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City Hall Today:

Arhelger Memorial

By Dick Young

TUCKED away below Hawthorne Lane in Independence Park is Charlotte's most appealing memorial. It is the Lillian Arhelger memorial wading pool, erected by Charlotte school children in loving memory of a child who died in a heroic attempt to rescue a child from Glen Burnie Falls, Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Her life was one of beauty and unselfishness. She gave a noble example to all children in all strata of life as they gave to erect a memorial that would honor the name of a young teacher who counted not the cost and gave.

In designed abandon, to give the effect of natural formation, huge rocks have been set in the bank beneath the street level and these form a natural background for a waterfall. Crystalline water splashes over the rocks and into the wading pool. Fastened to one of the boulders is a tablet of enduring bronze, shaped like a scroll, on which is this inscription: "In loving memory of Lillian Arhelger, March, 1907-June, 1931, who met death in a heroic attempt to rescue a child from Glen Burnie Falls, Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Her life was one of beauty and unselfishness. She gave a noble example to all children in all strata of life as they gave to erect a memorial that would honor the name of a young teacher who counted not the cost and gave."

A STUDENT WROTE THE INSCRIPTION The bronze tablet itself was donated by students of Central High School, where Miss Arhelger was teacher. The inscription was written by a student, Jean Barry Adams, who since she graduated from college, spent a time in newspaper work here and is now happily married to a Presbyterian minister in Georgia.

The water that splashes over the rocks in a beautiful, waterfall, flows into a large, shallow pool, where a few inches of water protrude and the opportunity is afforded to splash and play. A step or two from the pool is a sand box, where the child's imagination can build castles in the sand. All around are benches recessed in the rock at where the weary traveler may sit and rest. The trees were budding with new life and the air was fresh and cool. The scene was quiet and restful. The children were laughing and playing on the trees to cast weird patterns on the ground. The silence of the Sabbath morning was broken by the contrast to the gay laughter and squeals of pleasure that fill the air about the pool.

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Profits Ceiling

By Paul Mallon

THIS 6 per cent war-profit limitation legislation dropped out of the House in the Administration some days back, and since then Mr. Roosevelt's anti-profit measures have been passing it around like an incendiary bomb. The Administration wants to get the most profit in another more effective way, through taxes.

FORTUNATE FOR SOME HARD ON OTHERS The proposed 6 per cent limitation, for one thing, would fall before taxes were paid by business and hence would reduce the profit margin of manufacturers considerably less than 6 per cent. For another thing, it would mean that a manufacturer handling a million dollars worth of goods could make 6 per cent three or four times in a year, while a manufacturer handling a million dollars worth of goods could make only 6 per cent in the same length of time.

Rumor: John L. Lewis May Bolt the C. I. O.

By Herblock



Letters to the Editors: Chip Robert On Football

Editors, The News:

Someone, evidently from your paper, sent me an interesting editorial in your March 26 issue in connection with the suspension of intensive intercollegiate football at Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia as suggested by me some weeks ago.

Your editorial was very interesting and covered well some of the points at issue. My idea was not so much to eliminate intercollegiate football as it was to put our professional coaches and athletic directors and other super football enthusiasts on notice that we should be very careful at this time not to tax our students too much with intensive intercollegiate athletics of the football caliber when the Government is routing us to put on mass athletics for all of the student body and at the same time, reduce our term of graduation from four to two and a half years if possible.

I do not know to whom I am indebted for this clipping but in any way I thank you for the editorial, CHIP ROBERT, President, Robert & Co., The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Side Glances



craft for the County Chairman? If he would pledge to keep the County Government out of the Courthouse, how much danger? If there is too much stalling that the County Government might be moved to the County Welfare Department after this coming election.

There is plenty of information for the right people, at the right time concerning the above suggestion. CHARLES H. HAROKET, 1025 1-2 E. 35th Street, Charlotte.

Lonely Soldier Wants Correspondents

Editors, The News: I am a lonely soldier stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. I have been in the service about six months. During that time I have received very little correspondence. With your help, I have confidence in receiving more in the future.

I think and hope that you will find a place in your wonderful newspaper to insert this letter, where most of your readers will see it. I am sure that many kind hearts will sympathize with me and drop me a few lines. I would appreciate your trouble very much. Thanking you in advance, I remain, a lonely soldier. -F. W. ERNEST KUHNES, Military Police Co., Fort Bragg.

Monsieur Van De Castel

Hans Habe in The American Mercury I was told the following story by Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister. The Van de Castel family of Mont-sur-Marchienne, near Charleroi, was one of the hundred thousand families which were sure that "nothing would happen to them" in the event of a German victory. The Van de Castels had been living in Belgium for many centuries. Emile van de Castel was a Gentile-do frontler who lived in a fine house, cultivated his garden and never worried about anything. The invasion of his country by the Germans and the tragedy of his blue-crested him, he became accustomed to his grief. "If one does not happen to be a Jewish blood," he would say to his own wife, "I have been playing with his ten-year-old son, whom he loved above all else. The death had not reached him."

