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Genuine Optimism

It has been many years since Haywood entered a new year with more optimism than greeted 1941 on Wednesday.

The optimism which Haywood now has ever good business, is justified and well founded. It has not been brought about by any particular group or faction spreading propaganda. It is genuine optimism.

There is no doubt but what 1940 will go down in local history as one of the greatest years for all three of our major sources of income—agriculture, industry, and tourists.

Great strides were made in each of these three diversified lines, and even greater plans are being made for 1941.

The past year saw many major developments in the agricultural field of Haywood, especially along the livestock betterment plan. Scores of pure bred cattle were brought into the county, and cattlemen have gone a long way in preparing for raising larger herds on home grown foodstuffs. Similar improvements were made in conservation of land, and general crop improvement.

Haywood has forged ahead in the industrial field and for 1941, will become one of the greatest if not the greatest industrial centers in all Western North Carolina. Diversification of industry is still a paramount factor in Haywood's industrial life, and with the general progressive movement that has long been significant of Haywood industry, there is every reason to believe that those plants which have been here many years will even surpass their former splendid records, and add to the general optimism which prevails with the establishing of new plants.

The tourist business has not been forgotten, and plans are already underway for a bigger and better season in 1941. Many places catering to tourists are enlarging their quarters and services. This year 1940 saw actual construction started on a number of major roads which will increase tourist travel through Haywood, and before 1941 passes out, these roads should be turning hundreds of money-spending travelers into every section of the county.

All in all, Haywood has a right to be optimistic for the coming year. And we are a people who can appreciate these good fortunes without losing our heads and creating false prosperity. This is one of the many things that makes business in Haywood staple, and our deserved optimism so genuine.

A Good Neighborhood

Many more outdoor Christmas displays were noted throughout Haywood this past season than ever before. Many of them showing that much time and thought had been spent in arranging the varied colored lights for an effective display.

The increase was noted in almost every section, but we were particularly impressed with the displays on the highway through Clyde. Not that they surpassed those of any other community, in general, but the fact that every house, except perhaps one, had a display. The general theme was striking, in that it showed the people there were interested in making their particular section outstanding.

In other parts of the county there were numerous displays, but too frequently the community-wide effect was spoiled by a missing display at some of the homes.

The displays through Clyde were impressive, and portrayed there a spirit of unity, and neighborly friendship which is one of the underlying spirits of Christmas.

Dark Side of Prosperity

Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones in a statement issued from Washington on December the 28th, reviews the record of the past year and forecasts for 1941 the greatest industrial boom this country has ever known.

He qualifies his prediction however, with the statement, that this enormous increase in industry can be "credited primarily to the defense program," and points out that already 2,300,000 men have gotten new industrial jobs.

This country may and no doubt will profit greatly for the time being from world-wide war conditions, but one must always bear in mind that every major catastrophe such as is now going on in the destruction of Europe, is invariably followed by an industrial depression, similar to that we recently endured during the years following the last war.

While one can hardly feel a great elation over a prosperity that is directly the result of destruction and misery in other countries, now that we are to reap some material benefits, it is to be hoped that the American people will know and understand the ways of such booms.

May the extravagance of the Americans in the early 1920's, when they entered into a perfect orgy of high costs of living and profits never come again to react in a depression, that would necessarily be greater than any this country has ever known.

If 1941 brings undreamed of prosperity let us keep our feet on the ground and realize that this is not a permanent economic state, but an unusual period, in which opportunities are offered for the inevitable "rainy day" that must come.

State Road Plight

The recent article written by Chairman Frank Dunlap, of the State Highway Commission, will no doubt cause considerable astonishment in North Carolina.

It seems now that North Carolina's much boasted primary system of hard surfaced roads was built without due consideration of what the traffic needs of the state might become during the life of these roads.

We would hardly consider this bad judgment on the part of the road authorities for when North Carolina began twenty years ago to build a system of hard surfaced roads connecting all leading cities and county seats, the density of traffic would have been almost unbelievable at that time.

Chairman Dunlap states that these first built roads are fast becoming obsolete, and entirely unfit to carry the traffic that is now forced upon them, and that no less than \$50,000,000 will have to be spent at an early date to put these roads in modern condition.

