

THIS BUSINESS OF Living
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WHAT "MAKING THINGS" MEANS

Where the hills divided and the valley widened we came upon another town. It was typical of New England, with square, white houses set in shady lawns along wide, quiet streets. But this town was more beautiful than the last ones we had driven through and there was a different air about it; something that told us that here people were not living upon past glories but were an active, useful part of today although living in homes which spoke eloquently of a different age. The busy store along Main Street showed plainly that business was good.

"They must make something here," we told each other and turned to drive along the river looking for the factory or plant that was inevitable when we came upon towns like this. We found it, spreading its old brick walls along the river for at least a couple of blocks—a paper mill that had been turning out news print for more than a hundred years.

This explained everything. The size of the beautiful homes, which meant prosperity a century ago, as well as their present up-keep which means prosperity today. For on that

2,500 mile trip wherever we found an active factory we found contentment and prosperity. The houses in fresh coats of paint with green shutters, the lawn smooth and green, the flower beds ablaze with color.

And why not? According to a study made recently by the National Association of Manufacturers, a typical factory means an investment of \$975,000 and an annual payroll of \$180,000 which is largely spent in the community itself.

Such a payroll supports 33 retail stores with sales of over half a million dollars a year. It makes possible the sale and servicing of 320 automobiles. It accounts for 393 occupied houses and a school house of 22 rooms.

It means a livelihood, not only for the factory workers themselves and the storekeepers from whom they buy, but supports approximately 24 professional men and their families; doctors, dentists, lawyers and ministers. It also means the support of the farmers of 6,600 acres. A community and a factory are interrelated—and as the factory prospers, so do the various individuals who make up that community.

LAST SHRED OF PUBLICITY STRAINED FROM DUNN'S FIVE AND TEN SHOOTING

Mack Hobson Cheerfully Goes to Jail For Four Months; Alease Tart Goes Back to the Ribbon Counter; What Happened to the Only People Inconvenienced?

Mack Hobson was convicted last Thursday in Harnett County of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to serve four months in jail.

Alease Tart, the 18-year-old ten cent store clerk who "jilted" him and thereby brought about all the trouble, has gone back to the ribbon counter. Mack, if you read the daily papers and remember him, is the lovelorn young college editor who didn't read Dorothy Dix and so didn't know a better way to clear up a bad situation than to empty a pistol at the object of his affections.

The shooting took place in a Dunn Five and Ten Cent Store a month ago and everything connected with the occurrence was given due publicity. (That is, everything was dealt with except that the only people who were really inconvenienced, the only people who have any interest in the happenings at all, the two colored women customers in the store who were the innocent victims of Mack's wild shooting.)

his lonely cell and dissolves into tears. (We'll bet Alease finds that she really loves him after all. It would be interesting to follow it and find out after the flare of trumpets signal Mack's release four months from now.) Alease is bound to visit Mack sooner or later and that is the last shred of publicity to be gained from this shooting business.

(Somehow, we feel like Mack is having a laugh on the whole community. If he really wanted to kill the girl, we believe he could have hit her with at least one of those bullets . . . or he could have thrown the gun at her. Of if he was serious, ten cent stores carry any number of butcher knives and similar weapons. No, we don't believe Mack intended to harm her, and he didn't know the two colored women were in the store. By the way, we still wonder how the colored women are getting along.)

That two colored women were wounded seems to us the only phase of the whole affair worth more than two paragraphs in anybody's paper. Yet we can't recall having seen their names in the daily papers.

Surprisingly enough, the Tart girl wasn't hit, and even if Mack wasn't in jail, it's doubtful that he would be drafted after the exhibition of marksmanship he put on in the Five and Ten.

There followed a movie-type hearing with all the slush and tripe and trimmings that go hand in hand with such tabloid-patterned happenings. You know the routine; pictures of sweating lawyers, pictures of the pretty girl who "liked him as a friend," and more pictures of the handsome youngster who lost his head and didn't know why he did it.

To make an ideal set-up even more perfect there was a sanity hearing, and to the satisfaction of everybody concerned (and nearly everybody not concerned) Mack was found to be as sane as the doc who examined him.

