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Project Long Needed

While a definite date has not been set for the start of the project of widening Church Street, in the business section of Hertford, completion of the project will come none too soon.

This section of U. S. Highway 17 has been a traffic bottleneck for several years, causing a delay in the flow of traffic and at the same time creating a hazard for accidents, which fortunately did not occur.

Much credit for hastening the preliminary steps toward achievement of this project goes to J. Emmett Winslow, now Highway Commissioner for this district, who as a resident of this community realized the need for a remedy for this hazard, and expedited the matter.

The project will be one in which both the Highway Department and the Town of Hertford will participate, with the State doing the work of widening the street and the town will install the necessary sidewalks.

The town also proposes to install a new white-way within the area and this will add much to the attractiveness of the business district.

Our Fighter Pilots

Recently, U. S. Air Force fighter pilots rolled up a record of 64-to-0 against Communist jets flying the Russian-built MIG jet fighter. The U. S. pilots, flying F-86 Sabre jet fighters, engaged the enemy in frequent aerial battles from May 17th

through July 19th, without losing a single American fighter.

This record is all the more remarkable when one realizes that the enemy MIG fighter is a highly-rated performer. In fact, when the enemy jets first appeared over Korea, they managed to establish a much better record against the American Sabres.

The young pilots of World War II also faced enemy aircraft of a high order. The Japanese planes could out-turn and out-climb their American counterparts, although U. S. teamwork and tactics, and pilot-training overcame this disadvantage and enabled the Army and Navy air forces to pile up a record of considerable proportions of the Japanese. In Europe, also the American fighter planes established an enviable record although they were called upon to fly against German jet fighters in the last six months of the war.

The fighter pilot is, perhaps, the most specialized and highly-skilled warrior of his day. Not only does he fly the fastest plane in existence but he must also be his own navigation officer, his own bombardier (when he is carrying rockets or bombs), his own gunner and also pilots his 600-mile-an-hour machine. In no other field of warfare does the traditional American adaptability and ingenuity show up more clearly than in the realm of aerial combat and the country has reason to be proud of both its aircraft and its pilots in the Far East.

No War In Europe?

General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, recently told a Senate Appropriations Committee he did not think Russia would start a European war. The General said, contrary to some predictions, that he didn't think war was going to come in Europe—in the near future.

This is refreshing testimony, and certainly frank testimony, from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization commander. Although Gruenther admitted Russia and allied Communist satellites had superiority in ground and air forces, he reported a steady increase in Allied strength. Gruenther pointed out the troubles the Russians were having in such places as East Berlin and other areas. He compared the present situation to a battle when the enemy is about to be put on the defensive and asked the committee not to whittle foreign-aid funds too heavily, lest the opportunity of putting the enemy on the run be lost.

It is gratifying to know that things are looking up in Europe and that the time has finally arrived when the Russian rulers are more occupied with keeping order in their own house than

with further expansion. U. S. policy in recent years has been the primary reason this situation has developed and General Gruenther's prediction that the war in Europe will be prevented will be welcomed by people of all the Allied countries who have opposed Communism.

CLUB MEETS

The Whiteston Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting Thursday night, July 30, at the Community House with Mrs. Tom Riddick, the president, presiding. The group sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and repeated the Lord's Prayer. After the roll was called and minutes read and approved, the motion was made and carried that the club hold a wiener roast on the Community House lawn for members and their families on Thursday night, August 13, at 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Mary W. Winslow, Mrs. Iana Baker, Mrs. Sobelia Winslow and Miss Lucille Lane were named and approved for the nominating committee for new officers.

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Perry who gave a very helpful suggestion on "Making Housekeeping Easier." Interesting reports from the Citizenship Leader were also heard from Mrs. Walter Dale and Mrs. Eunice Winslow, in the absence of the poultry leader.

The hostess served refreshments.

LIBRARY NEWS

New books in the Perquimans County Library this week are as follows: Where Main Street Meets The River, by Hodding Carter, one of the foremost newspaper men of the South; Life Among The Savages, a light, amusing story of family life; Call Me Lucky, Bing Crosby's own story; Lost Trails, Lost Cities, the papers and records of the explorations of Col. Fawcett edited by his son; Novels are The Dark Angel, by the author of The Egyptian; The Kentuckians, by the author of Miss Willie, and The Stones of the House, a current best seller.

The library acknowledges a gift of 26 books from the personal library of Mrs. J. J. Skinner of Cove Grove. These books consist of both fiction and non-fiction books that were book club books or best sellers of the past few years. They are worthwhile additions to the library.

