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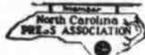
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Still Carrying On

We congratulate the American Legion on the well planned and executed program which they sponsored on Armistice Day. It was impressive coming at this critical time.

These men who gave their services twenty-five years ago are still carrying high the torch of patriotism. They are still marching in the front ranks when their country calls.

Even though the cause for which they made their great sacrifice "to make the world safe for democracy", was apparently lost, as evidenced in the present raging conflict, they are not bitter. Their faith in America is undimmed, and they are showing the younger generation their duty. They are teaching an appreciation of loyalty to country in demonstrations such as were held on Tuesday.

They are still confident that the American way of life is the best and that to keep our heritage, we must be willing to pay the price, that nations from time immemorial have been called upon to pay.

Paid Into Haywood

In around five years approximately \$461,126.54 has been distributed in Haywood County through operation of eight of the ten divisions of the Social Security Act, from its beginning through June 30, 1941.

Nearly a half million dollars is hard for most of us to visualize, for the 12,000 checks for this amount would make a stack higher than the tallest man in the county.

This amount distributed here in the county to our own citizens is more than three times the total of taxes collected in the town of Waynesville in a year.

For old age assistance, help to needy residents past 65 years of age, in the past four years Haywood County has received \$201,042.40 in checks to its citizens.

Aid to dependent children has amounted in the same period to \$61,679.90. Aid to the blind in the past 48 months has been \$16,419.52 in the county.

Chairman Fletcher states that in other divisions of Social Security Act the county has received \$386,995.19. The Haywood Health department has received \$13,475.60 for maternal and child services; \$11,042.91 for crippled children; and \$44,160.50 in public health work; and in vocational rehabilitation approximately \$5,454.54.

It's Overalls

We were attracted by an editorial in a recent issue of the Reidsville Review about what England needed most from us just now. The editor pointed out that it was not uniforms, but overalls that England wanted from us now. That she needs the work of our hands, the materials of war that we produce by remaining in factories and sweating over the job. That is what we have been trying to produce.

We have been slow in getting underway to assist England by means of our nation's overalls. But a boat, a tank, an airplane aren't built in a day. Time is valuable and it is a real task getting the defense materials turned out as rapidly as they are required.

Gearing the machinery, oiling the wheels for a speedy output does take time. The problem of striking labor is not a minor issue. But, according to the Reidsville Review, "we have donned the overalls and we will produce as best we can and our best has been found to be successful in the past."

And Still They Come

October broke another record in travel into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, according to official records issued by the Park Service.

Travel for October of this year amounted to 43 per cent increase over October of 1940, with a total of 120,911 persons in 39,315 vehicles. Of this number, 54 per cent more from other, than the local states of Tennessee and North Carolina, was recorded.

The visitors were from all 48 states, District of Columbia, Alaska, the Canal Zone, South America, Cuba, Panama, England, Mexico, Alberta and Japan.

Tennessee led with 41,469 visitors in 11,916 cars, and North Carolina beat Ohio for second place with 13,641 persons, against 12,269, but we fell down on the number of cars. Ohio had 4,420 against our 4,151. We evidently pack up our cars more.

But we are glad to see that North Carolinians are taking more interest in the park, for in comparison with other states nearby, our average number of visitors is not something to be especially proud of, when we consider what the park means to the state.

Welcome Home

On behalf of the citizens of Haywood County we welcome Ambassador and Mrs. Daniels back home from more than eight years spent in Mexico.

When we give such a welcome in Haywood County, we do not mean we welcome them back to North Carolina and Raleigh alone, but also to their summer home here at Lake Junaluska.

We hope to see a great deal of Mr. and Mrs. Daniels in this section. We understand that Mr. Daniels plans to spend most of his time writing, and we hope that he will seek his mountain home in the summer where he can enjoy refreshing, cool days for his work. He will find a warm place in the hearts of Haywood's citizens for him and his family.

Scrap Iron

The government is asking that persons who have scrap iron in cast off machinery or any useless form to collect and sell to some designated buyer, as this country is in need of such materials not only for the defense program, but also for the manufacture of farming implements.

They are asking, however, that in instances where the apparently cast off pieces are being saved to be used as spare parts, that they not be sold.

There are few homes around where there are not some worn out iron or steel articles, so here is another opportunity to serve your country, and also derive a small remuneration for your trouble.

So we advise you to look about the barn and down in the basement for that broken grate, plow, and other old iron articles that we feel sure you will find. It should be a relief to get rid of them, for no doubt they have been termed by you as "useless junk" for sometime.

Grasslands Plowed

As we plan with care our program for "Food For Defense", we read with interest and a better understanding about how the English people are plowing up their much prized grasslands.

Since the beginning of the war we are told that four million acres of grasslands have been plowed up and planted, for according to David Lloyd George, food won the last World War and history may be repeated.

This does not mean that only grasslands on farms alone have been plowed up, but recreational centers, and it is said that even Hyde Park, London's pride, has been plowed up for cultivation.

