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Wheels are turning at the Rubber Plant. Manufactured goods are being produced. Haywood people have jobs. Thus another dream becomes a reality.

## Longer Hours

On every side we have reports that this is a record breaking tourist season. There are many reasons given why this year should have broken all past records, but even so we cannot but feel that most of it has been due to increased publicity of this section to the outside world, and that much of the business is of a permanent nature.

We have heard many complaints regarding the hours at the Chamber of Commerce office. The tourists are saying that the office is closed before the real rush starts for information in the late afternoon when the majority of people are arriving in town.

Now this is not meant in any way as criticism of the officials or the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, but merely as a reminder that a new phase of the tourist business has been developed and that it is up to the community to meet the need.

As in business of every kind there are changing tides so one has been reached with our visitors. In the increased demands for over night accommodations after closing hours of the Chamber of Commerce it is now necessary that the office remain open longer in the evening to render this service.

## Whole Time Service

We congratulate the board of aldermen on the extension of the duties of Grayden C. Ferguson, town treasurer, and also their selection of Mr. Ferguson for the larger field of work.

When a town arrives at the size of Waynesville a full time manager is badly needed to have supervision of the municipal affairs. The various departments of work need the correlation of services that only an officer on a full time basis can give.

Running the business of a town the size of Waynesville is a full time job within itself and having one person in daily charge will not only save money with one purchasing head but also should provide better municipal service.

## Defense Moves Up

To hear some persons talk you might think that with all the defense program we are not getting anywhere in preparation for war if it should come to that. You hear complaints about how slow the government moves about its plans. Maybe this is just a hang over from a national habit. At any rate after hearing a man discuss conditions from this angle we picked up a report giving facts relative to what had been accomplished since last July.

Between July 1, 1940, and July 1, 1941, the army jumped from 174,000 to 1,941,000. From a mere skeleton of three and one-third divisions, it jumped to four armies, nine corps, and 29 divisions.

A year ago the air corps had 62 squadrons of between 13 and 28 planes each. Today it has 54 combat groups of between 61 and 121 planes each.

These facts should be encouraging for they show that we are in earnest about defending this country and will be ready to protect our own if the occasion arises.

## Home Owning

We were interested in both an editorial and an article regarding the cost of building and owning a home which appeared last week in the Chapel Hill Weekly, well known newspaper edited by Louis Graves, former head of the school of journalism of the State University who for many years was connected with several New York papers.

Arguments for building a home now with the uncertainty of the costs in the future were set forth against the increase of labor and the prospect that lower prices would prevail later were all included.

We have noticed that this matter of acquiring a home is more of a personal question that that of economic conditions prevailing either in the immediate section or the country at large. When a couple reaches the time they are ready they seem to go ahead with the idea.

Certainly the higher costs of building are not discouraging in this section, as new homes are constantly being built and improvements and renovations made on old buildings.

We liked Mr. Graves' summing up of the situation in the closing paragraph of the editorial as follows: "The man who is sure he wants a home of his own had better go ahead and build one. Going ahead now is a gamble, but so is waiting. The span of human life is none too long, and if a man puts something off he is eager to do—something that is as wholesome and desirable as owning a home—he is losing something valuable."

## State To Aid Of Cattlemen

As printed elsewhere in this paper, Governor Broughton's livestock program is about to become a reality and not a promise. This will be welcome news to Haywood County stock men for while Haywood County has never suffered for an outlet for her cattle, additional marketing facilities are always encouraging.

This agency can also be used in purchasing additional purebred animals and in improving our own herds. Again especially in the spring there is often a scarcity of desirable cattle to graze and it is quite possible that this new project may be of great help in securing stock cattle for those who have pastures but are low on feed.

At any rate it is a progressive movement and much good may come of it.

## Not Yet

It may be that a general sales tax in the United States will be necessary in order to pay for this war. But, administration leaders in the Senate have acted wisely in declining to consider the inclusion of such a tax in the pending tax bill, which was too small to begin with and was made smaller by the House action in eliminating joint income tax returns for husbands and wives. The revenue lost in that way be recovered elsewhere and the time to consider a sales tax, if at all, is only after all other available sources of revenue have been exhausted.

