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PIEDMONT POWERHOUSE

WHEN rancous, lusty Winston was wedded to quiet, Moravian Salem, Forsyth County is recognized throughout the world as a back to back. The citizens of the county have played that hand to the hilt and have made of Forsyth and Winston-Salem a Piedmont powerhouse.

This week with vigor characteristic of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, Salem-Forsyth celebrates its 100th anniversary.

In 1848, when Forsyth was carved from Stokes, the county had a running start toward prosperity, for even then its residents were men of energy, ambition and vision.

Today Winston-Salem, as the home of the huge factories of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., is recognized throughout the world as a tobacco center. A textile industry—with ten firms listed in Winston-Salem—is mushrooming. Lumber is cut and prepared in Forsyth and furniture is made there; containers and paperboard products are manufactured. Other industries include iron and steel products, electrical machinery, radio and radar, and, according to the North Carolina Department of Conservation & Development, "a long list of others."

NOVEL ECONOMIC THEORY

AMERICANS may be babes in the wood when it comes to economic theory, it is contended, but they will become alarmed over the newest depression scare conjured up by Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

The worthy gentleman—who whose chief claim to fame consists of his ability to yell louder and longer for a big Federal Government and big Federal spending—is fearful that the current "economic drive" in Congress might touch off a "serious depression."

First of all, Mr. O'Mahoney is disturbed over the decision of the Veterans Administration in releasing from the board of pensioners employees who are not needed. "Certainly those employees were not wasting their time," the Senator argues, thus inferring that he knows himself a better administrator than the staff of his own administration.

Secondly, he's plumb appoplectic over Senator Byrd's suggestion that President Truman's budget should be drastically

whacked by \$4 billion to avoid a deficit that amount next year.

"We may bring on a real depression" if the government, according to his spending too deeply and firing too many employees, Mr. O'Mahoney says.

Now, that's a novel theory, which offers interesting possibilities if applied conversely. We could bring on prosperity by hiring more Federal employees. The more we hire, the greater would be our prosperity.

Rubbish, Mr. O'Mahoney is simply echoing the fear of vote-conscious politicians that curtailment of non-essential Federal activities in releasing from the board of pensioners employees who are not needed.

Unless the people of this nation swing in behind the Hoover Commission blueprint for a reorganization of the Federal Government, the "economic drive" in Congress will be able to block any substantial savings to the taxpayers with just such thin pretends as this.

Would not Othello, in which a black-skinned man is portrayed as superior to most, if not all, of the white persons in Shakespeare's tragedy, be banned from Southern libraries as alien to the tradition of the "Old South"? Would not many of the novels of Henry James, in which the American is drawn as inferior, if crude, and person in contrast to the sleek, deceitful Europeans, be removed from the libraries of England, Germany, France? Would not the novels of North Carolina's own W. L. Rouse, in which the Negro is treated with disdain, be banned? Would not the earlier novels of John Dos Passos, Theodore Dreiser, Frank Norris, Upton Sinclair, and the best-selling moderns, be characterized as a foolish but fortunate thief, be burned in a large pile?

One could continue forever naming books and authors which have offended one group or another. The book, painting, which does not offend is a rare one, often an insipid one.

This does not mean that the attack always punishes truth in the artist or author. Shakespeare and Dickens, particularly Dickens, were certainly irresponsible in attacking their Jews: Shylock and Fagin. But they were brilliant and honest in their creation of Portia in *The Merchant* and Oliver Twist himself. Neither Portia nor Oliver should be slain because Shylock and Fagin are called Jews.

The New York City magistrate does not serve the Jewish cause calling for banning of these two classics. His action will serve to cement the antagonism of anti-Jew-haters and to embarrass most Jews who, with respect to anti-Semitism, have found it within them to berate literature will not further their cause.

However, all of these things have happened—in Alabama. Furthermore, there seems to be a healthy desire in this State to work quietly and steadily toward improvement of race relations.

