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Your Support

The drive launched by the Chamber of Commerce on Friday for various community activities as set forth in last week's issue of The Mountaineer, should meet with a hearty response.

The proposed budget covers a wide field of meritorious projects, that should appeal to every civic minded person. The amounts asked for each are very reasonable, in fact exceedingly small, considering the magnitude of the work undertaken. There should be no complaint made for the overhead expenditures in view of the service rendered.

Practically everyone feels that life is geared up to a more accelerated speed, and there is no reason why all these calls should not be combined in one grand drive, taking only one time for the asking by the solicitors and one time for your donating.

The directors have given a lot of thought to working out the budget and have tried to include the most urgent needs in the \$4,200 asked at this time.

Remember your community is what you make it, so make your donation as large as your pocket book will stand, and along with your money give your moral support and encouragement for the cause of community betterment.

Bomb-Proof Shelters

Among the dozens of bulletins and booklets from the many government agencies that come to our desk, there was one in particular last week that gave us a genuine case of jitters. The 48-page booklet on "Civilian Defense—Protective Construction" contained blue prints for bomb-proof shelters of various sizes, ranging from six to 200 people.

In the introduction, the army engineers pointed out that "in no sense should the issuance of the bulletin be construed as the signal to start work immediately on any of the protective structures described. Nevertheless, it is deemed essential that responsible civil officials and civilian engineers give thought to the methods, plans and especially procedures that can be followed in respective localities."

Reading between the lines, you can form your own conclusions. The bulletin continued by pointing out that a thorough study had been made of conditions in Europe, especially England, and that the plans had been prepared after the survey.

An idea of the damage done by the modern bomb can be had by noting the thickness of walls of various materials required for protection against fragments of a 500-pound bomb, at a distance of 50 feet.

A brick wall must be 13½ inches, while concrete must be at least 15 inches thick. A reinforced concrete wall 12 inches thick can withstand the pressure, while a wall of sand and gravel must be two and a half feet thick. A wall of gravel and sand between wood sheathing or corrugated iron must be two and a half feet thick.

The bulletin also showed that a 100-pound bomb will create a crater 5 to 10 feet deep, a 300-pounder would go 9 to 17 feet, while a 500-pounder would sink 12 to 23 feet. A 2,000-pound bomb goes from 30 to 57 feet into the ground.

This information is very interesting, and is especially recommended while listening to a foreign broadcast of a bombing.

Will He Muff It?

The elevation of Senator Robert R. Reynolds to the chairmanship of the powerful Senate committee on Military Affairs was not unexpected. Failure to have made the appointment would have involved side stepping a rule that is almost as old as the Senate itself.

The question now is, having been placed in this all important position, to what use will Senator Reynolds put his ability and energy?

He has not previously been in harmony with the administration of which he is a part. Neither has he been in accord with the great majority of people who elected him to the Senate.

We admire independence of thought, but just how far it is becoming in a public official to differ with the people whose representative he is supposed to be is a debatable question.

Anyone who has followed closely the trend of events in Europe cannot fail to realize now that the civilization of the world is hanging in the balance. It is no longer a question of what America should do, but how rapidly and effectively it can be done.

It is greatly to be hoped that Senator Reynolds will seize this opportunity to render a real service to his people in what are probably the most critical days of the world.

Droughts

The unprecedented lack of rain fall this past winter and spring is beginning to be acutely felt in Western North Carolina.

Observers in the Washington Weather Bureau warn us that the periodical drought that has visited other sections of the United States, especially in the West, is due this year to strike the South Eastern States, including the Southern Appalachian Region.

This is unwelcome news to the farmers and stock raisers of Haywood County for the dry weather means not only poor crops but short pastures and consequently thin cattle.

There is nothing one can do about dry weather, but the devastating consequences can in a measure be lightened. Frequent and light cultivation will conserve moisture. Crops requiring a large amount of rain fall had probably best be left unplanted and the land changed to some other crop that has a better chance of maturing.

Gardens in many instances may be planted near some stream where they can be watered with a minimum cost. Above all stockmen should avoid over-stocking their pastures in order that their cattle may get in marketable condition.

Politics

The vacancy on the National Democratic Committee brought about by the recent death of Congressman A. L. Folger has developed a political situation without precedent in the State. Never before has this position brought forth such keen competition and never before have candidates for this honor seen fit to put on a state-wide campaign.

Friends of both factions are now canvassing the entire state in a frenzied effort to obtain either promises or proxies from the 136 members of the state executive committee.

