

The Mountaineer

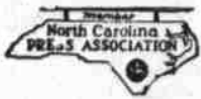
Published By THE WAYNESVILLE PRINTING CO. Main Street Phone 187

W. CURTIS RUSS Editor MRS. HILDA WAY GWYN Associate Editor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES One Year, In Haywood County \$1.50

Entered at the post office at Waynesville, N. C., as Second Class Mail Matter, as provided under the Act of March 3, 1879, November 20, 1914.

Obituary notices, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, and all notices of entertainments for profit, will be charged for at the rate of one cent per word.



NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION 1948 Active Member

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1941

Alarming

During the past week a local property owner who spends his winters in Florida where he is in business and who is also engaged in business here in the summer, showed us twelve window panes from the building on his property that had been damaged during his absence.

The greater number of them were shot through with bullet holes. The bullets, he told us, he had picked out of the walls in the rooms of his building.

Now this man thinks highly of this community as a place in which to own property or he would not own and operate a business here, but such things are calculated to make him suspicious and critical of the people who reside here the year round.

Last winter at least four homes of summer residents were broken into, and in some instances household effects were stolen and the property otherwise left in a completely disordered condition.

At the time of the discovery of the burglaries the local press was asked by officers to keep silent, in order that the thieves might be apprehended without being warned that their theft had been discovered.

Some months have gone by and we feel that we have given the officers time enough to locate the guilty parties, and that the hour has come for open condemnation of such vandalism.

We are inviting newcomers to locate here. We are putting forth every effort possible to publicize the many advantages of this section, for we know that we have some things to offer in the way of climate and business opportunity. We are not misleading outsiders when we point out these assets, but we must offer them something more.

When they invest their money here permanently we must offer them security and protection. Put yourself in their place. If you contemplated buying a site for a summer home, and any of the cases cited happened to your friends, would you feel like investing your money?

We dislike exposing such ruthless violation of the law but we feel that the time has come when our responsibility forces us to lend a voice in denouncement of such acts.

Traffic Relief

At last the city officials have taken things in their hands and are apparently in dead earnest about delivering us from traffic jams on Main Street—that is if we do our part.

We wish to voice our approval of the recent plans and action taken by the board. We also wish to bring out the point that there will be no relief even with the new rules and regulations if the public fails to abide by them and the officers fail in their duty to enforce the measures.

In the past we have often heard the officers say that some of the biggest critics of the Main Street traffic situation were among the longest and most frequent violators of double parking laws and seem to feel that they had been granted some special dispensation to do as they pleased.

Now we understand that there are to be no privileged citizens in the new regime, and that the law is going to reach out its hand and "get" you regardless of how prominent you might happen to be in "Who's Who" in the community. We advise that you read the new ordinance passed by the city officials very carefully.

The Public Speaks

What the town eventually expects to do with the property adjoining Greenhill cemetery that was recently acquired from the Gudger family is not exactly known. At any rate after inquiry we have been unable to ascertain its final disposition.

We have heard that it was to be added to Greenhill cemetery, at least the upper part of it, and sold as lots, but against this use we have also heard such a howl of disapproval that we can hardly believe that the city officials will carry this proposed plan through.

When the trees were cut on the upper part there was a lot of talk and disapproval, as the public seemed to be of one opinion that the lot should be left and developed as a park for recreation and beautification.

Not one, but dozens of interested citizens have expressed themselves as wanting the property kept as a park, pointing out that it was a natural amphitheatre and that it could serve as an open air community center for various forms of entertainment, not only for the present, but also for the future.

Located, as it is, adjacent to the main highway it offers a refreshing spot in our small town from which so many of the large trees have been removed in recent years, that it does seem a very unwise plan to use it for additions to the cemetery.

It has been learned from authoritative sources that at least twelve acres on the other side of the cemetery are available for enlarging the property. This land is rolling, and is much more suited than the steep hillside now under consideration.

We realize that provision must be made for the dead, but we beg of the city officials that they also consider the living and what a beautiful park will eventually mean to the community at this location on Main Street.

The time has passed for any community to build only for its present needs, for only in the present can provision be made for the future. The day will come when this property as a city park will fill an even greater need than it will today.

Strike Off Music

The ways and means committee in Congress has before it a recommendation that the next tax bill include new luxury taxes on tobacco, liquor, billiard tables, jewelry, furs and musical instruments.

It is apparent that the treasury department is not aware that musical instruments are the tools of education, nor do they take into consideration the fact that in times of peril music is more essential than ever.

Music in the schools is now taught as an integral part of the school system, just as arithmetic, spelling, geography and other subjects. Thus a tax on music would be a tax on education.

The total revenue to be gained by the bill now pending is \$3,600,000,000, while the part to be received from the tax on musical instruments would amount to \$3,600,000, only one-tenth of one percent of the proposed additional revenue.

Music is a powerful restorative force. This is recognized more and more in our daily lives throughout America. In the present crisis we are beset with new problems, difficulties, doubts and fears. Our institutions, our way of life, our principles of democracy, our form of government are being attacked by organized propaganda.