Two Negro high schools which was first finished in Montgomery, and this writer, who recently visited them, can testify to the fact that they appear more and more like other schools for white children. Alabama admits that the Negro schools were long overdue, and that it has only been because of the South's opposition that it has delayed. The important thing is that it has improved.

Montgomery also boasts a State Teachers College for Negroes which has a large number of modern, new, well-equipped buildings, plus an athletic field some Alabama teachers would be better than theirs.

Montgomery's most beautiful monument to Negro education, however, is St. Jude's School, built by the nickles and pence of a Negro school teacher, the late Father Purcell. It probably surpasses anything built by the State.

North-South Co-Operation
ANOTHER monument to North-South co-operation is argued by the Blue & Gray Association which has built part of a football stadium for athletic contests between the North and the South and is now trying to raise sufficient funds to complete the project.

Every other county in North Carolina must make a similar effort to Forsyth in the value of manufactured products and this productivity has boosted the income per family in Forsyth (1945) to \$4,261.

With the establishment in Winston-Salem of Wake Forest College the city will become an educational center of first importance, adding the improved Baptist college to Salem College and Academy (the oldest women's school in the South), Wake Forest University, and Winston-Salem Teachers' College.

The county boasts five newspapers, including the energetic *Journal and Sentinel*, which circulate widely throughout Forsyth's 124,000 (1940) population.

Never sensational, yet never dull, the history of Forsyth County has been a story of uninterrupted progress toward opportunity and prosperity for its people.

Mecklenburgers will smile on their sometimes-rivals on Thursday, the day of the centennial, and wish the citizens of Forsyth a happy birthday and best wishes for a second century of economic speed and comfortable living.

People's Platform

... To The Level of Pravda

Editors, The News.
BERLIN, Pa., May 8. "Berlin: Past and Future," is particularly distressing not only because it tends to demoralize the confidence of the U. S. public in its Government, but also because it evidences such a strange ignorance of the published facts.

The editorial states that the U. S. policy makers accepted occupation of Berlin until obtaining agreement for rights of entrance and exit and that Russia was thus provided a perfect opportunity to profit by this blunder which has since cost the United States cash, equipment and lives.

It is my recollection that it was James F. Byrnes who first stated the difficulty in our postwar relations with the Soviets. He said it was not our lack of agreement with them but rather the Soviets' failure to live up to agreements already made.

Inssofar as the Berlin situation is concerned, the facts were published last Summer following the imposition of the blockade of the city by the Russians. Before U. S. forces withdrew from German territory they had captured and held in custody the two nations than the President and Stalin for freedom of transit for U. S. forces to and from Berlin.

This agreement was so far spelled out that exact routes for travel by road, rail, water and air were agreed upon. These facts were all published in the U. S. newspapers at the time and have never at any time been denied by the Soviets.

Notwithstanding these rights, the editorial condemns the U. S. policymakers as blunders and criticizes the role of a law-abiding group who, by the blockade, were asserting a legal right, and thus degrades to the level of the government-controlled Pravda in the handling of facts.

"An Attorney Welling knows, there is a body of law protecting the right of ingress and egress for private property owners, enforceable in the courts. There is no equivalent body of international law applicable to Berlin situation, and enforceable in any now-established world court.

In lieu thereof, retention of a land corridor between Western Germany and Berlin—a concession the Allies were in a position to demand—would have made the Berlin blockade an impossibility unless the Russians were willing to accept a change we could close it. Furthermore, as Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Roosevelt, and others learned, Russian "agreements" with the U. S. meant no more to the Soviet Government than they do now, and may be violated or abrogated any time it suits the Kremlin's fancy.

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Penny Whistle



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Marquis Childs

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We Can Afford It

"The walls of the Oval Study itself do not have as many secrets as they are often credited with. Looked down on so much more and the floor and the walls have been there during the last war that Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Richard M. Nixon, among others, have used it."

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