It will take a long time for the Federal government to pay for this war, but the experience of North Carolina and other states show that it will take even longer to get rid of a general sales tax once it is imposed.

## Why Advertise?

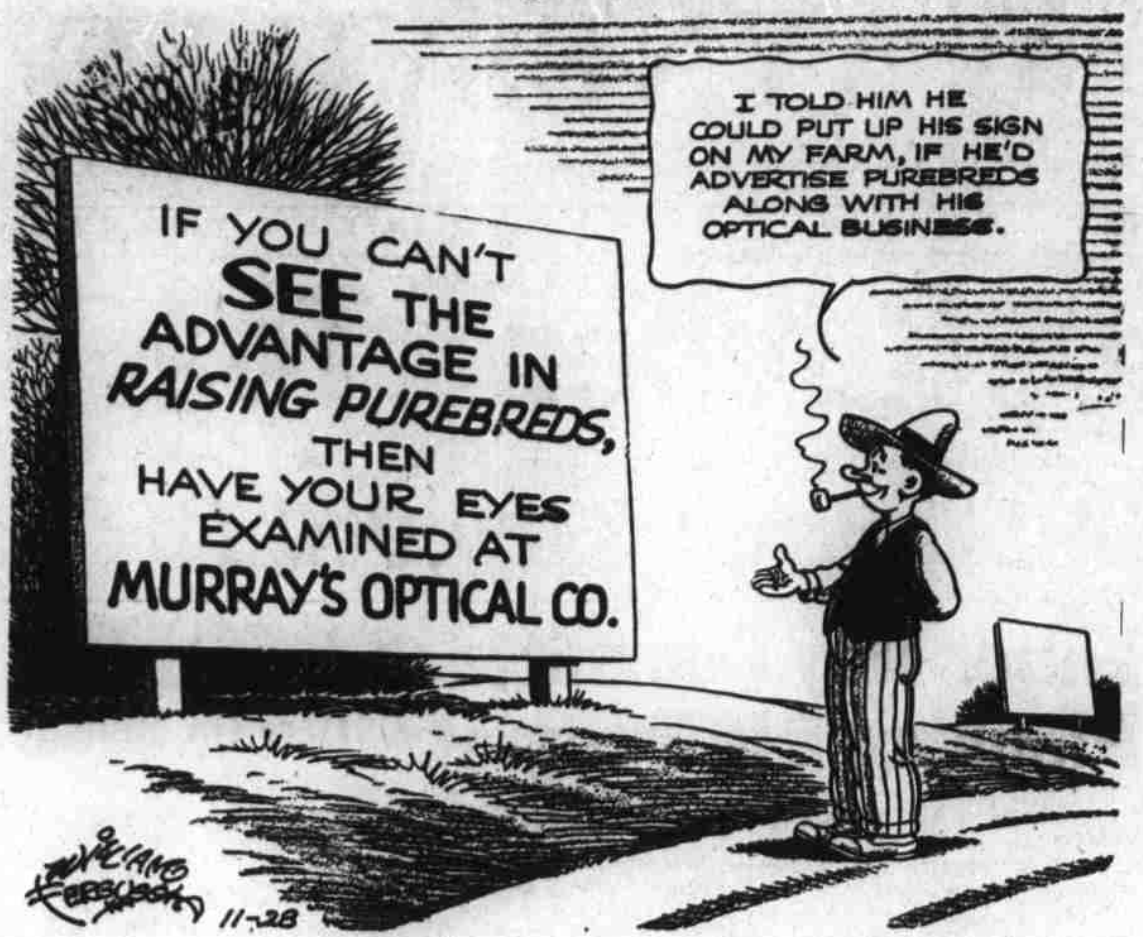
In our experience, advertising, month in and month out, is like an onion—sow the seed and you hang around a long time before it sprouts and shows up over the ground. But stick around and in time you've got something that's pretty strong. There's another thing about newspaper advertising in particular that makes an appeal to me as the outstanding best advertising buy—and that's this: People remember most of all they see—we are an eye-minded race. Of course, you can't expect to expose an idea all in a flash and expect everybody to grab the idea and run for the product. That's why you've got to stick to an advertising program and this should mean something to those who hesitate to advertise, because profitable results are not forthcoming immediately.—Edward J. Clarke in the Pocomoke City (Md.) Democrat.