Now, everything is lovely; Mack has moved his typewriter into the fruit, nut and candy-bedecked cell, and thinks "it was a fair sentence and appreciates the consideration given him." (We can't get those two Negro women out of our mind; we wonder what they think about it all. The papers haven't said.) With cheerful, bright, indomitable spirit Mack is prepared to play the martyr for all suffering young-lovelorn mankind.

It's hard to see Mack in jail paying his debt to society. It's hard to see Mack doing anything other than heartily enjoying his position as the pitiful victim of That Ole Debbil Love . . . and circumstances, of course. And why not? Mack is no ordinary convict. There will be no prison blight on him. Society will welcome him back with open arms, and if anything, he will be more interesting to his friends than he was before . . . and to the girl . . . a hero.

Back at the ribbon counter, Alease is rather out of things for the moment. She's likely to stay in the background until she visits Mack in

Who Knows?

1. How does the population of Germany, before Hitler, compare with acquisitions since 1933?
2. What is the area of London?
3. What was the basis of Bulgaria's claim to southern Dobruja?
4. How many cantonments did the U. S. have in the World War?
5. How many airplanes are provided for in the \$5,000,000,000 defense bill?
6. How large is the ranch-holdings of Vice-President Garner?
7. What is referred to as a "loading elephant"?
8. What determines the number of votes a state has in the Electoral College?
9. In what year was the woman's suffrage amendment ratified?
10. How far is Bermuda from Cape Hatteras, nearest point in the United States?

- THE ANSWERS**
1. 67,000,000 in 1933; acquisitions, including occupied France, 93,300,000.
 2. About 693 square miles.
 3. It was a part of Bulgaria before the Balkan War, 1913.
 4. Sixteen.
 5. 18,000.
 6. Between 40,000 and 50,000 acres.
 7. A balloon in the British barrage.
 8. Each state has as many votes as it has senators and representatives combined.
 9. 1920.
 10. 630 miles.

Will and Time
If the will and the time always went together, how much we should be able to do!—Robert Hugh Benson.

CENTER HILL NEWS

Miss Elizabeth White has gone to Guilford, where she will again be a member of the school faculty.

Mrs. J. S. Turner, her daughter, Peggy, Mrs. Lloyd Bunc and her son, Dallas, visited Mrs. Edward Byrum,

Auto Quiz No. 9



Travelers Safety Service

1. Truly, the traffic accident situation is worse than war, for during the last sixteen years almost twice as many Americans have lost their lives in automobile accidents as were killed in action or died of wounds in — (a) The World War. (b) The Civil War. (c) The above wars combined. (d) The World War, Civil War and Revolutionary War combined. (e) all the wars in which our country has been engaged.
2. We hope you won't ever be involved in an accident but if you should be, no matter how slight it is we hope you will — (a) drive home, telephone the police, await developments. (b) stop, give assistance if necessary, and identify yourself. (c) drive quickly to the nearest police station and report (d) drive to the nearest telephone and call the hospital.
3. Few fatal accidents occur at speeds of 25 miles per hour or less. True (—) or False (—).

(Answers on Page Two)

of near Cannons Ferry, Monday afternoon. children visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Byrum Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jordan and son, Jimmy, have returned home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilkins, at Boykins, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ellis and Miss Thelma Ellis, of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ellis and Miss Garnet Jernigan were dinner guests of Mrs. Ida Ellis Sunday.

Mrs. G. E. Hollowell and daughter, Miss Annie Mae Hollowell, were guests of Mrs. W. E. Byrum and Miss Mamie Byrum Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Asbel and two daughters, Anna Lee and Sarah Margaret, have returned from Winston-Salem, where they visited Mrs. Asbell's brother, William Hunter.

Miss Sybil White left Sunday for Engleside, Va., where she will teach again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodwin, of Green Hall, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Gresham and Miss Ila Mae Dail, of Norfolk, Va., were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dail.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byrum and daughter, Doris Jean, visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byrum Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotter B. White and

Farm And Home Agents To Attend District Conferences

Through a series of program planning meetings, a schedule of expanded service to the farm people of North Carolina will be mapped out for county and home agents of the State College Extension Service, Dr. I. O. Schaub, Extension director, has announced.