Of the 37 millions of acres in England and Wales, 30 millions are devoted to farms, producing in ordinary times enough food to feed half the population of Great Britain. In comparison it is said that England does a much better job of feeding her 45 million people with its 30 million acres and 13 million people than New England, with its 39 million acres and eight million people.

All of which should show us how much we have to learn in this country about intensified farming.

There is no doubt about who's the best man on earth—he's the fellow your wife could have married, but didn't.

Further progress in the making of cloth out of milk is reported. Perhaps the richer fabrics will be made of cream.



"ENGLAND EXPECTS EVERY MAN, ETC."

HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We were waiting in a small room on the top floor of the courthouse . . . the view is always impressive . . . but at this season it is a thing of flaming beauty . . . as far as the eye could see . . . towering mountains . . . covered with trees . . . painted with tints that man with all his mixing of colors cannot surpass in harmonizing shades . . . an inspiring sight . . . we always feel somewhat awed . . . with the sheer beauty of our landscape when we vision it from a high altitude . . . human frailties seemed a million miles away . . . and then our thoughts snapped back into another channel as clean as if cut with a knife . . . we were suddenly transported into another world . . . when we heard an officer say . . . "Mrs. Gwyn, here's the prisoner."

He was so young . . . just sixteen he told us . . . we felt like crying out and saying . . . "Son, how could you have done such a thing . . . not only to this man who paid the price of death . . . but also to yourself . . . who will pay another price . . . maybe the kind that many dread more than death . . . but we brushed such aside . . . it was not ours to judge . . . but to tell the story . . . it was all in the day's coverage of the news . . . maybe that is one reason reporters are so dogged tired at the end of their working hours . . . if they take their jobs seriously . . . their emotions run the gamut of the news . . . they rejoice with happy endings and their sympathy runs away with them when they contact a life that has taken a course into stormy weather . . .

We don't want history to repeat all the things that happened during the first world war . . . but we do wish that somebody would write a song . . . that would express . . . the kind of stirring things . . . or perhaps we should say appealing things . . . they did back in 1917-18 . . . we thought the music by the band was fine . . . it sounded a patriotic note to the going away of the largest group of the draftees yet to leave at one time . . . but we wished for a song like . . . "It's a long, long way a-trailing into the land of my dreams" . . . or "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag" . . . we have commented on the subject before . . . is it that Hitler has crushed something . . . that even we in America have felt . . . and that we cannot rise above it . . . and live on . . . or express our sentiments . . . it a bit of popular song . . . or is it the aftermath of the jazz influence? . . .

The list of the boys leaving Friday contained a number of names long associated with Haywood county history . . . some even back to the American Revolution . . . long before this section was settled . . . but came here later as pioneers . . . many of those names were among the ones who answered the call of the Confederacy and the old South . . . others who joined the colors in the Spanish-American war . . . and then those who were in the last World War . . . old familiar names in Haywood county . . .

No wonder the cosmetic companies have made such big fortunes for their owners . . . during the week we treated ourselves to the luxury of a manicure at a beauty shop . . . we were what they called in such circles "squeezed in" . . . that is Mrs. Owen James . . . the operator . . . would stop ever so often and work on another patron . . . our fingers being more or less "half finished" . . . and we were unable to reach anything to read we had to find

something to interest to . . . and we did . . . we had time to study the objects on the table that we had seen before . . . but not with seeing eyes . . . the names on the bottles of nail polish became an absorbing matter . . . being a conservative . . . and asking for the same old color each time . . . we had lost sight of the number of varieties it takes to satisfy the feminine tastes . . .

Mrs. James tells us that colors like "Shy", the most delicate . . . and the next two in line "Windsor" and "Coronet" . . . are what the girls usually call for after forty . . . and before they are twenty . . . but that the gals from twenty to forty get very daring with colors . . . and they like 'em bold, firey and dark . . . that is, of course, generally speaking . . . one of the latest numbers is Hot-house Rose . . . and that very dark color that is so striking is "Black Mask" . . . others in this group are "Mahogany", "Daven Red", and "Scarlet Slipper" . . . some of the inbetweens are "Sun Rose", "Pink Garter", "Savoy", "Pink Lemonade", "Jueltone 1 and 2, Suez, Red Dice, Bravo, Red Punch, Hot Dog, Cafe Society, Rosy Future, Candle Light . . . and Cherry Coke . . . a very popular shade . . . just take your choice, boys . . .

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Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:

As a supporter of the Chamber of Commerce for years, also a supporter of any proposition that could bring to this section more visitors or pay rolls, I feel justified in raising a complaint as to the action taken by the present board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in dispensing with the services of the secretary at a time when hundreds of foreign cars are passing this way.

If the action were necessary because of shortage of funds, then why could we not close in January and February of next year when there is practically no traffic?

This to me is one of the most unwise actions that could have been taken and every member of the Chamber of Commerce should be interested enough to see to it that such should not happen again.

I, for one will not support the Chamber of Commerce longer, if we must close its doors at a time when the most good could be done.

Very truly yours,
H. L. LINER, Sr.

Rambling Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Bits of this, that and the other picked up here, there and yonder.