The fireworks started when Governor Broughton announced his support of Ex-Governor Clyde Hoey to succeed Mr. Folger. Immediately the friends of Richard (Dick) Reynolds got busy with a very clever argument namely that it was time for the younger generation of Young Democrats to be recognized and that with all due respect and affection for Governor Hoey, that he and his county had been sufficiently honored.

The fact was brought out also that young Reynolds being treasurer of the National Democratic Executive committee should by all means be elected to membership in that all important body. The statement which so far as we know has not been repeated, that Reynolds had loaned some two hundred thousand dollars to the National Democratic committee is by no means a matter to be passed by lightly.

Failure, so political observers say, to elect former Governor Hoey, would be construed more as a rebuke to the present administration than any reflection on the former governor since the Broughton endorsement.

On the other hand the Reynolds' supporters feel that it is high time in the state for some changes to be made.

On Hitler's List?

Sombody said that the "America First" Committee should change its name to the "America Next" Committee.

—Christian Science Monitor.



HERE and THERE

By
 HILDA WAY GWYN

We were recently told of the old theory of the woodsman . . . that every color or tint to which a tree is exposed during its life . . . glows in the fire when the tree is burned . . . and that in the flames you may see the early dawn . . . in its startling beauty . . . the pastel shades of the sky . . . the sheen and glimmer of the moonlight . . . and the darkness and gloom of the storms and the brilliancy of the sunshine . . . all the varying moods to which the tree has been subjected . . . and it sounds plausible . . . as we listened to the unfolding of the theory . . . we thought how very true in the life of a human being . . . for each of us reflects our own experiences . . . though many of us react in different ways . . . suffering will make one person drink deep only from the cup of bitterness . . . while another will come through the depths of despair . . . still carrying high in their heart an undying faith in all things . . .

We always appreciate an invitation from the home demonstration clubs of the county . . . we like their meetings . . . they are accomplishing so much . . . last Saturday we enjoyed their annual spring Federation . . . the flower show with its many lovely and artistic exhibits . . . that would have been a credit anywhere . . . the fellowship of women interested in the problems . . . but the song they sang . . . to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" . . . and the ideas set forth . . . were perhaps the most significant thing about the meeting to us . . . for the words expressed something so vitally American . . . which those club women themselves represent . . . that we feel will help stem the tide of barbarism . . . and keep this country safe . . . even though we have to fight to do so . . . we reprint for your benefit the words of the song . . .

"We have seen a splendid vision of the glory of the state . . . through the fire upon God's altar, where the vestals serve and wait . . . 'Tis the home we hath established that shall guard the fortune's fate . . . our work goes marching on . . . Not for praise or idle power . . . not for gain or for applause . . . but to make our homes the sweeter and uphold the country's laws . . . not for comfort but for service is the watchword of our cause . . . as we go marching on . . . Then the school beside the highway and the church upon the hill . . . joined in one sublime endeavor shall our purposes fulfill . . . and the press shall catch the torch and pass it ever onward still . . . while truth goes marching on . . . thus the home shall be the Eden of the beauty and accord and our children be the glory of the garden of Our Lord . . . while the State its own defense shall stand a pure and flaming sword . . . As Youth goes marching on." . . .

The following on "Man's Ways" . . . was contributed to us this week . . . it perhaps will never become as famous as Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man" . . . but no doubt expresses to the modern mind a more accurate interpretation . . . "Man is born . . . he grows a little . . . he has the measles . . . mumps . . . and chicken pox . . . he goes to school . . . and presently he is grown . . . he falls in love and marries . . . or he doesn't . . . he joins clubs . . . he buys furniture . . . medium priced cars . . . and several magazine subscriptions . . . and some oil stock which is no good . . . he mows his lawn for exercise . . . on Sundays he plays a little golf . . . his children call him George . . . which irritates him though his name is George . . . the mother of his children calls him Daddy . . .

and that annoys him too . . . his shoes pinch and his hats don't fit . . . his clothes smell of moth balls . . . dentists drill his teeth . . . and surgeons dig out his appendix . . . his head cold settle in his chest . . . and stay there . . . and he catches new ones in his nose . . . he has to shave twice daily . . . he stalls in traffic like a fool . . . he fixes flats on lonely country roads . . . his business goes from bad to worse . . . or if it isn't that it's taxes . . . he doesn't know what the world is coming to . . . he has hay fever . . . his hair recedes . . . and ultimately disappears . . . and nothing can be done . . . he is called upon to speak extemporaneously at banquets . . . his secretary leaves after 15 years to get married . . .

