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The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them.
—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9, 1945

PRESIDENTIAL LINE-UP

President Truman's request for a change in the line of ascendancy to the Presidency is one which will be widely debated before any action is taken.

The President's argument is that men elected by the people, rather than those appointed by him, should succeed to the Presidency in case of his death. He has suggested that the first in line be the speaker of the house and the second, the president of the senate.

But although these two men are elected by some of the people—the people of their district or state—on many occasions they might not be considered at all satisfactory to the people as a whole.

If a change is to be made, it seems to us that we would get a man who met with great public favor if the house was given authority to elect a new President from its own group. In that event the local representative of each of us would have a vote and would each vote for a man who he thought would have the approval of his constituents.

"HELLO . . . AND GOODBYE"

These are the months of the big furlough. These are months in which every single day finds new returning boat loads of American soldiers docking at our ports from Europe.

A few of these young veterans are back on these shores to stay, some because of wounds received in action, and others because their point ratings entitle them to discharge. Yet most of these men who are back from foxholes and ruins in Europe are here on 30-day furloughs, merely stopping off on their way to the final phase of the war . . . the war against Japan.

These are momentous days. These are days of happy reunions . . . but they are days of sad parting too. There can be no true rejoicing when heartfelt "hellos" must be followed with "goodbye" again.

In a few weeks the tempo of the war in the Pacific will step up. Our sons, daughters and husbands will be there, fighting to end the second phase of World War II. More of us will again be having anxious hours, hours of hoping and praying for the safe return of loved ones from the terror of battle.

Now, while we are reunited with these soldier veterans who will soon be on their way to the Pacific, we must resolve to keep their faith in us. We must keep our courage high. And we must buy bonds, give blood, cut pulpwood or do any others of those important jobs that will help our fighting men to beat the Japs.

Here, in the midst of our forests and farm woodlands, pulpwood cutting and hauling is a No. 1 war job. We can lend strength to the military might of our nation by providing more than 700,000 vital war needs that come from pulpwood.

By cutting all the peeled top quality pulpwood that we can, now, we will be hastening the day of PERMANENT furloughs.

INFLATED LAND VALUES

(New York Times)

The price of farm land continues to rise, and signs point to another major and disastrous readjustment when farm income drops to a more normal level. The Alexander Hamilton Institute, has issued a statement that farm real estate values are now 50 percent above the 1939 level. I. W. Duggan, Farm Credit Administration governor, said recently: "We are on the brink of a national disaster unless something is done to curb the rising price of farm and ranch land."

History is repeating itself despite the tragic lessons after the First World War. Between 1915 and 1920 farm real estate jumped in value from forty billions to sixty-six billions. By 1933 the figure was reduced to thirty billions, taking

thirty-six billion dollars in capital from farmers in a 13-year period. The danger flag is waving for another crash; farm values have again climbed to approximately fifty billion dollars.

The American Bankers Association recently sent a warning letter to banks in rural areas urging that a conservative lending policy be adopted as a curb to rising prices. The human element—the desire on the part of farmers to make money while prices are at profitable levels—is probably the major factor behind the land boom. Money which would go for machinery, equipment, household improvements and other items in normal times is going into land. Some of the rise is undoubtedly due to buying by city people, business men and speculators who hope to unload before the peak.

The whole situation is an unexploded bomb. The years following 1920 were disastrous for many farmers who had large mortgages on their properties. It was a personal tragedy for scores of thousands, and the repercussions were severe enough to be unsettling to the national economy. Meanwhile the present situation is penalizing veterans who want to go into farming. Most of the men whose applications have been rejected have not had enough money to pay the difference between normal valuation and the present inflated prices of farms.

The Everyday Counsellor

Rev. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Don't we all like to feel important! The desire seems to be fundamental to human nature. Many will go to extreme lengths to attract attention. Recently a man rode the Niagara Falls rapids in a steel barrel. His father had done it before, and the son said he was fulfilling a pledge taken at his father's death bed three years ago.



The Associated Press reports that William "Red" Hill, Jr., a 32-year-old souvenir shop operator rode through the Niagara rapids in a barrel July 8th. His only injury was a bruised left arm. He said that this was his last ride in a barrel.

On the same day the Associated Press reported the eating exploits in Atlanta by Pfc. Chester J. Salvatore, the "army's eating wonder." The Southbridge, Mass., soldier, a mere 121-pounder, put away seven orders of fried chicken, ten orders of french fried potatoes, nine glasses of orange juice, two quarts of milk, ten combination salads, five egg salads, two orders of olives, two glasses of iced coffee, two slices of watermelon, five orders of rolls and five slices of apple pie a la mode. He said that he was eating light then because six candy bars and a quart of ice cream before dinner had taken the edge off of his appetite.