The first of these two-day district meetings will begin October 16 and the last will be held October 31 and November 1. There are five extension districts in the State. Three of the conferences will be held in Raleigh, one in Statesville, and the last

in Asheville. Dr. Schaub explained that the meetings will be held to coordinate county farm and home educational programs with the work at State College. Subject matter specialists of the Extension Service will consult with each of the agents and make arrangements for visits to the counties to give method demonstrations. The type and number of result demonstrations to be placed with farmers and farm women also will be discussed with each agent.

The schedule of meetings is as follows: Northeastern district, October 16 and 17 at Raleigh; Southeastern district, October 18 and 19 at Raleigh; Northwestern district, October 21 and 22 at Raleigh; Southwestern district, October 29 and 30 at Statesville; and Western district, October 31 and November 1 at Asheville.

The conference will be in charge of district farm agents and district home demonstration agents. Farm and home agents will consult with county boards of agriculture, county AAA committees, and home demonstration county councils about plans for their counties before attending the conference.

"Through these meetings we hope to continue the progress we have made during the past year in a better balanced, more economical North Carolina agriculture," Dr. Schaub said.



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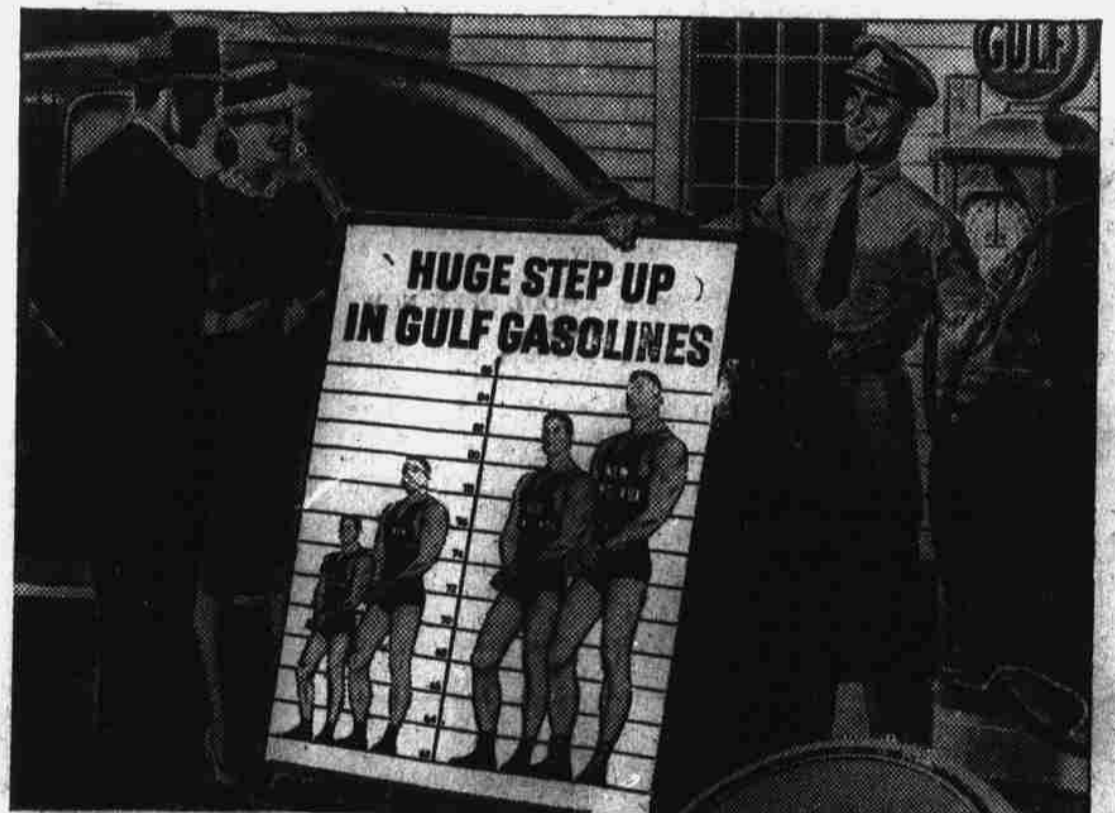
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