

Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old  
Kit Bag And Smile-Smile-Smile!

Marquis Childs  
Wyatt's Losing Fight

How About Our Fire Safety Code?

Only Fire Marshal Harry Phillips of Atlanta... in an inspection of the gutted Wincoff Hotel, takes off on a mighty leap to a doubtful conclusion...

It's too easy, as easy as unqualified opposition to sin. But it finds its way into the headlines, and into the minds of those who read only the opening paragraph...

For, as Mr. Phillips admits in paragraph two, "definite origin of the fire probably never will be established."

We are not here attempting a defense of either liquor or cigarettes. The issue is a law which is being applied to a particular case...

But there is a real danger that this glib allocation of blame to the sinners will distract attention from the real moral of

Fire Marshal Phillips' report—a moral that applies in every city in the land. Down in the last paragraph, after the first doubtful theory has been fully explored, there comes an expansion based on demonstrable fact...

The lesson of the Wincoff fire is that old standards of "fireproof construction" are no longer valid. Atlanta had recognized that by revising her building code to forbid certain known fire hazards in future construction...

How does the Charlotte fire safety code look under this analysis? After the LaSalle Hotel fire in Chicago some months ago Fire Chief Palmer called an immediate inspection, ordered some changes made, and reported that conditions here were good...

Chief Palmer has long recognized that fire prevention is a far more important part of his job than fighting fires. He has had a chance to study the reports from Atlanta...

The Veterans Who Were Remembered

It is rather unusual these days to receive a progress report from a Federal agency, unless it is one of those engaged in the popular task of decontrolling some commodity...

Parts of it make rather gloomy reading. There is a reminder of the high cost of war in the report that, as of November 1945, there were 39,650 veterans drawing disability pensions in the state, while 7,400 families were being paid death pensions...

But other sections of the report serve as an reminder that the Government, in some instances at least, has not failed in its obligation to the veteran. In North Carolina 35,660 veterans are now receiving in-home training under the VA program...

A Ballot For Junior?

There is a movement afoot in North Carolina, first noted by The Winston-Salem Sentinel and later adopted for discussion by the OI Democrat, to lower the voting age from 21 to 18.

And it is a good argument, albeit rather an academic one. By tradition and law the age of manhood in North Carolina is set at 21 years, but this is, of course, highly arbitrary.

Another Voice

Dual-Lane Route To Charlotte?

It is striking us that the problem in North Carolina isn't to grant the franchise to those who have attained the age of 21, but to persuade those who now have it that voting is an obligation as well as a privilege.

Several of these dual-lane, or "super-highways," are in the plans for the future. In addition to the Washington-Atlanta route which passes through both Spartanburg and Greenville...

People's Platform

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NOTHING that has happened in the Wyatt-Jay case so much as the fact that the President of the National Association of Manufacturers as the director of Wilson Wyatt as Housing Executive...

George H. Allen, head of the RFO and the official organ of the Associated Home Builders, said with it the war. His big business friends, such as Tom Girdler and Vincent Thomas, owe him a great deal.

But Wyatt was not defeated without the White House, and that's the President. But it doesn't look as though that would be enough.

Wyatt did an extraordinary job against great odds in getting 700,000 veterans' homes started. He fought a bitter and long campaign for the measure he considered essential to the peace and prosperity of the country.

The memorandum he sent to the White House on Nov. 20, put in blunt terms the enemy of the program. The memorandum makes it clear that the dispute over 100 per cent loans for rental housing developments was only one item in the program.

The de-control of prices and the abolition of the rent control program is doubly necessary to utilize fully the resources of the country. Controls and other available tools to speed and aid residential construction.

"Emergency RFO loans — 100 per cent if necessary — must be made available for the construction of the war we did not hesitate to risk dollars to protect our fighting men from the enemy. We must not hesitate to risk dollars now to protect our

Harold Ickes

John L.'s Decision

WASHINGTON. Ickes' decision last Saturday was a difficult one for him. He is a proud man who is known for his ability to work out a contract mutually agreeable to both sides.

In his announcement Mr. Lewis indicated that he was fully aware of the fact that the Government's quantitative production of coal. He was right. He was even more right in his criticism of the National Labor Relations Board.

We now have the "breathing spell" which the Government has regarded as essential if we are to arrive at just conclusions in labor relations. It is a good thing that the Government is willing to negotiate with an "alphabetical agency" such as the National Labor Relations Board.

Control should be resumed by the rightful owners of the mine. The Government is trying to do this when the public welfare seems to require the nationalization of the industry. It is unbecomingly in the hands of the Government.

If men are not themselves economically competent but are the wards of the State, how can they avoid dealing with public questions on the basis of expediency? The Government is the National Association of Manufacturers.

The United Mine Workers have consistently opposed the uneconomic, bureaucratic control and pricing policies of OPA. Every attempt by OPA and the National Labor Relations Board to control the coal industry has resulted in greater failure.

At this meeting, Lewis complained bitterly that the Administration was fronting for industry. He said that the Government was trying to get some of the operators to sign an individual contract with the union — without success.

Next major lobbying drive in Washington will be against the National Labor Relations Board which is now being controlled by the President Truman's sweeping OPA control order.