Came April 10, 1941. It was exactly eleven months since the invasion of Belgium. Monsieur Van de Castel's house was situated near a railroad crossing guarded by German soldiers. He had become accustomed to seeing them; some of the soldiers replied to his greetings. "You can get along with them. They don't know that he was defeated. Then, on that April 10, 1941, he saw some Maurice was brought home dead. The handsome blond boy had been shot in the head. He was playing near the railroad tracks with three other children. The German soldier ordered him to go away. The other children were four, five and six years old. Maurice, being the oldest, was the first to meet them. A German soldier kicked the five-year-old girl. Maurice, being himself with fury, kicked the five-year-old girl. The soldiers grabbed his eye, shot him. Then, without any explanation, they took him away. Maurice, being himself with fury, kicked the five-year-old girl. The soldiers grabbed his eye, shot him. Then, without any explanation, they took him away. Maurice, being himself with fury, kicked the five-year-old girl. The soldiers grabbed his eye, shot him. Then, without any explanation, they took him away.

Today's Bible Thought

Tomorrow may never come. Do the essential thing today. Be-fore you reach the end of your life, now is the day of salvation.—II Corinthians 6:2.

Inflation In China

By Raymond Clapper

CHUNGKING, CHINA. It is only partly true that President Roosevelt rushed through that half-billion-dollar loan to China in order to avert the disappointment of the Chinese because of the Anglo-American tendency to put Hitler first on their list of enemies.

In other evidence to the effect that the dollar is in danger. Prices have risen to 30 times the pre-war level. The pockets of coolie-carriers are bulging with paper money in rolls of the size that Texas cattlemen display on a Saturday night in Kansas City.

COFFEE COST \$4 (CHINESE) A Cup At the Sing Song Coffee Shop, which is the main hangout here, coffee is \$4 (Chinese money) a cup. That's equal to 30 cents in American money. Most prices have doubled since December. A cheap shirt costs \$8 in American money. In Chinese money, most prices sound like Hollywood movie-star salaries.

A story that is told with good humor by both parties illustrates the situation. American Ambassador Clarence E. Gauss paid \$5 in American money for a pair of glasses. He complained goodnaturedly to the Director of Commodities, who replied: "Don't consider various necessities."

The Chinese have taken various practical steps to offset inflation. For instance, the sales of rice by the Government at 25 per cent of the commercial price. And many other means have been utilized to alleviate the effects of inflation. As a matter of fact, the effects are not so appalling here as they would be in a highly industrialized country. Eighty-five per cent of the population are farmers, and the farmers do well with rising prices.

FARMER LIKES FEEL OF A BIG ROLL At least Finance Minister H. H. Kung says the farmers feel better when they have a large roll of bills. Therefore they like the war. But if there were deflation, an old paper money in their pockets, they would think themselves less prosperous. The same thing goes for the coolies. Once they got 30 cents a day. Now they get 40 or more, because the shortage of labor gives them leverage and thus wages are lagging less than is usual in an inflation.

Government employees on fixed salaries have been hit hardest. The Government is issuing them commodity coupons on which they can draw fixed quantities of supplies, regardless of price, from Government-subsidized co-operative stores. Nevertheless, the momentum of the inflationary movement has caused real alarm, and it was felt necessary to restore confidence in the currency. Hence the appeal for American and British loans. The Government is just now issuing savings bonds redeemable in American money. They are thinking that the Chinese will put money in these and thus draw off surplus currency.

MERCHANTS DON'T OFFER MUCH FOR SALE Aside from the expansion of currency, it is also a fact of extreme importance that there is little aside from food on which to spend money. Furthermore, there is hoarding of commodities, as is usual during inflations. Even merchants are not anxious to sell their goods. They would rather hold them for higher prices later.

It is hoped here that the American loan, of which \$200,000,000 is for the purpose of backing the Chinese currency, will check these dangers. The situation is not as bad as it appears. It has been raining so fast that there is danger of control being lost. Hence the attempt now to put on the brakes. The inflation doesn't endanger China's war effort, as the rice supply is assured. The Government is manufacturing small arms in more than 300 plants that were moved back in the retreat from the industrial areas of the coast. The big gap is in planes and other heavy stuff which must come from America and Britain.

That, rather than inflation, is the real problem. China won't fold up just because of inflation. But if she can't get weapons she can't fight, which is the crux of the situation now. The problem is not one for economists so much as for a shipping and transport genius who can find a way to put weapons into warring hand here.

Visitin' Around

Keeping Up With The Jenkinses (Anchovy-Flavored Plain Item, Shelby Star) D. W. Callahan and Frank Jenkins are building new barns. Work on the Jenkins barn was started some time ago. Mr. Callahan started his this week.