Helping Someone Who Needs You Is A Feather In Your Hat—Wear Yours

Those Deacons

Peahead (The Man Who Beat Neyland) Walker, head coach of the Wake Forest team which upset Tennessee, 19-6, told Sports Editor Ray Howe about the details of his greatest thrills. The story, with pictures, is on page 10-A.

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U. S. MOVES TO END VETO CONTROVERSY

Government And Lewis Split Over Coal Parley Terms

A Charlotte News Report

City And County Consolidation: Why It's Needed

(Second of a series of articles on City-County government, and the waste and inefficiency of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg dual system, and pointing out a workable solution: consolidation of City and County governments).

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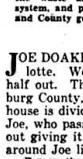
JOE DOAKES lives in a nice two-story brick house in Charlotte. Well, not quite in Charlotte. His lot is half in, half out. The south end of his living room is in Mecklenburg County, the north end in Charlotte proper. His whole house is divided that way. It doesn't matter to Joe or Mrs. Joe, who pass the County line a hundred times a day without giving it a thought. But when tax-paying time comes around Joe lives hard.

For on the south end of his house and lot he must pay County taxes, and County taxes only. But on the north end he must pay both County and City taxes. In effect, he draws three tax bills. It seems pretty silly to Joe, and it may sound like foolishness to readers too. But it actually happens about like that in many, many cases. That isn't all.



BURKE DAVIS

In more than one case, creeks are the dividing line between City and County. On the town side of the ten-foot ditch, say, there are 60-foot lots valued at $300 apiece on the tax books. Just across the branch there are no lots at all, but land figured in acreage—which would run perhaps $10 per "lot" on the tax books. The town-lot owner feels he has a kick coming. And he has.

This could go on forever. A City meat inspector can condemn a bad veal carcass for sale in the City, but he can't stop it being sold in County markets. The County Commissioners behave as if they wanted to do something about that now, but it's been like this for a long, long time — and even when they've passed a law of their own, citizens will be paying for the upkeep of two health departments to administer the law, where one would do very well.

The City Police can chase a criminal, or a reckless driver to the City limits, but unless they keep him in sight in a hot chase they can't follow him beyond. There the County Police take over. And if there should be a burglar at, say, the Myers Park Club, and the City cops got a call, they'd have to refer the call to the County police. The same goes for any of the thickly populated districts strung around town.

ONE ANSWER

The extension of City limits will end some of these particular little problems, but they will create thousands of others just a little farther out. Unless we direct the City's growth it will eventually absorb all or most of the County, piecemeal and for years there will be areas beyond the limits where developments will come willy-nilly. Industrial areas, as in the past, will grow up to blight residential districts. One answer is to combine City and County so that the City limits are extended to those of Mecklenburg County.

It isn't quite a new idea. Miss Carrie McLean fought for it, and had a law passed in 1927 which made it possible. It required only the vote of the people to put it into effect. The form of City Government has changed somewhat since then, and a new act would be required if we wanted to do that today, but from the legal standpoint it would be pretty simple, because North Carolina's constitution leaves that possibility open to any County.

People outside the City traditionally resist such a move in this area. But the benefits would be great in efficiency and actual savings. No one can say exactly how much, but it stands to reason that the combination of departments handling matters like taxation, health, education, law enforcement and finance would cut costs tremendously. And the rural or small-town area would not lose its identity, nor would it be forced to help carry the load for benefits it doesn't get. Districts would be set up, exempting large areas from paying special taxes, like those for water, sewage and so on. The five incorporated towns outside Charlotte would continue about as they do now—with lower tax bills. Huntersville, Cornelius, Pineville, Matthews and Davidson would stand to lose no more than a town like Dilworth did when it came into Charlotte. All outside residents would get their return in tax savings and more efficient governments and additional services.

The way we now finance our City and County operations makes no sense to any investigator (except a government employee who wants to hold a job or a politician with his eye on patronage). What seem to be inequities in our fiscal affairs are actually cases of one people trying to live as two. These are some examples:

1. Charity hospitalization. The County spends $63,000 on this, paying for 35 per cent of all City patients and all of its own, or about 60 per cent of the total. The City throws in about $27,000—and in addition spends $4,500 on a dental clinic, and splits with the County on the Maternity Clinic.

