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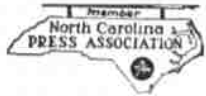
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Bad News For Enemy

Among the worse news our enemies could hear right now, would be for every person who spends money to say:

"Give me part of my change in war savings stamps."

With every person taking part of their change in stamps, it would not be long before many books could be filled and then exchanged for bonds, and a bond is a slap in the face of the enemy.

Every business house should "stock up" on war stamps, and call it to the attention of their customers to take some as change.

America needs money, and every stamp sale means that much. No American can afford not to invest in these war savings stamps and bonds.

We do not have time to wait until next week to start. This is the week that counts, and then every week.

Merchants, business men, and customers, NOW is the time America needs your money. Stock up. Buy. Do your part.

Forest Fires

Ere this is printed there may be many revelations regarding the sources of some of the forest fires that have been raging on our verdant hills during the past week taking every sign of life with them as they spread in their course of destruction.

Whatever may have come to light, we speak ahead of time in vehement tones regarding the punishment that should be meted out for such a crime. For the burning of our forests is not only a crime against the present, but a sin committed against generations to come.

We feel sure that some of the fires must have been "set by hand", but whether from deliberation or from carelessness, the results have been the same, untold dollars worth of young timber has been destroyed, and the destruction of the fertility of the soil can not be estimated.

We have suffered draughts in this section and we know what they mean. The fatality to the rainfall we are told will be even greater than that to the timber and the soil.

It is said that an acre of forest releases more moisture than an acre of water, and that the forests are the chief sources of our rainfall. These hold moisture. They soak up rainfall like a sponge and the trees draw the water through their roots and send it into the air through the leaves. The very air over forest lands becomes filled with moisture until the moisture returns to the earth in the form of rain.

It looked at one time as if the forests in this mountain area would find their way to the markets in lumber products until the government stepped in and took a hand in its work to preserve for years to come certain areas. Through these reservations and government controlled properties fishing was coming back and wild life was increasing in the forests.

Now thousands of acres are in desolation and waste, awaiting years before they will be reclaimed by Nature and brought back to a state of vegetation and fertility. The picture is depressing and regrettable. For those who are guilty of this destruction only drastic punishment could fit the crime.

A westerner in whose car an explosive was found wired to the ignition insists he has no enemies. Friends, eh?

Your Responsibility

The local campaign which is being held this week is one of nation-wide scope. The American people are going to have to finance this war, and those in authority feel that the fairest way in which to ask them to help their country is by making an investment, which in turn will be a benefit to the purchaser.

Six months ago it might have taken more argument to convince an American citizen of what might happen to us here in America than it does today. Now that the facts are brought home to us daily, as we read the last word about the war and listen to the news commentators over the radio, we appreciate the gravity of our situation and also the cost of the relief.

When we think of it, the purchase of stamps and bonds may mean a pinch to us now, but in reality it is not only a way to help win the war, but a very fine way to save. If we win the war, which we are sure we are going to do, we will have something laid away for that rainy day, that we know will follow war, regardless of which side wins. If this country should fail our money will do us no good. So either way it looks like there is not but one answer—that is buy bonds and stamps until it hurts.

Back To Beards

The following comments were made by The Washington Post when the question of limiting production of razor blades came up:

"Mr. Nelson may go down in history among other things, as the sponsor of a new bearded age. We are thinking of the WPB order curtailing the production of safety-razor blades to an average of one blade per week per adult male American. Some men may get along on such a ration. But how about those in households where the paternal razor blades must do extra duty as pencil sharpeners and carvers of toy airplanes?"

"Doubtless the transition from a bearded to a shaven age, or vice versa, has always been accompanied by war. According to tradition, it was Alexander who introduced the habit of shaving among the Greeks, Scipio Africanus among the Romans, the Norman conquerors among the laity of England. Yet it was the Norman Crusaders who made beards again fashionable in Medieval Europe. Then, with the Ottoman invasion, the custom of the demi-beard or mustache begins. The American Civil War, as we all know, was accompanied by a spontaneous and luxuriant outburst of facial foliage on both sides, especially among general officers. Few, to be sure, achieved such magnificent effulgence as Generals Longstreet and Jackson. However, an elegant form of cheek-whisker much favored by our grandfathers still bears the martial name of 'Burnside', though this is often vulgarly inverted into 'sideburns.'

"After the end of the first World War shaving became virtually universal. Even in France the square-cut beard of the poilu and the bristling warrior mustachios of the marshals gave way to absolute hairlessness or to a slender vestigial crescent around the base of the upper lip. In England the characteristic blacking-brush mustache of the early 1900's gradually vanished, and in America those 'handlebar' mustaches whose tapering ends had twitched so proudly at San Juan Hill and at Manila Bay became a theme of jest and scorn. But it looks as if we shall now have to accept them—and beards, too—as part of the national landscape."

Hereford Goal

Last week's Mountaineer carried the individual and total amounts paid for Haywood Hereford cattle shown and sold at the North Carolina Hereford Breeders Association show and sale held recently in Wilson.

The fact that five out of the thirty-five head in the sale and show were from Haywood, alone is significant and should offer encouragement and inducement to the Hereford breeders in this section.

We join County Farm Agent Howard Clapp in his appeal that each Hereford breeder in Haywood (and we understand there are around thirty) make their plans now to enter at least one animal in the show and sale next year. Certainly the recent record shows that Haywood Herefords, if given a chance, "can go places."

