clearest and most bell-like notes of any bird I ever heard. Occasionally this bird comes to our shade trees but that is usually during twilight in this section, although it runs around on the ground hunting worms as the robin in some other sections. I would like much to know the cause of this difference.

I have seen a few olive-backed thrushes, but do not know their song. If anyone can describe it for me, I shall be very glad.

Perhaps some readers of The Weekly who are interested in birds may not know of the little bird book called, "Bird Guide, Land Birds East of the Rockies." Besides being very handy to carry, as it is only about

3 1/4 x 5 1/4 x 2 1/2 inches, it is said to be one of the very best helps for identifying birds as the coloring is exceptionally good as well as the descriptions. It may be obtained from almost any book store. There is also an edition containing fewer birds sold by some Woolworth stores for 20c which is good.

Sincerely,
MATTIE SAUNDERS,

SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

HAS THE HOUR GLASS RUN ITS TIME? The following ruminations are the result of a conversation overheard the other day with reference to Great Britain. Battles are often lost and then by a supreme or clever effort the war is won. At the present moment it is quite evident that the battles are being lost by the Allies—more specifically Britain—in the European conflict. That does not mean that the Allies have lost the war. It does appear, however, that win or lose, Britain is suffering from pernicious senility. That means to the English speaking peoples that a strange world is in the making and that new responsibilities, new problems are soon to rest with full weight on the shoulders of the English speaking nations other than Britain herself. The old lady of the snug little island is old, very old. Her shoulders are bowed with the burden of the years and cannot longer bear the weight. The stream of her life blood has cooled, it runs but

slowly, the arteries are hardening; senility has set in. The end is not yet. The War is not lost. The Queen of the Seas and the Empress of the far flung Empire may yet make the great, the superhuman effort that will bring victory to the Allied cause. Still, the disease of age has settled on Great Britain—the day of her imperial might is approaching the hour of twilight!

During the period since the close of the Great War, twenty years and more, the elder statesmen of the great empire have sat and watched the world move on and did not see the motion, much less the direction of the moving. They saw but the past and the glory of it. The present was to them not the womb of the future, but rather an indefinite unpleasantness that might perhaps be over after another cup of tea! So, let's have another cup of tea! To strive, to act, to think, to solve problems is so hard—and the elders are tired. Old age, senility, decadence. That's the closing chapter of the life of man the individual. It may be, too, the closing chapter of the nation's life—even the life of the once great Britain!

If this diagnosis is right, and the possibility of its correctness is too great to allow it to be ignored, then the weight of a great responsibility is about to fall on the shoulders of those English speaking nations which so far have always followed the land of their origin, which have always in one way or another felt that between them and the rest of world stood Britain. The United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, on them must fall the mantle of the one time Queen of the Empire. The culture, the traditions, that something which we know as the spirit of English civilization and institutions, must never be lost. The children of the great Mother of Nations must and will carry on.

To this nation in particular the vision of the future should bring deep searchings of heart. Are we ready from any point of view to carry on? Is our own little house in order? May our citizens think before it is too late!

Hertford Scene Of Next Inter-City Lions Meet

The Inter-City meeting of Lions Clubs will be held in Hertford at the Woman's Club House on Academy Street on the evening of Thursday, May 16th. Clubs from Edenton and Plymouth will meet here with the local club as host.

**You Must Register Prior to 6 O'clock
May 11th or You Cannot Vote In the
Primary to Be Held May 25.**

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