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Scouting In Good Hands

Through the years, Haywood has been fortunate in having men who were interested in Scouting to give of their time and means to see the movement continue and prosper. There are many men well qualified to head the Scout work, but in Carlton Peyton, the district has a man with 17 years of experience, and a man who has his heart in the work.

Haywood is fortunate in having such men to lead such an important work as Scouting. William Medford, and Ben Colkitt, have both served as district chairman, and served well. And we predict for Mr. Peyton wholehearted cooperation and justified success.

The Lions Work Hard

Every organization does not always warrant its existence.

The Lions Club, however, is one of those clubs which has gone out and made for itself a place in the community—a place that designates it as one of the community's biggest assets, and we say that after a careful study of their accomplishments of the past and aims for the future.

Last week-end the club erected their dine board and started their campaign for money, with which they will again spread cheer at Christmas. Last year the club cared for 80 families; bought hundreds of toys, several hundred pounds of nuts, candy and bushels of oranges for distribution in places where there would not have been a very happy Christmas.

There work does not stop at Christmas. In fact, that is a minor part of their year's program. The real work is with the blind, and with it they have a record to be proud. Last year 32 pairs of glasses were provided; 34 examinations made, they sponsored a clinic at which 19 pairs of glasses were fitted; a delicate eye operation was performed on a boy which they were interested in, and now they are working out details to get a local man a seeing-eye dog.

What money is secured on the dime board this year will be diverted into one of two funds. First, all families will be cared for at Christmas, and if any money remains, the club will use it for their work with the blind.

That to us, is really two worthwhile projects; and the success the club is having in sponsoring both, gives us every reason for repeating that the Lions Club of Waynesville is truly a big asset of the community.

Bill Milner A Star

Haywood football fans were not surprised, but certainly well pleased, with the announcement that Bill Milner, 190-pound guard for the University of South Carolina was named All-Southern on the sophomore team.

Milner played outstanding ball all season, as was expected by those who had watched Jim on many occasions as he wore the Mountaineer colors for the high school here.

Along with Bill's good playing goes the best of sportsmanship.

He is steadily climbing the ladder to fame as a football player, and his many friends back home wish him well.

Repeal It Now!

Most citizens, we dare say, will note with genuine approval the halting of federal treasury plans for collection of the \$5 automobile "use tax", due under existing law February 1.

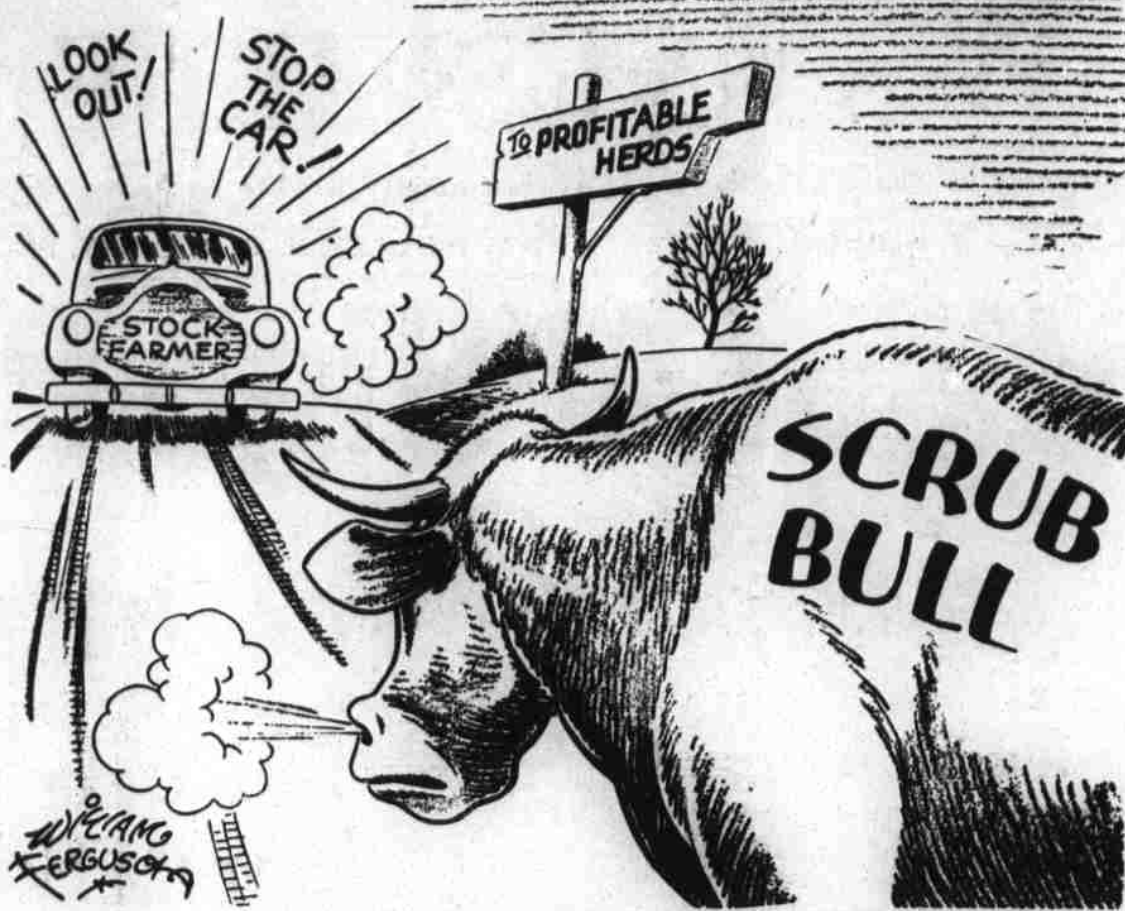
Refusal of the congressional sub-committee to appropriate funds for its collection and the existence of bills for its immediate repeal, strengthen the hope that this tax will be taken off the books before it goes into operation.