Many people who pass for optimists are just too lazy to kick.

It is said that no one appreciates the perils of motoring quite as much as the pedestrian.

Nazi claims of great success on one front are always encouraging. They are trying to hide trouble on another.

## Farsightedness



## HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

She was six years old . . . her eyes were shiny with pride as she said . . . "I'm going to school . . . and I am learning how to make figures" . . . we talked on . . . we asked about her school . . . did she have to go far? . . . and her answer . . . "Oh, yes . . . I even have to cross a highway" . . . we lamented the fact and spoke of how very careful one had to be about cars and trucks and so on . . . and her face brightened up as much as to say she had solved all those kind of problems . . . and she said . . . "But you see a big girl holds my hand when I cross and then I always look both ways" . . . we have thought of that last remark many times . . . a simple childish statement . . . but how much it holds for the adult . . . and life in its intricate pattern . . . for regardless of the protection thrown about us . . . we must look both ways in making decisions . . . to avoid the traffic that can muddle one's life . . . we must consider both sides of a question . . . for decisions crowd one's existence . . . new angles . . . new phases come up to make each situation and each problem a little different to handle . . . than the one so much like it . . . we faced before . . .

We were interested last week in reading of the proposal by a patriotic group of butchers attending the convention of the National Association of Meat Merchants in Detroit . . . to rechristen the hamburger to "defense steak" . . . now we want to vote against such a change on the first ballot . . . it seems that the hamburger originated in the German city of Hamburg . . . but it matters not where it hails from, we contend that now this chopped form of steak . . . so popular . . . is as American as the soft drink habit . . . we don't for a minute fear that it's German name will affect the public's demand for it . . . in fact we are convinced that if we call a hamburger "defense steak" it will result in confusion . . . and the majority of hamburger consumers would be suspicious . . . and immediately get the idea that something had been left out of the old favorite . . . so we are for keeping "hamburgers" out of the war . . .

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In ancient Egypt, according to an archeologist, a man displayed his grief by raising a beard. And, no doubt, when his friends

... imagine such a change since 1910 . . . the report further stated that neither the county nor Waynesville township had any bonded indebtedness . . . which in the light of today would mean that things were at a standstill . . . there were no improvements in progress . . .

Ere another week goes by every school house in Haywood county will resound with the scuffling feet of youth . . . starting another year of work and preparation . . . full of themselves . . . and of the joy of life . . . some merely counting time . . . others for sake of parents putting forth effort . . . because it is expected of them . . . and though we regret it . . . we fear only a small per cent very seriously intent on doing their level best for the sake of acquiring knowledge . . . and the teacher's biggest problem . . . how to inspire that thirst for information . . . and what some parents expect of a teacher is past all understanding . . . we have always held that it is the parents duty to instill that spark of ambition in the child and the teacher's job to keep that light burning . . . both are necessary in the life of the child . . . many a boy or girl falls below average because they fail to get at home from their mother or father the proper attitude toward school . . . they do not understand that it is a season of preparation . . . that will surely be reflected in after years . . . ex-

## No Draft For The Navy, So Service Suffers

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist.

NAVY SECRETARY FRANK KNOX remarked rather complainingly the other day that enlistments in his branch of our armed forces lag somewhat in comparison with the army's acquisitions of manpower.

Well, isn't that natural? A blue-jacket's an enlistee. In order to become one he's got to take the initiative. He may prefer not to do it, or the idea may not occur to him. Prospective doughboys, however, get pointed reminders from selective headquarters. And, whether they like it or not, into uniform they go, provided they can't give a good legal excuse for exemption or deferment.

Army service is not optional with an eligible youngster, as naval service is.