His dentist tells him those old amalgams must come out . . . college reunions make him gloomy . . . hurricane insurance is the only kind that he doesn't carry . . . and what do you think . . . a hurricane, by gosh . . . he acts as pallbearer at funerals . . . he grows a paunch and works at exercises to get rid of it . . . but nothing comes of this except a stubborn case of athlete feet . . . he builds a house that costs him two and a half times as much as the estimated cost . . . he doesn't even like it . . . he serves on juries . . . he explains income tax reductions to mean faced agents from the Bureau of Internal Revenue . . . business gets a little better . . . his workmen strike . . . distant relatives are destitute and write to him . . . demanding funds . . . his mother-in-law comes to live with him . . . he is a good and faithful husband . . . or he isn't . . . he gets a divorce . . . or he doesn't . . . he remarries and his friends say, isn't it extraor-

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
 Central Press Writer

THE A B C of Nazi expansion, according to Zadok Dumbkopf, could be "Anchluss," "Blitzkrieg" and "Concentration Camp" . . .

Scientist says wool makes a nutritious food. Now we can eat our cape and have it, too.

Mosquitoes, says Grandpappy Jenkins, are the only insects that love the human race so much they'd just like to eat it up.

With the late spring winds blowing merrily many a wide-

brimmed chapeau becomes an off-the-face hat . . .

This may be a man's world, but part of it belongs to the girls. Junior may grow up to be president, but he'll never become a May queen.

Thirty-three per cent of all adults are overweight—scientific item. Hl, Fatty!

Joe Stalin must find time hanging heavy on his hands these days. There just doesn't seem to be any more countries left with which to sign non-aggression pacts.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



South America Not Too Easy Pickings, Nazis May Discover

By CHARLES P. STEWART
 Central Press Columnist

Voice OF THE People

If you were offered a month's vacation with all expenses paid, where would you go and what would you do?

Morton E. Rabhan—"I'd go to Savannah, Ga., and spend my time on the beach."

Sam A. Potts—"I'd stay in Western North Carolina and enjoy the scenery and the climate. I'd fish, swim, and go boating. You can't find a better place to take a vacation than right here in Western North Carolina."

Zeb Curtis—"I think I'd go to Cuba and have a big time at the expense of the other fellow."

J. L. Carlyle—"I would go to Canada because I would like to see the country and observe a nation at war and how it carries on its business at such a time. I would particularly like to visit the French settlements and I would also like to fish some."

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt—"I'd go to Cataloochee Ranch and twiddle my thumbs."

Rosalyn Ray Collins—"I'd go to California and enjoy all the good things that state has to offer."

Bobby Platt—"I'd go to Alaska and see the country. I would also be on the look out for a girl."

Francis Massie—"I'd rather stay at home and rest and spend the money here in Waynesville."

Mrs. Lou Silverthorn—"I'd go to Aiken, S. C., and visit my old friends."

J. Dale Stentz—"I'd start on a tour of the West coast and go up into Canada, and return home by the Northern route—and play golf every chance I had."

British must now pay a 50 per cent income tax. Bad. But look at France. It now pays a 100 per cent outgo tax.

Only six legal holidays are celebrated throughout the United States.

German planes, submersibles, a few raiders, so the world would make that comparison narrow stretch of ocean from the Penabuco exceeding ground for Yankee ships to be engaged in for quite a while at the same time (I'm quoting alarmists), the United States be able to do a darned thing because of that bottlenecked Dakar to Penabuco.

What About Our Navy? It may be, the alarmists that we could crack the be if we could concentrate the navy, at least, won't be in to leave the Pacific, Japan. So how the heck, the lists ask, can we attend South American east coast.

Now, I've got a suggestion. I don't know who not the east coast will be the alarmists think, but the affirmative. What's the then, with the shipment of portlands of Yankees do west coast, which the Navy get at to save their lives, look at Valparaiso and shoot across the continent to the coast? It's only an overland from coast to coast and the road accommodations are class.

Another thing, I don't those Latin Americans are Columnized as the alarmists—and I spent six years in midst, in the newspaper but I've a daughter and two grandchildren who were born on the coast, and I ought to be guesser.

There are some German there, and they are a trifle some, like our bunds, but they kept tolerably effectively re and Latin America has dictators, but they want to own dictating—not to be tated to from Berlin.

Let the Germans try to get with them, and, if they need "qui" help to put a stop to venture that they'll withdraw with open arms—so long don't try to get sassy, too.

Roosevelt's demand that minous mines be reopened like talking coal turkey.