As a thoroughly inequitable method of collecting revenues for the federal government this tax must be accorded the "honor" of top rank. It would collect exactly the same amount from the man who runs a \$5,000 automobile for pleasure as from the man who is hard pressed to keep a \$50 jitney in operation for necessary business uses. If "ability to pay" is to be given any sort of consideration in collection of taxes, this scheme ought certainly to have died a-borning.—Greenville News.

A gridiron critic complains that football is losing the art of kicking. Obviously he hasn't lately sat among the old grads in the stands.—Exchange.

The difference that arises in lots of families are caused by indifferences.

About the time a man begins to enjoy himself he needs a shave again.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We have noticed the posters, "America Calling" . . . take your place in Civilian Defense" . . . since they were first put up . . . we were impressed . . . and we felt a stirring of patriotism . . . and it filled us with good intentions to do what we could . . . for our country . . . but since Sunday night all that is changed . . . when we see those posters now . . . it is another story . . . it is alive with meaning . . . we feel that it is a very personal message . . . as every other American citizen feels . . . who has deeply implanted in their heart and soul . . . a love of home and country . . .

"America Calling" . . . it brings to mind since Sunday . . . in a flash . . . passing in quick review . . . marching soldiers . . . the sky dotted with airplanes . . . battleships . . . material destruction, too great to visualize . . . wounded men . . . ambulances on the field of battle bringing them into safety . . . orphaned children . . . broken hearted mothers and wives . . . homes of America secure yesterday . . . their safety . . . today questioned . . . it makes those of us who are tucked in a small niche . . . with apparently little to do . . . impatient . . . when there is so much to be done . . . yet the forces back home ever . . . and will always have a large part in any war . . . it may not be dramatic . . . to plow and raise food . . . the overall may not be as glamorous nor thrilling as the colorful uniforms of the service . . . yet this steady pulling at home is a vital factor in winning any war . . .

Everything we have had to write since Sunday has seemed so futile . . . when such gigantic problems are facing America and the world . . . yet on the other hand after the first shock . . . one comes back with the realization that such attitudes are completely out of the picture . . . we must cast aside such sentiments . . . for "every day things" are not futile . . . they are vastly important . . . how we live and carry on . . . our contribution . . . so it is up to us all to leave behind that first stunned, then demoralized sensation . . . and shake off such lethargy . . . and answer the call to service . . . whether it is as a private citizen at home . . . or in the armed forces of our country . . .

We want to honor this week . . . the seventh grade pupils of the Junior High school . . . each year they have a Christmas party . . . draw names and give each other a present . . . usually paying around ten cents for the gift . . . they will have their party as usual . . . but there will be no presents in 1941 . . . instead, as a body, they voted one hundred per cent to buy Defense Stamps with the ten cent per capita . . . we don't know who is the proudest over this admirable decision . . . the students . . . or the teachers . . . Mrs. Tom Loffin . . . Mrs. Inez Brooks . . . Mrs. Frank Ferguson . . . Mrs. Tom Campbell . . . Miss Nancy Killian and Jesse James . . . Seventh graders, you have set us a fine example and incidentally, you have made the best suggestion for Christmas shopping that we have heard . . . in transferring your gifts to Uncle Sam . . . for we fear he is going to need a lot of Defense Stamps before he sees us through . . .