If it were put up to me to take my pick between the two, I'd vote

aminations given by the teacher are only the first tests in a life . . . later competition will be keener . . . for there will be more contestants . . . the longer we live the more we are impressed with a person's attitude . . . you can't succeed if you do not have the proper approach . . . but even the child who has been made ready . . . with the desired attitude toward school and study . . . must be understood by the teacher . . . who must see beyond the lesson . . . the child . . . and what the knowledge acquired will mean to him . . .

## YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT  
Central Press Writer

WHAT IS man's greatest invention? asks an editorial writer. Any bride can answer that—it's the can opener.

This war is becoming more and more mechanized. The newspapers no longer say anything about Trojan horses.

Two Spanish trains collided head-on. Imagine Europeans getting killed in such an old-fashioned manner!

In ancient Egypt, according to an archeologist, a man displayed his grief by raising a beard. And, no doubt, when his friends

viewed the result it was their turn to weep.

The most optimistic fellow, says Zadok Dumbkopf, is the college football coach who buys a house just off the campus.

A minor league manager is a dentist during the off season. Just the fellow, thinks Grandpappy Jenkins, to lead the New York Yanks.

There are 112 hidden taxes in a pair of shoes, statistics show. However, it's the pocketbook and not the foot that feels the pain.

## "OUT ON A LIMB"



## Voice OF THE People

Since Russia is more on our side in Britain's war against Germany, has it changed opinion of Stalin or Communism in general?

Norman Caldwell—"I have the same opinion, but for reasons I am more sympathetic toward them."

G. C. Ferguson—"It has changed my opinion of Stalin for them to be on the side of Britain, but I think they should give them all possible aid in their fight against Germany."

Lawrence Kerley—"I don't see any use for Russia, but her winning against Germany."

David Feldman—"I think we have to tolerate them and them, but when the war is over we want to forget them."

Miss Lou Silverthorne—"I would retain the same opinion of Stalin. We could never prove of Communism in this country."

Roy Moseman—"No, I have not changed my opinion. I like Russia or Germany the matter and I feel that they are evils trying to destroy each other."

Mary Palmer—"No, I think as I did of Russia and Stalin for they joined Britain in war for they have not changed. Even though they are on our side I will never approve of what they stand for."

L. E. Hudson—"I think I always have about Stalin, but of course I hope to win against Germany."

Mrs. C. J. Reese—"I will approve of Stalin or Russia, would hate to see Germany against them."

Dr. H. O. Champion—"I have not changed my opinion of Russia, but they do have an army than I credited them

for the navy every time. I have had a cracking enjoyment in the experience when I've been aboard. My voyages invariably have been as a passenger. Post-foremast hand's lot isn't so bad. Still, even a gob gets seasick and sees the world. It's a hell of a variety and color. I ain't penalized, like a dog, every time he hollers for a change. It's suggested that one for a disinclination to volunteer man-o-war activity is the belief that such fighting as Sam's scrappers may promise to be mainly on the rather than on land.

Youths Disregard Danger. Personally, I don't think the average enlisted kid particularly concerned as to chances of being perforated. It's a considerable doubtless weighs with a papas and mamas, though, be it's worth reminding the more than twice as many cans have been killed by automobiles, while the war's been going on, as the tish have lost in sailors' same period.

An enlisted gob's term of service is six or pretty long pull in comparison with a landsman selected ever much the latter's selection tended by the national emblem. It's likely that that's a handicap to the navy. Jacket's training requires time than a doughboy's six-year stretch is enough for a candidate think twice, by several from the standard his loving pa and ma.

Selections into the army necessarily, greatly reduce country's aggregation of workers, particularly farmers. So, if pa happens to be a he's extremely apt to be insistent upon having his turing son stay home and him behind the plow and ing to the livestock.

Pa can't prevent the being selected, for selection pulatory, unless postponed family's local draft board local boards, to be sure, orders from headquarters liberal as possible with in hardship cases.

Needn't Join Navy. In the last analysis, the boy has to go, his old man's objections notwithstanding. But the youth doesn't enlist in the navy, and he kicks and his offspring's he stays in the farm.

So that, presumably, the matter with the navy. The navy, by the way, ing up a censorship on

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