2. The County spends $115,000 a year in direct relief, for fuel, food, board, drugs, clothing and rent for the indigent and blind. It pays all the costs by law—but over 90 per cent of those aided live in the City itself.

3. The County carries all the "poor fund" load, including the Welfare Department, Social Security benefits and the like. It finances these deals under complex arrangements whereby the State rebates a quarter of the cost and the U. S. a half. But the City bears no part of the cost, though almost all the beneficiaries live in the City itself.

4. The County Sanatorium costs $176,000 a year. But 84 per cent of the inmates come from the City.

COUNTY HOME COST

5. The County Home costs $80,000 a year, but 19 per cent of its 140 inmates are from the City.

These things aren't scandalous by any means, and can't be helped under present conditions. Some of them are the result of Federal laws. But a Mecklenburg resident, looking over the books to see if he's getting a fair return for his tax dollar, can become mightily confused—even if he is paying only twelve per cent of the bill. These things seem inequitable to him. Some of them are. More of them are simply wasteful, and should be financed out of a single government fund. That would be possible only under consolidation.

Folding the two governments together will be hard. Politicians will fight it to the finish, and County residents who don't get the point will vote against it. And they always outvote City folks. But the thing is coming. And every day we wait for it to come we waste thousands of dollars with a dual system.

Party In Power Wins In Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela — (AP) — Venezuela's first general election by direct, secret ballot and universal suffrage appeared today to have been a landslide for Accion Democratica, in control by military junta since the overthrow of President Isaias Medina Angarita a year ago.

Election officials, with returns nearly complete from Sunday's balloting, figured that the Government party had won 137 of the 160 seats in the National Constituent Assembly, which will write a new constitution and elect a provisional President.

Singer To Wed Again

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Singer Kathryn Grayson's family announced last night that she and Bandleader Johnny Johnston will be married soon after Christmas. Miss Grayson is the former wife of Actor John Shelton.

MAYOR TURNS GARBAGE MAN—Mayor Delcesepe Merrison and other New Orleans city officials donned old clothes to direct a crew in picking up five days of garbage left strewed on the sidewalks by a strike of garbage collectors. He is shown here conferring with Property Commissioner Hotard.

Strongly Worded Note

U. S. Raps Voting Set-Up In Romania

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In a strongly worded note, the United States has accused the Romanian Government of intimidating and discriminating against opposition political parties in planning for an election Nov. 19.

The text of the note was made public by the State Department today after it was handed Romanian Foreign Minister George Tatarescu by Burton Y. Berry, American political representative in Bucharest.

The note reminded Romania of the big power declarations at Yalta, Potsdam, and Moscow to provide for free and untrammeled elections in the liberated lands, and formally expressed "concern" that the Romanian Government was not making provision for that type of election.

A similar note from Britain was handed the Romanian Foreign Ministry at the same time.

The American note leveled these specific charges:

"1. The freedom of participation in the elections promised in January appears to be seriously endangered in the case of those parties outside the present Governmental electoral bloc by various acts of discrimination involving restrictions on registration and by the intimidation of individuals.

RADIO USE DENIED

"2. The participating parties outside the Governmental electoral bloc have been wholly denied the use of broadcasting facilities although they were promised equitable use of such facilities to present their views and although they are

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Cotton Dips Full Limit

NEW YORK —(AP)— Cotton futures declined the daily permissable limit of $10 a bale today. After the first hour, trade buying and commission house covering enabled prices to rally feebly but this improvement was soon lost.

In the late afternoon all positions were down the limit of $10 and trading was practically at a standstill, with December quoted at 29.15 cents a pound.

$50 A BALE LOST

Extreme losses today put the value of cotton $50 a bale below the price prevailing before the recent decline started about ten days ago.

Margin selling was in evidence, brokers said, and general liquidation came from virtually all directions. The cotton trade had no new explanation to offer for the renewal of selling.