If you have not observed it . . . do so the next time you visit the post office . . . next to the stamp window is a notice . . . urging you to put a three cent stamp or your Christmas cards out of town, and a "two cent" on these for home folks . . . perhaps one reason it caught our eye was that Major Howell had been discussing the

matter with us the day before . . . the notice is very convincing . . . that is if you want your cards to reach their destination . . . Five reasons why you should use three cents . . . and five reasons against not using them are given . . . Five in favor are . . . may be sealed . . . may contain writing . . . will be forwarded . . . will be returned if not delivered . . . given preference in delivery . . . Reasons to the contrary . . . cannot be sealed . . . will not be forwarded . . . will not be returned . . . must not contain writing . . . will be handled as circular mail . . . it looks like the "three centers" have it . . . if the matter comes to a vote . . .

It seems pretty well known about the court house that Tom Cathey, county auditor . . . has a complex on the subject of snakes . . . Walter Crawford . . . looking for a bit of fun . . . to break the tension of the war news . . . decided to get a little action out of Mr. Cathey . . . on Friday . . . he asked Tom to have a Coke with him . . . in the meantime he had stuffed a rubber snake up the opening of the Coco Cola machine . . . where the bottles shoot down in response to your nickel . . . Walter and Tom moved around to the machine . . . to get their drink . . . Walter placed the nickel in and said . . . "Tom, get your Coke . . . I'll take the next one" . . . Mr. Cathey reached out . . . the bottle shot the snake out first . . . and Tom caught a handful of snake instead of a bottle . . . now if you don't think Tom Cathey can move fast . . . you should have been there Friday . . . at any rate Walter's wish was realized . . . he got quick action out of the county auditor . . .

ALL AID FOR RUSSIA

(Baltimore Sun)
 It is no time for confused or quixotic thought! If we help adequately, the Russians may hold. If they hold, thousands of American lives may be saved. Roll out the tanks, the planes, every material that will help Russia. Never mind the Soviet idea. We can deal with that. Never mind the danger of Soviet collapse. We must risk that. Roll out the materials! And deliver them! This goes for industry. It goes for labor. It goes for thinking and the acting of all classes here. Aid to Russia, now, this winter, will guard American lives. Produce the aid and deliver the aid!

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

At high noon on Christmas day in 1925, the famous General Grant tree, located in the General Grant National park, near Fresno, Calif., was designated as the nation's Christmas tree. According to the United States department of the interior, the tree is estimated to be 267 feet high and is one of the so-called Bigtrees.

THE BAD luck champion for 1941 must be that fellow who escaped from a Santa Rosa, Cal. jail. He escaped, all right, but happened to stroll into a room in which 200 cops were holding a meeting.

Among other things we are willing to believe without trying to prove is that stem about cooked nettles tasting exactly like spinach.

"Can Hitler be beaten?" asks editorial. We don't know yet, but it sure begins to look like a 600,000,000 question.

Consumption of steel is a shortage of hot water we read. That ought to be the star boarder's priority

Voice OF THE People

What toy or bit of Christmas foolishness do you recall gave you the greatest thrill as a child?

Grover C. Davis—"Red striped peppermint candy."

H. B. Angel—"I believe an air rifle gave me the greatest thrill as a child at Christmas."

Mrs. Richard N. Barber, Jr.—"The Christmas I got my bicycle I think gave me the greatest thrill."

Mrs. R. L. Burgin—"A doll with brown curls."

Mrs. William Valentine—"The Christmas Santa Claus brought me a collection of small cooking utensils and some cook books."

Mrs. Ronald Morris—"The first 'sleepy doll' I had, I will never forget the thrill of her eyes, I kept her in a box."

Mrs. J. T. Glenn—"A little doll with a china head. I will never forget the Christmas I found her in my stocking. Her body was stuffed with sawdust and her dangling feet were also china. She wore a red calico dress that my mother had made."

J. M. Garrison—"The Christmas I received a hammer stands out in my memory."

John L. Cuddeback—"I was about six and I remember getting a teddy bear that was about knee high."