It would seem that North Carolina is about to be penalized for being too progressive in road construction, but on the other hand, since the users of roads are paying the bill (there being no state ad valorem tax for road construction) we think that the state has more than received its money's worth in convenience to the citizens and the out of state tourist travel.

The reconstruction of the highway system involving is it does many millions of dollars, calls for the best talent in the state, and a warning to the highway commission, particularly the engineering division, to hereafter build only such roads as will take care of both present and future needs, and also to eliminate the dangers now existing on many of the highways, should be sounded throughout the state.

In Behalf of the Scenery

Since the first billboard appeared on the highways of North Carolina, a large number of the people have deplored such blots against the natural beauty of the landscape. The promotion of the billboards has been fought in various ways.

Up in Pennsylvania a group of citizens, who have been busy trying to divert the "Billboard advertisers" from marring the scenery in their state, have organized a "Blot-of-the-month" Club. In its work it gets the "Blot on the landscape" News to 800,000 members of 31 organizations.

"Each month," explains the secretary, who was at one time director of the Pennsylvania State Department of Forests and Waters, "we compile a list of companies whose advertisements have blotted out the best scenery during the previous 30 days. We send the list to our affiliated clubs and their members, write to the companies warning them they'll stop buying their stuff unless they stop hiding our scenery. And then you see democracy at work, the voice of the people heeded, and the billboards discontinued."

This method is one form of boycotting of which many disapprove. But since the attention of both the people who have to look at them and the companies responsible for them is called at the same time, it might not be a bad idea to use the method in North Carolina.

Here and There

—By—
HILDA WAY GWYN

It's surprising how many of us who claim to have no faith or patience with New Year Resolutions... find ourselves... facing the coming year, with certain definite things in mind... that we hope to do... or leave undone... without realizing... that we are simply making "resolutions"... we have long felt that in life... "each day was a new beginning"... and that we need not wait until the calendar year was done to start all over again... and that the turn of the year did not bring any particular reason for "resolving"... but this year we feel that most of us are turning the pages of Time... in a more serious mood than is our usual custom... What 1941 will bring to us as citizens of the United States and of the world... seems to loom above our personal lives... the critical hour is near at hand... and it will effect us all, regardless of how much apart we may feel or pride ourselves... that we live from the world affairs... we will be carried along with the current of changing events... the great economic revolution that is transpiring now in this country is sweeping us along with its tide... the war in Europe... will change things for us... but we like the spirit of the American people at this time... for while there is a contemplative attitude on all sides... people are not down cast, but are simply in a manner, building both a national defense and a spiritual resistance... to meet what comes...

The following contribution was made for this column... which has many good points for a New Year resolution... that would teach the joy of simple living... and point the way to happiness within ourselves... which is the only true happiness... "Learn to like what doesn't cost much... learn to like reading, conversation and music... Learn to like fields, trees, woods, brooks, fishing, hiking... Learn to like life for its own sake... Learn to like people even though some of them may be as different from you as a Chinese... Learn to like work and enjoy the satisfaction of doing your job as well as it can be done... Learn to like the song of the birds, the companionship of dogs, and the laughter and gaiety of children... Learn to like gardening, carpentering, putting around lawn... Learn to like the sunrise and the sunset... the beating of the rain on the roof and window... and the gentle fall of snow on a winter day... Learn to keep your wants simple... Refuse to be owned and anchored by things and opinions of others..."

C. C. Francis, register of deeds... whose duties, also are to sell and record marriage license... has sold during the four years he has been in office at least 20 licenses that have never been returned for recording... it is not uncommon for the magistrate or the minister to forget to file the license... recently a woman who holds a WPA job came to the register of deeds to get a record of her marriage... for some official paper required by the government... in order that she continue her work... she had been married back in April, 1929... and she was both surprised and considerably embarrassed to learn that there was no record of her marriage... she gave the name of the officiating minister... the matter was taken up with him... and he admitted that he had failed to file the license... and after 11 years, he hunted among his papers and found the license... and brought it into the office...

