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The Show Goes On

We were gratified, that despite the discouraging conditions presented by the emergency, the civic and farm leaders of Haywood County decided to stage the Livestock and Home Arts Show again this fall.

There is no denying the fact that it seems a formidable task under existing conditions to make definite plans now. What the next seven months may bring to pass is guesswork on the part of anyone. By September it may seem a waste of effort to take time off to even have a show.

Yet on the other hand those of us who are at home should endeavor to lead as normal a life as possible. Business should and must go on as usual. The cattle industry is one of the major sources of income in Haywood County. During the year ahead it will be of even greater importance, for as production is stepped up, it will be necessary to increase herds.

There is no greater means of stimulation of the breeding of fine cattle than such shows as have been staged here during the past two years. When stock raisers see what others can produce, they realize that they can do likewise with similar methods.

One of the most vital phases of the national defense program is the conservation of food, which is so ably demonstrated in the entries of the farm women in the exhibits of Home Arts section of the show. This year these exhibits will be viewed with keener interest than ever before. They represent a definite piece of work that every woman can do for her home and her country.

Suppose the show this year is not as large or impressive as that of last year? The show staged in this year of unprecedented emergency cannot be compared to the shows of other years. It will necessarily be different.

We congratulate the leaders who had the courage on Saturday afternoon to go forward with their plans for the Haywood County Livestock and Home Arts Show. Their decision was another proof of the spirit of the civilian back home doing his bit to support the armed forces on the fighting lines.

Reaction To Draft

We hear on all sides that America has been asleep while other nations have been preparing for the gigantic conflict that now engages the major countries of the world.

We grant that this may be true. But it is easily explained by the fact that we have been a peace loving people, and not being war minded have not been suspicious of others while they were building up material and spiritual fighting forces.

We are awake now thoroughly, if the reaction of the registrants of the third draft in the selective service throughout the country matches that shown in the Waynesville area last week. Just give us time.

While Uncle Sam leaves little choice when he notifies a man that he is to report at a certain point at a definite time, and the men registered last week because they had been ordered to do so, we liked their spirit, as expressed on all sides.

There were many who "signed up" who would not be expected to go. There are often reasons why a man should be exempted, yet as our citizens filed in the draft office last week, they seemed to be of one accord, they were ready to go, if they were needed.

We see such signs everywhere. America is settling down to face a long struggle. Each day events both personal and national bring home to us all the urgency of the situation. Only through such realization and the attitude of the men who are registering for service and answering the call as our own folks here are doing, will victory be assured, for our enemies started in this game of war far ahead of us. It will take time to catch up with them, much less get ahead.

Six Words

The following editorial from The Reidsville Review is a fine illustration of what it will take before the war is over.

"An unnamed young soldier out in Hawaii has a message for you.

"He didn't know he had a message.

"But he had one. A correspondent touring the new defenses of Hawaii found him in a secluded dugout, where he was sleeping on the hard ground. Asked if that wasn't pretty tough, the young soldier grinned, spat, and delivered his message:

"Was. Not now. Used to it."

"The sooner we civilians get into that frame of mind about how tough it is to undergo the thousand little inconveniences that go with war, as well as real sacrifices, the better. The end of the war will be in sight when 130,000,000 people are saying about how tough it is to make their own sacrifices: "Was. Not now. Used to it."



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

How our viewpoint and our associations with certain things change as we write we hear the drone of an airplane overhead... we have noticed that of late... there are more ships going by... our way only a short time ago, by the calendar, but by events such long or... an airplane overhead spelled travel in a fascinating way to interesting places to us... when we saw one in the sky our imagination took wings with it... and before we knew it... we were landing (in our mind) in some distant port... but now as we listen to that sound overhead it no longer stirs our imagination... to pleasant thoughts... instead it is depressing... it spells destruction... we are trying to make ourselves realize that it also signifies protection... but as yet we are not worked up to the war psychology to forget the fate of the other fellow... even though he may be our enemy... perhaps it will come in time... at any rate we wish that the plane had not flown over just as we started this column... it has disoriented our thoughts...