As individuals we must not allow our minds to dwell constantly on such thoughts lest we lose mental equilibrium. We need sources of spiritual refreshment and invigoration. And when the war is over millions of people who find themselves on the brink of physical and spiritual starvation will find a solace in music that will help them to forget and build back to normal.

We hope that those entrusted with the responsibility of taxation think more seriously of this proposed tax, for as the United States must blaze a new trail along which other nations must follow for a new order, we must have music. It will give us a more zestful and cooperative desire to reach out and hold fast to that which is good in life.

Hick Town

A hick town is a place where the teachers would slap the fire out of a sassy kid if his dad wasn't on the school board.—Richmond (Va.) News-Leader.

Good luck has a habit of always butting in while a man is hard at work.

It's a lot better to have that run-down feeling from over-work than from gossip.

A wife is somebody who remodels your funny stories as you try to tell them.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

In behalf of the American Legion post we are inviting you (though they haven't asked us to do so) . . . to attend the Memorial Day services which will be held in Greenhill cemetery tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock . . . you will feel fully repaid . . . even though there may be no grave of your own family to mark with a flag . . . the grave of a soldier . . . who was in the service of your country and mine . . . for personal reasons . . . we admit . . . we rarely miss this service . . . year in and year out . . . we go . . . with reverence and a deep sense of patriotism . . . we promise that you will find something worthwhile . . . to bring away with you tomorrow morning . . . something that we Americans need right at this time . . . the exquisite beauty of the surrounding hills . . . the stillness of nature, broken only by the program . . . the stirring strains of our National anthem . . . seem almost apart . . . from the busy world you see rushing on the highway below . . . in fact it is something hard to express . . . something intangible . . . but impressive . . . if you have never been before . . . come and find out for yourself . . . you will think back on the morning afterward . . . for the last note of taps . . . that closes the services each year . . . if you deserve citizenship in America . . . will flood your soul with something that lingers . . .

The war situation grows more critical . . . do you ever stop and contemplate on what might have happened if the whole world had banded up against Germany from the very outset . . . instead of each nation refusing to make common cause with the others . . . Hitler has taken "a leaf at a time" . . . each nation has thought that he might not get them . . . the sinking of Britain's master war vessel . . . makes at the time of this writing a total of 88 British ships to go down at sea . . . at Hitler's bidding . . . Suppose he starts his picking off leaves down in South America . . . how long will it be before he travels northward to the U. S. A. . . but we all feel the strain . . . of what we might say of waiting . . . you hear someone remark every day . . . "well, we don't know exactly what to do about it . . . you know so much can happen during the coming year" . . . it makes no difference how gay the party or how frivolous the conversation . . . that note is constantly struck . . .

We don't know June Rose, ex-commander of the N. C. State American Legion, and superintendent of the Greenville schools . . . but he must have been a mighty brave soldier in the first World War . . . and is still courageous . . . just imagine a school teacher . . . depending on election to his job . . . telling a parent teacher association that women meet too often . . . and that there is still enough to do around the home to keep a woman busy . . . but that's what he did down in Kinston . . . he also told them according to the press that little public or private benefit could be derived from a gathering when the principle order of the business meant reading and approving minutes of the last meeting . . . we agree with everything . . . about plenty of work around the home . . . for a real home maker never gets through . . . but being a woman we will have the last word . . . you seem to have overlooked the fact, Mr. Rose . . . that after all most organizations reap not their greatest awards from accomplishments . . . but from the creation of good fellowship . . . which is essential to the well being of any community . . .

With our aversion to figures Mary Stringfield Allen, of Burlington, Vt. . . but formerly of Waynesville . . . has worked out about the swellest system for the home we have heard of in some time . . . Mary has about ten small boxes . . . each one labeled . . . rent . . . laundry . . . etc. . . at the first of the month . . . she puts into each box the amount she and John have decided should go for that purpose . . . just think of the advantages of such a system . . . no headaches over balancing . . . all she has to do is to count what's left . . . we asked her if she ever did a little cheating . . . by transferring from one box to the other . . . but she insists that she is quite business like and makes each allotment meet its own expenditures . . . it just shows what a Yankee husband can make of a Southern girl . . .

ABOUT TOWN . . . we think the widening of the walk going into the court house from the left a splendid idea . . . for a lot of very important business has been transacted on that walk . . . it seems to be the psychological spot to button hole a man and take him aside for a private conference . . . but it worries us no little that the commissioners are not going to widen the walk that runs on the other side . . . Summer is positively here . . . Donald Dunham has finished planting his garden . . . Mrs. Grady Boyd has the grass cut at the Hotel Waynesville . . . the locust trees on the hill back of our house are in full leaf . . . the Green Tree Tea room has put on its annual coat of fresh green paint . . . Prospect Hill has put out its sign . . . It's

hard for us mountaineers to get it into our heads that all the bounties of nature are not ours for the taking . . . we stumbled into magistrate's court on Monday morning . . . when Cody Platt . . . fish and game warden was trying to drive home the laws governing . . . certain sports . . . we are inclined to think that the fines imposed on the violators would make an unlawful mess of trout pretty expensive . . . which reminds us have you read thoroughly the new town ordinance about Main street's new rules and regulations . . . in case you haven't . . . we advise you to peruse carefully . . . for they are telling us that we will never have cause to criticize our local police for not enforcing the law . . . so we double parking general law breakers had better watch where we stop . . .