"A French horn played with a special service band, Salvatore was admitted to the Fort A. Pherson hospital about a month ago for observation . . . His voracious eating habit was attributed by Col. Burgh S. Burnet, post surgeon, to exhibitionism . . . He said that the soldier enjoyed the ohs and ahs of onlookers to such an extent that he had eventually developed the habit of eating vast quantities.

"As a cure, the hospital removed his audience and is gradually cutting down on his food."

"Exhibitionism," or the desire to attract attention, appears early in life. Babies quickly learn it, and most of us never shake the habit.

If you expect to learn to get along well with other people, your family, your business associates; if you want to make friends—remember that everybody likes attention, admiration, appreciation. A knowledge of practical psychology involves a recognition of this fact, yet many otherwise intelligent people act as if they had never heard of it.

The oil of appreciation is humanity's best lubricant. It quickly reduces domestic, social and industrial friction. In my "Ten Rules for a Happy Marriage," which have had wide distribution, is listed this advice to husbands and wives, "Continue courting and you will stay out of court."

Learn to distinguish between flattery and honest appreciation. Too many husbands and wives forget to compliment one another, employers fail to encourage employees. Tension develops and anything may happen.

There is no finer trait, which anyone can acquire, than that of recognizing the good in others by an expression of true appreciation.

As distilled, brandy is colorless. Storage in wood imparts a pale brown color and addition of caramel makes all brandy the same color.

BUY WAR BONDS

SUNDANCE BEST HORSE OF SHOW

Wilmington Steed Takes Top Honors Before Record Crowd at Blowing Rock Horse Show

Before an enthusiastic crowd of 4,000 fans Saturday, the 22nd annual Blowing Rock horse show was concluded at Broyhill Park with the naming of American Sundance, shown by Billy McEachern of Wilmington, as the best horse of the show.

Corregidor, ridden by E. G. Gilmore, was named champion in the five-gaited class. Streamline, owned by C. V. Henkel of Statesville and ridden by Lt. E. Daniels, was named winner in the open jumper class. Smokey, ridden by Mary Anne Tate, was declared champ in the hunter championship class and Claim Agent was named the reserve winner.

Dee Do Dare, ridden by Miss Frances Flinton of Charlotte, won the children's horsemanship. For best local horses and riders, first place was won by Lillian Triplett, riding Peavine's Silver Beau.

Miss Dorothy Carlough of Charlotte, riding So Lovely, won the ladies' three-gaited class. E. G. Gilmore, riding and showing for the Rainbow Stables, carried off four first places. Ann Craver of Charlotte, was a winner, Lieut. Daniels of the coast guard, won most of the jumping honors. Wilson's Merry Boy, ridden by June Graham, won the walking horse championship stake, with Strollin' Jim, ridden by Billy Todd, II.

Little four-year-old Ed O'Herron of Charlotte, although he did not win or place, "stole the show" Saturday afternoon and was awarded a complimentary ribbon.

From the standpoint of attendance, class of entries, and enthusiasm, this was proclaimed the "best ever" by officials.

ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, until 11:00 a. m., Aug. 17th, 1945, at the Town office in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, for street improvements, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. This work will consist of "Bituminous Surface Treatment" of an estimated 40,000 square yards of street improvement.

Specifications and contract documents are open to public inspection at the Town office in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, or may be obtained from L. B. Tyson, Engineer, Jefferson, North Carolina, upon deposit of \$5.00. The full amount of the deposit will be returned to each bidder at the time of opening the bids.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of not less than 5% of the bid. General Contractors are notified that "An Act to Regulate the Practice of General Contracting," ratified by the General Assembly of North Carolina on March 10, 1925, and as subsequently amended, will be observed in receiving and awarding contract.

No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, for a period of 30 days.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK
By J. H. WINKLER, Mayor.

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Valle Crucis News

The Vacation Bible School of Holy Cross Church will begin at 10 a. m., Aug. 13, and continue for six days. Adult classes will be held in the evening.

Members of the Girls' Friendly So-

ciety and members of the Boys' Club of Holy Cross Church will present a play on Saturday evening, Aug. 11, in the dining hall of the school. The title of the play is "Engine Trouble." There will be no charge for admission and all are cordially invited.

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, AUG. 9
"COUNTER ATTACK" with Paul Muni and Margaret Chapman

FRIDAY
"BACK TO BATAAN" starring John Wayne Also NEWS REEL

SATURDAY
Gene Tierney and Dana Andrews in "LAURA"

SATURDAY—3 and 9 p. m.
"SALOME WHERE SHE DANCED" in Technicolor

MONDAY
"MUSIC FOR MILLIONS" Donna Reed, Margaret O'Brien, J. Durante Also LATEST NEWS

TUESDAY
Conrad Wilde and Evelyn Keyes in "A THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS" Technicolor

WEDNESDAY
MGM Presents Wallace Beery in "THIS MAN'S NAVY"

Matinee Daily 3 p. m.
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