Voice OF THE People

Do you think the average jury reaches its verdict by the arguments of the attorney or by the actual evidence of witnesses?

Ernest J. Hyatt—"I would say that in the majority of cases by the evidence of the witnesses."

W. L. Mehaffey—"I feel that most of the members of the average jury reach their verdict by the arguments of the lawyers."

Mrs. N. M. Medford—"I think that the evidence of the witnesses influences the majority of the members of a jury. I would hate to think otherwise, because the lawyer naturally is going to present his side of the case."

Earl Messer—"I feel that a jury reaches its verdict by the arguments pro and con based on the evidence submitted."

John R. Higgs—"There is no doubt but that the evidence of the witnesses, as a whole, has greater weight with a jury, but on the other hand there are lawyers who have great powers of argument, and this does have effect."

Thad N. Howell—"The evidence of the witness, or it should be."

Thad O. Chafin—"I believe that in the majority of cases the arguments of the attorneys have greater weight with the average jury than the evidence of the witnesses."

J. Yates Bailey—"I think it all depends on the lawyer and his arguments and the evidence of the witnesses, and I would say it was about fifty-fifty in which has the greater influence."

C. B. Russell—"I would say the evidence of the witnesses."

JOINS INTERNATIONAL CLUB
Among the 17 new members recently taken into the International Relations club at Woman's College, Greensboro, was Elizabeth Glavish, of Waynesville.

Harry Grindell-Matthews, inventor of death ray, dies.

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Am sure you will be glad to publish the resolutions as passed by the Society for the Preservation of North Carolina Antiquities at our meeting in Asheville October 13.

Mr. Wilburn has spent many years collecting historical objects and documents to be placed in a museum in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in Western North Carolina. The citizens of this section owe him a great debt, so great has been his interest in establishing such a museum that he has often over taxed his physical strength. While Mr. Wilburn will not be able to give of his time as he has done in the past we cannot afford to stand still and not do our part in helping preserve the early history of this section. The cooperation of every citizen is urged to help in locating historical sites, preserving early objects used in the home, on the farm or the mill. Old homes, schools, churches, old letters, books, papers, magazines or ballads.

The citizens of Waynesville and Haywood county will be glad to know that the historical committee



"I'm sorry preacher, as far as I am going to furniture and family. The rain weather is too cold thin blood."

This is what a Baptist named Compton heard in the late sixties, as he stopped the wagon on a loaded the minister's belongings.

"But Mr. driver, you haul us to Tennessee and Haywood County, North Carolina, the shivering preacher said. "Can't help where it is I'm cold, and I'm going South Carolina from here, a plain cotton farmer and mo, you know," the driver shot back.

—and right there in Piley, Rev. Mr. Compton family unloaded their short of their contemplative home in Tennessee.

One of the boys on it was a six-year-old short youngster, known as T. Compton, of Saunook, who story as if it had happened day, and as he looked to observe his 80th birthday before Christmas.

"Pop" lived in the Pigeon for a number of years, the few years at Clyde, went the Saunook settlement, as he put it, "found a pretty well, and have ever since—yes, 48 years."

"Pop" don't look like 80, and when told that back with the quick answer was not a night answer, kill anybody. I'm in bed unless I go to church, at day break. You'll live time on those hours," he wisely.

At the Rotary Club last the subject up for discussion traffic violations, which he the mind of W. H. F. F. story of the magistrate, ed out that the "law says you find the defendant guilty as jurors will be fit but you should find the not guilty your fees will. Now retire and render a

And speaking of traffic the story is told of a police nearby town, away to electric traffic lights were stalled. It seems that on a particular day, the tall standing in the middle of trying as best he could to with the light in direction Down the main street farmer with a wagon load. The farmer, as was his called to his team to t whereupon the policeman "Hey, you! You can't turn."

The farmer still hadn't traffic light and the hanging underneath what "no left turn."

"If you'll get out of my think I can make it," down from his perch on to hay, as he yanked the started his team to the of the street.

The dumfounded policeman a moment, then dressed sidewalk with tobacco just per to himself: "Damn didn't!"

People who walk along to themselves always gettosity. I wonder if they ing, or practicing a spe are going to make when to where they are going.

A Waynesville colored had rather hum than eat which is putting it in no terms that he likes hunting going up a steep hill the pasture last week. His almost dragging the grass steep was the hill. He heard something like the of a freight going off, and ed to find himself looking the eyes of the meanest ever seen. He reached pick up a rock, but he kness gave way, and he fell ing. He looked up again, bull took three steps forward man uttered a sincere pre between his quivering lips, bull passed by.

Telling of the incident said: "I declare to the was the most livestock I seen, in one place in all my

in Raleigh now has auth proof of the surrender of James G. Martin's army of ern North Carolina at Way May 6, 1865. The last force in the State.

The names of historic patriotic societies and interzons will be gladly reced Dr. C. C. Crittenden and A. Gosney, of Raleigh; Dr. H. Pratt, Chapel Hill, a writer, Mrs. R. N. Barb Waynesville.

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