Another case Mr. Francis tells about is that of the man... who bought his license three months before he used it... he claims that it has been a mystery to him... for he has often wondered whether or not the man did his "courting" before or after he bought the license... or if having the necessary legal documents, he had more courage to press his suit... at any rate, according to Mr. Francis the man finally used the "papers"... the matter of legal records is becoming more important daily... so Mr. Francis points out... for jobs and various forms of compensation... depend upon those who handle such papers... had the license of the woman married 11 years had not been found, it would have been a difficult matter for her to have established satisfactory information for the government...

Do you remember a kindness always... Does gratitude remain a part of your life?... Recently in the Methodist church... at a Sunday morning service... there was a large vase of red flowers... on the table in front of the pulpit... and the story back of the flowers renews one's faith in humanity... and we think it well worth passing



Voice of The People

Do you think that New Year Resolutions are worthwhile?

Mrs. Robert Osborne—"I don't think they are worthwhile for the reason that few people ever keep them, and I think it far worse to make a resolution than to fail to make one."

W. C. Boutwell—"No. I have made and broken too many myself to approve of them."

Frank Ferguson, Jr.—"Yes, always. We all need to intend to do better, whether we ever do or not."

Mrs. W. L. Hardin—"I don't think they are worthwhile for the reason that I have never been able to keep mine."

Mrs. J. B. Henry—"They are, if they are kept. But we all have to keep trying, even if we fail. If we never try, we never get things done. I remember my father always told us children to never say that we could 'not do a thing' but instead to try."

Mrs. James W. Killian—"No, I do not think they are worthwhile, because we break them like pie-

crust, so soon."
Mrs. J. R. Morgan—"I think good resolutions are worthwhile at any time, even though they are sometimes broken. The fact that we make them gives us an incentive to work toward. The Christian should resolve as Paul did: 'For I determine not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.'—I Cor. 1:2-2."

R. B. Davenport—"If we don't make too many I think they are worthwhile. If we make one or two and try to live up to them I think they are really worth making."

Ben Calkitt—"I'm inclined to believe that it's better to make them if in a weak moment we break them. At least making resolutions shows a determination and a desire to do better."

Lonzie Messer—"I doubt if many people remember resolutions even a month after they are made. Of course good resolutions are made for improvement and are fine gestures, and I think that those who make them are sincere, but they just fail to keep them."

Editor Letters To The

Manhattan Beach, Calif.
December 19, 1940.

Dear Friends:
We are taking this method of extending Christmas Greetings to all our good friends in Western North Carolina. Arrived here about ten days ago after a very enjoyable trip across the country from Pennsylvania. A little rough weather the first couple of days, but after that perfect weather for traveling.

This town rises on a steep grade from the Pacific and from our daughter's residence near the top of the hill this morning we can see far out on a very turbulent Pacific ocean, riled by some unusual disturbance. The breakers have been coming in twenty feet high and caused quite a lot of damage to some of the lower sea-front property.

There has been tremendous growth of this whole Southern California section since our last visit here three years ago; whole sections in every direction which seemed far from building possibilities have been covered with homes and factories and still the demand is

on... the late Dr. George Stuart... noted evangelist of the Southern Methodist church... never failed to lend a sympathetic ear to the problems of youth... he helped dozens of young boys... not only with advice, but with material aid... among the many whom he helped get a foothold in life... was a boy struggling for an education... Dr. Stuart made it possible for the boy to attain his ambition for college... today the once struggling boy is a successful banker in Chattanooga... Thirty-five years ago... after he had "arrived" so to speak... he started the custom of sending Dr. Stuart red roses on his birthday... then after the Dr.'s death a few years ago he sent flowers to the late Mrs. Stuart, who passed away during last year... a few weeks ago he wrote to Mrs. J. Dale Stents, the oldest child... and asked if he might continue the tribute to her father by sending the flowers to her...

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far ahead of the builders' output. Much of this is due, no doubt, to the terrific pressure on the airplane industry. Right near us are four very large and important plants; Douglass Aircraft, Vultee (of strike fame), North American Aviation and Lockheed. The air is filled during the whole day with test flights of the products of these plants very interesting to see and sometimes ending in disaster. The test pilots on the big jobs are supposed to get \$1000.00 for the first dive. Seems like a lot of money, but anyone competent who is reckless or patriotic enough for this job deserves all he can get, for his life is likely to be a short one.