J. W. Killian—"My first pair of red topped brass toed boots."

TRY EATING A PIECE

Agricultural experts all over the country say there is too much wheat in the world. It worries them. They must have little else to worry over if that is the case. One of these experts, riding about and seeing a waving field of wheat gets the headache; it spoils the whole day for him.

This is the situation, with half the world hungry for bread. It seems silly; maybe it is. Anyway, wheat prices reached a four-year high in Chicago this week. Maybe there isn't too much wheat. But the experts have the answer to that. It is simply that there is too much wheat.

It is curbed, controlled and regulated in order to raise the price. A satisfactory price is proper, but it would be bad if the world should wake up some day and find it had good prices but no wheat. People would have a hard time eating a price and no bread in the house.—Shelby Star.

New York City has opened 15 tracks for bicycles to keep them off the streets.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT, Central Press Writer

rights to the bathtub almost priceless.

Autumn foliage is meaningless, according to a magazine writer. There's one fellow who has never had to make rake meet lawn

That aviator who fell five miles before opening his parachute could tell us how it feels to have the whole world coming your way—even for just a few seconds.

Grandpappy Jenkins says the statisticians have fallen down on the job. They never have determined for us how many tons of aspirin tablets are consumed by football coaches between Sept. 1 and Thanksgiving Day.

Rambling Around

By W. C. RUSSELL

It has been a long time since I attended any meeting that much interest for me as the er-teacher farmers banquet Thursday night. Every one ed keyed to the importance occasion, and the declaration on the United States that by Germany and Italy seem give the speakers a patriotic spiration that sends words phrases into the very souls listeners.

I jotted down many of marks—some humorous—rious, but all went to make coking good program. some:

Jonathan Woody—"I would er my family and me be buried live under the yoke of axis p-

Jack Messer—"Every gram must pay a price for freedom installment is now due."

J. C. Lynn—"Cool heads work and clear thinking v able us to give our enem cisive defeat.

Wayne Corpenning—"Back good old days, the woman "shade tree" milk, and wor dresses to hide their legs. they drink better milk from cows and wear short dresses. ter milk has had a lot to do our people."

Oder F. Burnett—"We need faith and confidence in our ment. We must have faith in

A. J. McCracken—"We are going to be tight with our like the Scotchman who while from home, and broke, went a telegraph office to win money. The clerk said no ch were made for the name to as sage. The thrifty Scotchman plied that all he wanted to was his name. "You see," he "I'm related to that man who with Robinson Crusoe on the I have a very peculiar nam deed. My name is B. Home day. Please send to my wife

OPINIONS And COMMENTS OF OTHER EDITORS

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY VOTERS WOULD BE GLAD TO LIGHTEN HIS BURDEN

Senator Bob Reynolds, through North Carolina on his honeymoon, promises that the tools of office become his and his 19-year-old bride and Hope diamond will settle in combe county "where the spirit of autumn color rival the glow of a Persian carpet."

This statement answers the vent prayer of many North Carolina voters who feel that they make the date of Bob's return more definite. These long suffering citizens can assure Bob immediately after the vote counted in 1944, the Senator feel an almost complete loss of his tools of office.

Meanwhile, should the Senator be inclined to contribute to the happiness of the state, feel sure he would find the arnor most co-operative in applying someone to relieve Bob of coils of office at almost any moment. It's a shame that with such a rich talent for living, now endowed with necessary means to achieve, should feel obliged to waste time in politics.—Charlotte News

35,000 PRESS AGENTS

The endless stream of public—or propaganda, as perhaps night better be called—that from 153 government agencies Washington has been surving the Budget Bureau. That general idea of the scope and em of the flow has been arrived while no estimate of its value is attempted. For the alued June 30, 2,885 persons employed full time in sending matter describing the work of departments, and 31,618 worked time in getting out additional leaves. These broadcasts are regularly sent to newspaper correspondents in Washington to other persons supposed to be a position to influence public ion, are, as a rule, uncorrected. They agree on one point—the of the work they describe and indispensability of the agency gaged in it.

Naturally, they contain such material as the heads of departments wish to put before public, with the result that spondents who wish to take a one-sided view of public affairs not rely much on official sources. These, usually, are not very ductive nowadays, as strict prevent department subordi who usually know what is on, from discussing public affairs with the press. There is one undeniable fact connected with propaganda output—that it for the last fiscal year \$27,700.—New York Herald Tribune.