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National Newspaper Week

The first week in October is being observed as National Newspaper Week this year. It is not necessary to tell our readers how much newspapers have meant to the people of the United States since the founding of the Colonies.

One of the main reasons the average American is better informed on domestic and international questions than his counterpart in foreign countries is because of freedom of the press, and objectivity, observed in the United States. While our newspapers contain editorial opinions, in the news columns they print an unbiased and non-partisan account of the major news events. As long as the newspaper reader can follow events accurately in the news columns, he is able to come to his own decisions and may or may not agree with the opinions expressed on the editorial pages.

It is interesting to note that even though various new media have brought the news to many American families, the newspaper remains the primary source of news and provides readers a permanent record which may be kept as a source of reference. It is also interesting to note that newspaper advertising and general growth has continued, even as radio and television have taken their places in the presentation of news.

It has often been said that the people in any area are only informed as the newspaper, or newspapers, which serve them. In our country the press has the obligation to print informative and accurate news, impartially. This newspaper has, and will continue, to discharge this obligation properly and invites all readers to submit their thoughts, or news items, for inclusion in these pages.

Christopher Columbus

In a few days, the 461st anniversary of the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus will be observed. On August 3rd, 1492, Columbus left the port of Palos, Spain, with three ships. One of them was the Santa Maria, of 100 tons and 52 men, and the other two were the Pinta and Nina, of 50 tons and 18 men and 40 tons and 18 men, respectively.

In the early morning of October 12, Rodrigo de Triana, on the Nina sighted land. Although it was the hurricane season, Columbus and his vessels had made the voyage without being destroyed by one of the great September hurricanes which occur periodically in the area. The land sighted was the island of Guanahoni, Bahamas. This is now called San Salvador, and the first fort built in this part of the New World was built there.

Columbus is certainly one of the greatest explorers of all times. The

Genoese navigator is also ranked as one of the world's first sailors and navigators and it was his conviction that the world was round which brought about the discovery of the New World just 461 years ago. Most historians, however, believe other explorers set foot on the North American continent many hundreds of years before Columbus. These explorers and seamen came across the North Atlantic and failed to discover the warmer area to the South. And, records of these voyages were unknown in Columbus' day and had not the Italian explorer obtained permission from the Queen of Spain to lead an expedition to the New World, the development of this hemisphere would have been considerably delayed.

Few adventures can match those of Columbus on his first crossing. The courage required and the conditions overcome make it one of the great and inspiration stories of all time.

SOIL CONSERVATION NOTES

Josiah Smith recently cleared some land with a bulldozer on his farm on the four-mile Desert Road. Immediately after clearing this land Mr. Smith had two ditches constructed with a dragline to improve the drainage so that he could plant the field to crops next year.

Cover crops are a help in maintaining and improving the fertility of the soil. Winter cover crops offer the following advantages:

1. They grow in periods when the fields are left bare.
2. They help prevent leaching and washing off of the fertilizer remaining in the soil from previous crops. They take up some of this fertilizer and return it to the soil after they are turned under.
3. Winter legumes add some nitrogen to the soil.
4. They furnish some winter grazing.
5. They help prevent wind erosion where this is a problem on sandy land.

A. H. Edwards had some cut-over woods land cleared and ditches constructed with a bulldozer. Mr. Edwards plans to use this land for additional pasture.

Governor Urging Full Attendance At N. C. State Fair

Governor William B. Umstead has personally and officially extended an invitation for all North Carolinians and visitors from other states to participate in the 1953 N. C. State Fair to be held October 20-24. "We are looking forward this year to the most colorful, entertaining, educational and useful State Fair in history," the Governor declared.

This will be the first State Fair under Governor Umstead's administration, but he was a prominent figure on the Fairgrounds last year as he escorted his little daughter on the rides and around the exhibit halls. The Governor will have the leading role in the dedication of the new State Fair Arena at 12 o'clock noon on the opening day of the Fair.

In his invitation to enjoy the 1953 Fair, the chief executive said: "I commend it to you as a great exposition, worthy of your interest and attendance. Celebrating this year its 100th birthday (the first N. C. State Fair was held October 18-21, 1853), the Fair offers opportunities for entertainment, relaxation, education and broadening of the cultural outlook. With the completion and full use this year of the new State Fair Arena, the judging and exhibition facilities will probably be unexcelled anywhere in the South.

"The State Fair has proved its value during the past years," he continued. "As many have discovered in the past, the Fair is more than a display of fruits and vegetables, livestock and machinery, manufactured

goods and handicrafts. It is a unique educational and inspirational experience which leads to a greater appreciation of the vast and varied scope of North Carolina's agriculture, industry, commerce, as well as our natural and human resources."

Finally, the Governor pointed out that, from the standpoint of attendance and the number of participants, the Fair is the biggest annual event held anywhere in North Carolina.

AFTERNOON OUTING



Dressed for an afternoon outing in a cool, fresh cotton dress and jacket, this pretty miss forgets the soaring temperature. Her smart ensemble is designed in a petit point printed pique by Alan Phillips for Lentz. The jacket comes off when she wants to convert her afternoon frock into a sun dress.

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 Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23

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Housework Easy Without Naggng Backache

When labor function slows down, many folk complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Don't suffer longer with these discomforts if dulled kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold. Minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages.

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