Which reminds us that we read today of some unexpected priority casualties... for instance the office of the Price Administration has decided that hearses are not among the "essential" vehicles entitled to new tires... which gave us an awful jolt... another which seems more reasonable... men's clothing manufacturers are considering elimination of "spare" trousers... with suits... also vests with double breasted coats and of trouser cuffs... and in a list of things to expect... just ahead... hotels will be charging for soap... paper carded matches will be out... you'll have to ask for your second lump of sugar... you may have to pay a penny for the first... fuel rationing is a possibility... a "use tax" may be clapped on your radio sets... tea is going to cost like sin (sin in fact may be cheap)... rent control boards are certain in work areas... tin cans will rate with pigeon blood vases in rarity... not that there will be a shortage on canned goods... they will be packed in glass... some new taxes (for a change) and the tax collector will be upon us so often that he will be considered a member of the family... bright prospect... but we would take them all rather than have Hitler take us... so we will fall in line now to accept... just as you will... these prophecies of the changing times...

A very serious situation has developed at the court house... we feel that it is our duty as a civic minded citizen interested in the welfare of our people to see if something cannot be done to relieve the situation... one day last week we saw county attorney Walter Crawford... come through the hall in a very solemn and much disturbed manner... shaking his head and saying... "Nothing doing"... in a short while we saw Auditor Tom Cathey... head buried in the afternoon paper reading the war news... walking slowly... then coming to a sudden stop... and looking much perturbed... and then he went back to his office... next George Brown, Jr... came around the corner... stopped short and looked as if he had lost his last friend... and the election had gone completely against him... about that time out came "Miss" Hattie McCracken from the office of the Register of Deeds... she looked around... evidently failing to find what she was expecting... we saw Hugh Leatherwood and Jack Messer get in a huddle outside the office of the board of education... and start down the hall... with a determined and definite look on their faces... then their countenances fell... and they looked

all frustrated in their plans... Dr. C. N. Sisk strolled by and we heard him say... "Well, not today"... then out walks Assistant Clerk of the Court Kate Williamson... she took one look and fled back to her office... down the hall came Libby Cuddeback... she turned the corner in a great rush to the office of the tax collector... back she came, rattling change... all full of expectancy... then her expression changed... and slowly back to the laboratory in the health department she took herself... in fact we don't know when we have seen so many disappointed people in one spot... it was getting serious... rationing of tires and sugar for soft drinks or no rationing... something must be done about the Coca Cola shortage at the courthouse...

We have a perfect complex on the "chain" idea in letters and things of that type... that you are cautioned not to break... where one person starts the ball rolling and on it goes but we read of one chain in the State Magazine which we think is swell... the Whitesville Merchant's Association started a purebred pig chain... with 25 Columbus County boys... twenty of the pigs were gifts... each of the boys and their parents agreed to give two pigs in return out of the first litter... (reminded us of the humorous book "Pigs in Pigs" which came out some years ago)... all other pigs raised should belong to the boys... one of these boys, Mace Jordan, has made around \$400... there are now 55 pigs in the chain... with 8 pigs ready to be turned back to the Merchant's Association... within the next month... and a total of 63 boys are being supplied with purebred Durocs...

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Brids... it always gives us a new lease on life to run into Mrs. H. O. Champion... she is so overabundant cheerful... the draft board members proved to be mighty good pickers when they got Debrah Fisher for their clerk... she is so efficient and interested in her work... it's inspiring to see a person get so much out of their job... Buddy Ray is making good as a substitute for her brother Bill, now in camp... La. J. C. Lynn writes back from camp that Haywood farmers will do well to increase their potato acreage... for he is eating a bushel a week in the army... overheard a father say during the week... "My son will just have to 'date' on foot for the duration... now wouldn't that have sounded funny a year ago?... an ad we saw in a magazine... also seemed strange... "Decorative Blackout Curtains"... and it went on to explain how to use them in a hurry...



"I'll Never Forget--"

HUMAN INTEREST STORIES
CONDUCTED BY UNCLE ABE

Voice OF THE People
 What do you think of the idea of the Go-To-Church-Drive and do you consider the next two months an opportune time in which to launch the campaign?

Mrs. Henry Foy—"I feel that there is a definite need at this time for such a drive, for people are thinking along spiritual lines now more than they have in the past."

J. C. Brown—"The idea of a go-to-church drive is always opportune, and certainly there has never been a time when we need to go to church more than just now."

Mrs. Grover M. Davis—"I approve the Forward-for-Christ movement in the go-to-church drive and I think it a splendid thing to revive the churches."