Livestock Receipts Sharply Reduced

CHICAGO —(AP)— Livestock markets reacted variously to sharply reduced receipts today.

Hogs generally were $1.00 to $1.50 a hundred pounds higher. Cattle were as much as $1.00 to $2.00 lower at Chicago, but generally steady to strong at such other big terminals as Indianapolis, St. Paul, and East St. Louis.

Indianapolis set a new all time high price on steers at $33.00 a hundredweight.

Neither outside nor local buyers evidenced much interest in slaughter cattle at Chicago with the result the top steer price was $36.00 compared with the record price of $37.50 which was matched in yesterday's market.

PIPELINE ABOUT FILLED

L. M. Wyatt, local representative of the livestock branch, U. S. Department of Agriculture, said the declining cattle trade was "directly tied to the lower wholesale price structure on beef."

"The beef pipeline to the East is just about filled up now, and Chicago feels the effects of dropping prices there before markets farther removed. Those markets likely will catch up within a day or two," Wyatt remarked.

UMW Chief May Hold Pact 'Void'

Truman Declares Threat Over

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government and John L. Lewis appeared split today over terms of a soft coal conference starting Friday, even though President Truman has given public assurance there will be no coal strike.

In the aftermath of Mr. Truman's news conference statement, the question of just what Friday's meeting will discuss sizes up this way:

1. Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug takes the position that Friday's conference is "a compliance only with Mr. Lewis' request for a meeting," and nothing more.

2. Lewis regards the Government's offer to meet with him as compliance with his demand for a reopening of the Krug-Lewis wage-hour contract. He foresees a "period of negotiations," apparently on a new contract with Uncle Sam.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

3. The Government position has been that its contract with the United Mine Workers is for the duration of Government operation. Lewis contends it may be reopened.

The possibility thus arose that if Lewis' meeting with Coal Mines Administrator N. H. Collisson here Friday produces no reconsideration of wages and hours, the mine leader may revert to his position that the present contract is "void." The UMW traditionally does not work without a contract.

Hours after Mr. Truman signaled that the strike threat was banished, a spokesman for Krug told a reporter late last night at Tahoe City, Calif., that Krug's action in arranging a conference between Lewis and Coal Mines Administrator Collisson was "a compliance only with Mr. Lewis' request for a meeting."

Krug, who is on a Western inspection tour, had telegraphed Lewis on Sunday arranging the meeting for Friday.

"Does that telegram mean the Government will reopen the coal contract?" a reporter asked.

"It does not say that," the spokesman replied.

Asked whether Lewis was correct in interpreting the telegram as compliance with the United Mine Workers' leader's Oct. 21 letter demanding reopening of the contract, the Krug spokesman answered:

"The Secretary's communication is a compliance only with Mr. Lewis' request for a meeting."

Previously, Mr. Truman's no-strike announcement had been taken as indicating that the Government might be ready to talk new contract terms—as demanded by Lewis. In addition, there had been some speculation that the Administration might already have worked out some formula satisfactory to Lewis.

SUDDEN AGREEMENT

That was the broad interpretation, at least, placed upon the union leader's sudden agreement yesterday to negotiate with the Government under the terms of the old pact which went into effect last May 29 after Krug seized the nation's strike-paralyzed soft coal mines.

Dealers Threaten Revolt

Bourbon Coming Back At Staggering Price

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(AP)— Bonded bourbon whisky soon will be available in liquor stores here and elsewhere, industry spokesmen said today, but "the price will stagger you a bit."

P. Booker Robinson, Liberty National Bank's authority on whisky dealings, said the prices probably would range between $7.50 and $9 a fifth, compared to a price of around $4 a fifth under OPA ceilings. But there was little or no merchandise available at the latter figure.

Zach Oppenheimer, president of the Kentucky Liquor Dealers Association and of the Louisville Liquor Dealers Association, said dealers in this area had threatened to revolt at the proposed higher prices when bourbon becomes more plentiful.

"We can put thumbs down on this high price business," Oppenheimer said. "We've held the line this long and we hope to continue to do it—just like the housewives did on meat.