New Version History Teacher—Mr. Sopholes, who was it that followed King Edward VI of England? Mr. Sopholes—Queen Mary. Teacher—And who followed Mary? Mr. Sopholes—Her little lamb.

6 1/4 Million Trees Planted in State

Four pulp and paper companies located in Georgia and three located in adjacent states and operating in North Carolina are responsible for having planted 6 1/4 million trees in North Carolina during 1952-53. Ralph Phillips, engaged in the business of producing pulpwood in North Carolina, also cooperated in this activity.

The information was compiled by H. J. Malsberger, Forester and General Manager of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, on the basis of reports received from The Champion Paper & Fibre Co., North Carolina Pulp Co., Riegel Paper Co., Camp Manufacturing Co., Continental Can Co., and International Paper Co., which are all members of the Association, and Halifax Paper Co. Mr. Phillips is also a member of S.P.C.A.

The pulp and paper industry purchased all of these trees from publicly operated nurseries.

"At the rate of planting 1,000 trees per acre," Malsberger states, "the industry is responsible for bringing back into forest production 6,250 additional acres of worthless land in the state."

Motor Vehicles Killed Four Per Hour in 1952

The casualty list for 1952—96,000 killed and 9,600,000 injured!

That isn't the Korean war toll. It's the nation's accident totals for last year announced by the National Safety Council.

"Accident Facts," the Council's statistical yearbook, which is just off the press, shows that one person was injured accidentally every three seconds during 1952. Deaths from accidents occurred at the rate of one every five minutes.

During the year, motor vehicle accidents killed at the rate of four persons per hour and injured at a rate of 150 per hour.

One Long Suit
She—You are positively the worst dancer I ever saw.
He—Well, it's something to know that I excel in that respect at least.

Four Pointers Given For GI Insurance

Four pointers for the protection of an insurance policy and its value are cited by the Veterans Administration for the benefit of Korean veterans who are taking the special form of GI term insurance available, and for other veterans holding GI policies. They are:

(1) Be sure to pay premiums on time. The grace period is provided to take care of an emergency.

(2) Make the payments in the return envelopes sent by VA for that purpose. Pay by check or money order and don't send cash through the mails. If the return envelope gets mislaid, send the payment in another envelope addressed to the VA District Office that has the account, being sure to include the policy number for identification.

(3) When a veteran moves, he should be sure to send notice of the change of address, using the premium notice.

(4) A veteran should name the beneficiary or beneficiaries who are due to receive the proceeds of his policy. The notification to VA about beneficiaries should be brought up to date, if the veteran wishes to add the name of a child recently born, or for a similar reason.

TAR HEEL WHEAT FARMERS TO VOTE ON QUOTAS AUG. 14

North Carolina wheat growers will take part August 14 in a national referendum to determine whether quotas will be used in marketing the 1954 wheat crop.

Wheat quotas, which operate through acreage allotments, were proclaimed by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson on July 1, as directed by law. Quotas will not become effective unless at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum approve their use.

Out of a national acreage allotment of 62 million acres for the 1954 wheat crop, North Carolina's allotment is 319,257 acres, or about three-fourths as many acres as was grown the past year.

No Wonder
Driving up to the house to deliver the family's seventh baby, the doctor almost ran over a duck.
"Is that your duck out front?" the doctor asked.
"It's ours all right, but it ain't no

duck. It's a stork with his legs worn off from making so many calls.

Sure Ain't

A colored boy was strolling through a cemetery (in the daytime, of course, reading the inscriptions on the tombstones. He came to one which read: "Not dead, but sleeping." Scratching his head, he remarked, "He sure ain't foolin' nobody but hisself."

Living Up to the Audience

An English actor received a rebuke from a director.

"Go on," he said, "drop your aitches, can't you?"

"I'm supposed to be acting the part of a British peer," argued the Englishman.

"I know that," said the director, "but all you English drop your aitches, don't you?"

"Good gracious, no!" the Englishman responded.

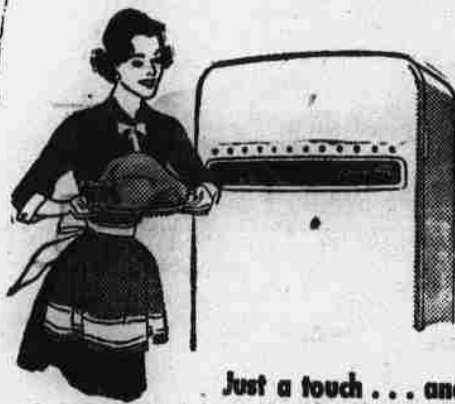
The director pondered a moment and then said, "Well, drop 'em anyhow. The guys on this side expect it."

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