M. Theo. McCracken—"I think it is a fine thing and it is time that the churches were waking up to the idea that we have fallen down in our Christian duty and that we will all be better off for the drive. I feel that the time is most opportune for such a campaign."

Mrs. Bonner Ray—"I don't think there has ever been a more important time to have a go-to-church campaign. I also feel that there has never been a more opportune time to lend our efforts in this direction."

Mrs. Harry Marshall—"I am a great believer in revivals. I think that we all need them both personally and in our churches, and any time is opportune for refreshing our spiritual lives."

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Letters To The Editor

IS AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION?
 Editor The Mountaineer:

Is America a Christian nation? America claims to be a Christian nation; in fact some of us almost boast about it. I read an item the other day in which the writer claims that God is with America. But is He?

Would a Christian nation make her main objective seeking wealth and a good time? Would a Christian nation rather go to Bank night than prayer meeting? Would she rather lie in bed Sunday morning or take a trip than go to Sunday school and church; and rather go to the movies Sunday night than to church?

Would a Christian nation legalize gambling and alcoholic drinks and above all things to permit such things to operate on the Sabbath day? As if man made laws would cause the Lord to strike those things off His list of "Thou shalt nots"?

Would a Christian nation be made up of people who are self-centered and selfish and greedy that Sunday is not a day for the Lord, but a day in which we make more money than any other day? No, friends, America is a Christian nation in theory only, worthless unless they are put into practice. We praise the Lord with our lips, but our hearts are far from Him. America as a whole is making mockery of Christianity taught in the New Testament. We are either with Christ or against Him. We cannot be the emblem of righteousness by hand and a bottle of iniquity in the other. If America is a Christian nation she is a following Christ and Christ never did of the above mentioned things. As Paul said in Roman 13: "Now it is high time to awake out of sleep," and realize how far we have wandered from the true path, time to realize that in the of a mighty army, vast armaments and great resources we will be able to be victorious without the Lord's help and in order to win the Lord's help we must hate ourselves and pray and repent our wicked way.
 FRANK UNDERWOOD
 Waynesville, N. C.

Go-To-Church Campaign

If you don't go to church during the next two months in Haywood County, you are going to be noticeably missed by your absence. The pastors and many laymen are in dead earnestness about the campaign which will be inaugurated next Sunday when the first count will be made of the congregations of the churches cooperating.

The moment is ripe for such a campaign. If ever the people of our section, and the country at large, needed a spiritual revival it is now. We have been caught in the swift moving era of material progress that has marked this country in the past decade, absorbing too much time for secular things.

It has been said that the church, or Christianity has been hurt through the centuries by spiritual unevenness. Too many so called Christians have taken their religion like the tides within the ocean. When the tides come in they ride to peaks of interests, rolling along the shore lines of service. Then suddenly the tides turn and there is indifference and neglect of the things of spiritual value. We have seen such things happen here in our own community.

Today we need the force of God, of things generated by the saints, to meet the emergency. We need to train our hearts in the practice of divine communion, from which no greater strength is given. We need to cultivate the right social conduct and the spiritual force which alone can rebuild the world.

Christianity has had some hard blows, not only in Russia and Germany, but here in America and our own community. They may not have been directly intended by our own people as in these other countries, but through carelessness and indifference we have been led along the same path away from God.

Make an effort to attend church each Sunday during the campaign. Let us give the pastors an opportunity to arouse our responsibility to ourselves, to God and our fellowman.

Go to church somewhere every Sunday.

Health Insurance

The inspection of eating places by the county sanitarian which is now nearing completion in Haywood County should give our citizens a gratified feeling of safety when eating away from home.

The new laws passed by the 1941 legislature are being enforced to the last word, which is as it should be. The laws are not unreasonable, but are based on sound health principles calculated to protect the public.

Great progress has been made in local health work since Social Security funds were made available in North Carolina. Services have been extended far beyond the early programs of public health, when the work was mostly confined to schools and immunization against communicable diseases.

It would be hard to estimate the value of a competent sanitarian, for his work deals with preventive measures, that make our communities safer places in which to live, and therefore cannot be entirely counted in concrete values.

In life there is no stage manager and things do not always go just right, if they ever do. But we cannot wait for things to be just right. We have a job to do and we must make our own stage for it as best we can.—A. M. Burton.

It is estimated that this navy's bluejackets will be dentists' chairs for 80,000 in San Diego, California.