Had a look at Hollywood Boulevard yesterday and last night. It is a beautiful sight when lighted, for the special Christmas decorations in addition to the regular all-covering display of Neon lights surely runs Fairlyland a close second.

It is a memorable treat to anyone accustomed to the quiet way of life of our mountains to be transported to this hurly-burly of pleasure and stark business: one is as keen as the other and gives a thrill to the vast possibilities of this great America.

We were delighted with the news of the new industry of our community and The Mountaineer is a most welcome weekly letter from home.

Merry Christmas to everybody.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Rung.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

(As Recorded to Monday Noon Of This Week)
Beaverdam Township
W. E. Smathers to James Benich, et ux.
J. B. Vance, et ux, to E. Z. Boyd, et ux.
Hallie H. Morgan to G. G. Robinson, et ux.
Charles C. Smathers, et ux, to T. J. Dayton, et ux.
Cecil Township
Carl Green, et ux, to H. L. Caldwell, et ux.
J. A. Miller, et ux, to Carl Green.
Crabtree Township
C. B. McElroy to W. W. McElroy.
Iron Duff Township
Hardy Franklin, et ux, to Dell

Stewart Finds—No Discrimination Against Draftees From Small Towns

By CHARLES F. STEWART
Central Press Columnist
SELECTIVE SERVICE administrators are extremely sensitive to any suggestion that there'll be the slightest discrimination under the law to the disadvantage of draftees from the average American town or community.



Major Stewart

national headquarters in Washington shortly after the selective service law in his native state of Utah was intimately associated with the country-wide organization during the last World War.

"The fact is," says the major, "that the spirit underlying the selective service law is finding its truest expression in our relatively small population centers and the farming districts surrounding them."

"That's because the basic idea that a man shall be inducted is deferred by a board of his neighbors and out in the sticks neighbors know him more intimately than they're likely to know him in any one of our metropolitan areas. That is to say, a county board's members are pretty sure to be personally familiar with a registrant's circumstances. Consequently they're tolerably certain to classify him with a minimum chance of injustice either to himself or to the nation generally."

Major Stewart referred to elaborate precautions provided the selective training and service act and its accompanying regulations to protect the social and economic interests of communities well as of individual registrants. "A man's position," he pointed

out, "is apt to be clear cut in a little home town or the town on a farm's adjacent. His local boss will know offhand whether Joe Smith should be retained to cultivate his acres or whether you Doctor Brown can be spared to the army without crippling medical facilities in his vicinity."

"The validity of Jim Jones' deferment because of dependent children can be determined at a glance. It's even probable that the attending physician in a small place will be acquainted with the general physical condition of many registrants, which in larger towns is apparent only at arm's length from the source."

"From these considerations should prove that the our suburban and rural life won't be undisturbed by selective service."

"Indeed, there'll be a quickening of national life—a closer contact with the spirit of democracy, livelier sense of its meaning and the dangers which threaten it. Each man who goes to a training camp will carry to it with him a part of his community and return to it with a better idea of what it is that his preparedness self to defend."

"Time for sacrifice"
There'll be need of sacrifice course. Some of them may be poignant. But it's a time for sacrifices.

"The village garage may be a little handicapped when one of its employes goes off to camp. Remember, he goes to help make sure that there'll continue to be a village garage, with a pump which a man can fill his tank with producing a ration ticket, and some over-lording commiseration."

"One-man businesses may be up temporarily and these communities miss them. The lone businessmen, however, are helping to preserve a way of life which one-man businesses are unable to maintain."

"Dreams and plans may be put aside for the time. They'll be better organized, stronger plans when the men cherished them come back."

Davis.
Ivy Hill Township
Arthur J. Lambert, et ux, to O. Franklin.
Pigeon Township
Ed West, et ux, to M. Clontz.
Waynesville Township
Vance Muse, et ux, to Roy et ux.
J. C. Drummond, et ux, by
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Glowworm's Lighting System
The light organs of a glowworm body are in the hind segment of its abdomen. The light, which is believed to have a function in insect navigation, can be controlled by insect and is strong enough to provide illumination for reading of print in the dark.