"We're hoping they'll sell so we can retail it between $6 and $7 a fifth, nearer to $6."

Latest official figures from the State Revenue Department, showed there were 1,586,365 cases of bonded whisky in Kentucky warehouses, as of last April 30. But Robinson said there probably had been an increase since that time.

"Although bottled in bond will be available," Robinson said, "it will remain a high priced item for the next two or three years as a result of no production during the war."

Opinions Given

Stalin Regarded As Giving Boost To Peace Hopes

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW—(AP)—Giving his opinions on a broad range of subjects covering almost every angle of international affairs, Generalissimo Joseph Stalin today contributed to hopes of world peace and security.

With 31 answers to questions submitted by Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press Association, the Russian leader commented on the atomic question, the threat of war, the United Nations and the veto, the solution of the German question, Russian trade with foreign countries; and with matters as detailed as Poland's frontiers, the presence of British troops in Greece, the status of Finland and the control of Japan.

HAS NO A-BOMBS

Stalin's assurance that Russia does not have an atomic bomb or anything similar can be regarded as a statement in the interests of peace and a contribution to the solution of the question now puzzling the nations of the war.

Stalin then declared that atomic energy should be under "rigid international control."

Stalin's opinion then would seem to be along the lines of American and British thought and therefore open the way for real progress by not confining atomic control to national control.

On the subject which is troubling so many thousands in so many parts of the world—the

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Statement Welcomed

Churchill Pleased By Stalin's Words

LONDON—(AP)—Winston Churchill welcomed today Prime Minister Stalin's assertion that there were only 60 Russian divisions in "the territories he mentioned" but suggested it "would be highly beneficial" for the matter to be cleared up in the United Nations Security Council.

Churchill asked in the House of Commons last week whether 200 Russian divisions were on duty between the Baltic and Black Seas. He said that Stalin's statement, in reply to questions asked by Hugh Baillie of the United Press, did not take into account "heavy Soviet concentrations in the Leningrad and Odessa areas."

RESPECT FOR STALIN

He expressed a regard and respect for Stalin and said he wanted the Russian people "safe, glorious and happy."

Noting Stalin's statement of 60 Russian divisions in the occupied territories of Eastern Europe, Churchill commented that the British Labor Government had not "contradicted" his suggestion that 200 Russian divisions were on duty.

"But even 60 divisions on a war footing would, of course, greatly exceed the British and American forces in enemy-occupied territory in Europe," said the former British Prime Minister, who conferred many times during the war with Stalin.

"Moreover, Premier Stalin's figures do not include Romania."

(Dispatches direct from Moscow and a translation as broadcast by Tass, the Russian news agency, included Romania among the countries listed, along with Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Poland, although the original question and answer did not appear to include that former enemy state.)

Churchill's statement, issued through the British Press Association, said Stalin's figures did not "include the heavy Soviet concentrations in the Leningrad and Odessa regions."

WILL PRESS FOR FACTS

Churchill, whom Stalin had described as among "instigators of a new war" who should be exposed and curbed, said "one would have thought" that information about the extent of Allied forces in occupied territory would be exchanged among the Allies.

"We hear a great deal about suspicions. Nothing sweeps away suspicions like facts, and I consider it my duty to continue to press for the facts."

Gambling Case Is Off After 'Evidence' Dies

SAN GABRIEL, Calif.—(AP)—The jury was in the box and all was ready for the trial of Harry Wooding, 58, on gambling charges.

Wooding was accused of operating a roulette-type wheel which paid off on the basis of which holes two rats stumbled into after being spun around. The State alleged some of the holes were stuffed with cheese.

"Bring on the evidence," Justice Richard J. Keller ordered.

"The evidence," confessed Deputy District Attorney John C. Galliano, "has died."

"Case dismissed," retorted the judge.

New York Trucks Roll

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Movement of consumer goods returned almost to normal in New York today as trucks, rumbling through the streets, signalled the virtual end of the double-barrelled trucking and maritime strikes.