One housefly may lay as many as 2700 eggs during its life of three months.

their prompt awakening. To make sure that he has a typical get-up grouch a fellow should send it collect.

Now that English golf courses have been turned into vegetable plots, a greens keeper is just a spinach farmer.

The picnic season cannot be far off. We understand the ants are mobilizing everywhere.

Severe cases of sunburn have been recorded in the Arctic circle—item. The fellow who's been trying to sell electric fans and refrigerators to the Eskimos might switch to parasols.

New Yorkers now can send themselves telegrams to be delivered next morning to ensure

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM BERT Central Press Writer

WITH the government continuing to freeze the assets of belligerent nations, it shouldn't be long before we have plenty of cold cash.

Science, says an item, is attempting to control the mosquito. Control him? Slap the rascal into a concentration camp!

Oil may be swell to throw on troubled waters, but in Iraq it seems only to excite the tide of war.

New Yorkers now can send themselves telegrams to be delivered next morning to ensure

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

Illustration for Scott's Scrap Book showing a man drinking water from a bottle. Text: THIS GIRL FAKIR MAKES A LIVING BY INHALING LIVE STEAM FROM A KETTLE OF BOILING WATER. WATER 91.4%, TURNUIP, WATER 89.1%, THE STRAWBERRY, WATER 76.2%, THE POTATOE. AS A STUNT TO SHOW HIS BALANCING SKILL THE HINDU WATER CARRIER CLIMBS AN ALMOST VERTICAL BAMBOO POLE WITH A LARGE JAR OF WATER ON HIS HEAD. THE GREATER PART OF OUR COMMON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IS NOTHING BUT WATER.

Middle Class To Be Squeezed By Tax Program

By CHARLES P. ST. Central Press Colu

Voice OF THE People

What is your favorite vegetable and how do you like it cooked?

Mayor J. H. Way, Jr.—"Turnip greens, cooked with piece of fat back and served with spring onions."

Mrs. Jack Elwood—"Corn, cooked on the cob, but it must be Golden Bantam, not any field corn."

Mrs. Nora Swift Atkins—"Tomatoes stuffed with cottage cheese, and hot rolls on the side."

Betsy Lane Quinlan—"I have no preference. I enjoy them all, especially the spring vegetables that come out of your own gardens."

Miss Drama Lampkin—"Potatoes, fried, boiled or baked."

M. Theo. McCracken—"Corn on the cob with plenty of butter."

Mrs. C. M. Dicus—"Corn on the cob, and Country Gentleman preferred."

H. M. Sullivan—"Tomatoes are my favorite vegetable and I like them raw."

John Kerley—"Green beans cooked in an old fashioned black pot with a good big piece of fat back to season 'em."

M. G. Stamey—"Spring lettuce with onions chopped over it, wilted with a little vinegar and bacon grease. This is as fine a dish as any king ever sat down to."

Mrs. E. C. Wagenfeld—"Onions either raw or cooked."

Lois Massie—"Corn stewed and seasoned with butter."

On that basis, predict Alvard, goodby to our tax payments will be. But, reasons Reserve

Ecceles, if our debt moneynancier Alvard suggests will follow. That is, skyhook. The middle class costs will go up out of classes' prices will fly

However, the industry perhaps with some dilget wage increases, balancing their budgets middle classes, on fix will be in the soup.

It's an argument beomists. To a middle cler, like me, it sounds stuck either way.

The income tax, as a caseion to remark hilyously will soak us worse economize on purchase just what government like Leon Henderson do), thus somehow of cises and sales and nuibut there's no economincome impost.

With this idea in a representative Harry Southconsin, and Charles S Illinois, have suggeste revenue stamp that ca weekly or monthly and turn in, in full paymeevil day for footing rives. Oh yes, an incer can ante his comitotal into a special acca home savings bank, or week by week on month, as he goes precious few do it. A of 'em might have the buy a regular weekly revenue stamp. Then he be regularly and so se once annually—or they pay cash in Treasury Secretary tentatively thinks it's scheme and is studyng

Also there's a propmental checkoff—the hold out Uncle Sam's each wage envelope be to an employe.

Inheritance And the inheritance pose a smallish indus A big one can be pres provided in advance mise, but the little o not. Well, the bird heirs are on the job, his plant going. But can't do it until they've their inheritance tax Uncle Samuel. In the plant has to shut decontroversy's progress puts a crimp into the why not let the originaist pay the post-mortem annual payments befou up his toe? That's unation, too.

4 FOREBEARERS WOODSVILLE, N. Kenneth Learned has grandmothers—all are: Mrs. Minnie Gray, Laura Palmer, 84; Aldrich, 81; Mrs. M. 71.