Trucking concerns which held out for 57 days, rushed to sign up with union drivers' demands for wage increases with a resultant scramble by drivers to move merchandise backlogs from warehouses to consumer shelves. An embargo on express shipments was modified to permit express packages up to 50 pounds to be accepted for shipment here.

SHIP CREWS WORK

Along the waterfronts, where crews of some 400 long idle ships were back at work, trucks and stevedores strove to clear jammed warehouses.

In the maritime strike, the AFL Masters, Mates & Pilots Union formally ended the 28-day strike against East-Gulf Coast operators with an announcement of a 2,646-to-691 favorable vote on an agreement reached Saturday.

The announcement followed the withdrawal of picket lines permitting longshoremen to begin unloading millions of pounds of sugar and other cargo that had been tied up in ships in New York harbor.

Members of the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, which struck with the Masters, Oct. 1, already had approved an agreement reached with Atlantic and Gulf Coast operators last Tuesday.

Both unions, still on strike on the West Coast, won 15 per cent wage increases—their demands were for 30 and 35 per cent boosts, respectively.

In a compromise on the issue of preferential hiring for Masters which prolonged the deck officers' negotiations, the operators granted preference to the union skippers but won a stipulation that the captains did not have to be union members.

Police Seek To Curb Indian Riots

BOMBAY—(AP)—Police rushed reinforcements today to the town of Sasnor in Southeastern Bombay Province following reports that ten persons had been killed in an outbreak of communal rioting there.

Scattered violence continued, meanwhile, to take its toll in Bombay, where one person was slain and 27 others injured during the 24 hours ending at 11 A. M.

Approach To Russia On U. N. Issue To Be Made

Molotov Speech Scheduled

NEW YORK — (AP)—The United States delegation disclosed today that it would approach Russia directly in an effort to end the controversy over the big power veto, which was sharpened in the United Nations Assembly today by Generalissimo Stalin's statement defending the veto.

The Assembly delegates looked to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov for an expanded declaration of policy in his speech late today.

LIMITATION URGED

As small nations took the rostrum one after the other to urge limitation of the veto in the Security Council and appeal "for big power co-operation," it was reported that U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin was working on a compromise formula which he planned to discuss privately with all the five major powers, including Russia, in an effort to reach an off-the-floor agreement.

The disclosure of the U. S. plan for consultation with the Big Five on the veto question was made in a statement by an American spokesman who denied a published report that the U. S. delegation was working with Great Britain on a compromise formula.

The spokesman said Austin had held no talks with the British on his proposed plan and that he had not completed a draft of it, as reported. It was said, however, that such a plan would be drafted and that all the major powers, and possibly some small powers, would be consulted before the proposals were brought before the Assembly.

He said Austin would not announce the plan in his speech tomorrow, but probably would bring it up soon at a meeting of the powerful fourteen-nation general committee.

WAIT-AND-SEE

As the delegates resumed debate in the Assembly this morning, they took a wait-and-see attitude on the Stalin statement released last night, but expressed conviction that Molotov would expand the exposition of policy.

"We will just wait and see how Molotov puts it," one big power delegate said. Another he commented on the "timing" of Stalin's replies which were released on the eve of Molotov's major policy address in the Assembly.

Special significance was read into Stalin's statement of Russian armed forces in the light of a White Russian blast last night at the presence of United States troops in China and British troops in Greece, the Middle East and Indonesia.

Some delegates said this would bear on the discussions of Russia's demand in the Assembly for an accounting of Allied troop dispositions and air and naval bases in foreign non-enemy countries.

Stalin's defense of the veto power and its use in the Security Council by the Russian delegation hits squarely against a sharp attack by smaller nations aimed at limiting the knockout voting power of the five major powers.

Fats And Oils Decontrolled

WASHINGTON.—(AP)— OPA announced today that all fats and oils, including linseed oil, had been decontrolled effective at 12:01 o'clock this morning.

In addition to linseed oil, the agency said the new action released coconut oil, fish oils, inedible tallow and grease and a number of less important items.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and [illegible] warm this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow.

Temperatures of 9:30 today: High and low for 24 hours to 9:30 today: [illegible]