As we understand the Hollywood divorce, they were so perfectly darling to each other it was unbearable.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

About the most engaging special edition we have seen in some time is the "Raleigh's Sesquicentennial" of The News and Observer... it is a happy combination of history brought up to date with clever handling, that it seems to be the latest bit of news... story after story dealing with the history of the state's capital... which is after all the history of the state and a picture of life in North Carolina... yet on every hand the facts are brought up to last development in that particular field... we highly recommend the edition to history teachers... for the articles could so easily be incorporated with history lessons... one article of special interest to us is about the newspapers of Raleigh... starting with the first one published, written by none other than the "Old Man" himself... Mr. Josephus Daniels... that our local men in uniform may find the Sesquicentennial a tender subject... and one that fills our State Guard with deep regret... as they had planned to take part in the grand parade... and instead they are here tramping in the hills... guarding smoked charred entrances into our forests... yes, they are in uniform... but not exactly on parade... While on the subject we would like to pay tribute to the local unit for the manner in which they swung into action when mobilized last Friday... we had occasion to visit the armory as the first patrol of 14 men was ready to take off for duty in the forests... and it gave one the spirit of a camp to see how the uniforms seemed to transform the men into real soldiers on duty... Captain Bradley was in Brevard checking up at the hour... and Lt. Byrd was in command... but the Captain had left things in capable hands... we noticed a couple of young wives hovering near the doors... with rather strained expressions... as if their men might be ready to get into battle... And well they might have felt that way... for the fires that have been raging over our mountains... have certainly offered a challenge... and we feel that the men who have been fighting them hour after hour in heat and blinding smoke... are just as heroic as the boys in uniforms now in our armed fighting forces on the battle fronts... if you have any doubts... just take a look at the haggard worn face of a man off duty... after several hours fighting fire... they tell us that after about one hour the third one suffers is beyond description... and when we consider how difficult it is to get to some of the picturesque spots of our rocky hillsides even under favorable conditions... we wonder how a fire in such inaccessible places could be fought... it would seem impossible to make a "fire line" on certain types of our ridges... incidentally we have not been on the Beech Gap Road... but we hear it is a very depressing sight... which reminds us... that we are having a hard time deciding what drive will rate first now that our most popular one is such a devastated sight... We have tried to do several things at one time... and be in two places at once... so we always have great sympathy for anyone caught in such a trap... but we hand it to Coach Weatherby... for holding down more jobs in the course of a day than we thought possible... on Monday of this week Coach was expected to be a super man... and he was... and proved for all time his versatility... to begin with as principal of the local high school and athletic coach he has a man-sized job... But on Monday Buck Bowles... superintendent... was Lt. Bowles, aide to Major Howell in command of the 8th Battalion of the State Guard... was with the Major on duty in the forests... some of the teachers were being instructed in sugar rationing technique... others were busy giving exams... Sara Jane Walker... band director, was at home recovering from an operation... so there were extra jobs at every corner... for Coach Weatherby... the band must be directed... the choral groups must be led... but in due time Coach covered all fields... he admits that he may have gotten more quantity than quality... he says he noticed that the band students would stop every now and then and rest themselves and their instruments... while others played on... and he did not intend to have any loading on the job... so he demanded that they all play at once... but later he found that his technique was a little off... for that it was lawful for them to stop... as they had certain parts only to play... and when he directed the choruses he told them to sing... and sing they did, he says... we take it that Coach must have applied his football tactics to his music directing... but it is obvious that Coach is a volume expert... And speaking of absentees... we have one here at The Mountaineer... for we are represented in the State Guard... by none other than Corporal Marion T. Bridges... one of the owners and managers of the shop... when we came to work we were greeted with... "Did you know that Marion won't be here today... and that he might not be back for the

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

HITLER, we read, has recalled Field Marshals von Brauchitsch, von Bock and von Rundstedt back to the jobs from which he fired 'em. It seems Adolf did his spring house-cleaning too soon... Zadok Dumbkopt knows an ex-motorist, now a pedestrian, who still looks over his shoulder to see if a traffic cop is trailing him... Grandpappy Jenkins thinks the odds against Fido getting his dog food in a can are now approximately tin to one... Gosh, maybe we won't even be able to get wooden tires! A recent scientific article claims that trees have a very high sugar content... Hitler has postponed his offensive, they say, from spring to summer. So he can blame its failure on the heat?... Wouldn't it be fierce if those three Navy flyers who drifted for weeks eating only shark meat started a new food fad?... And then there was the man-about-town who, when told he should get interested in gardens, thought what was meant was the roof variety.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Voice of the People

Every week The Mountaineer asks a question on a current topic in this column the readers give the answers.

What Made News Years Ago

FIVE YEARS AGO 1937

Land O' Sky making plans to pack 200,000 cases of fruits and vegetables in 1937. County farm agent W. D. Smith is distributing this week checks totaling \$25,000 to Haywood county farmers for payment of farm activities participated in during 1936. Major Boatwright well pleased with Company "H" of the 120th Infantry after inspection at local armory. Plans completed to surface Hazelwood streets. Miss Emily Palmer crowned May Queen at Western Carolina Teachers College. Ninety candidates are slated to receive W. T. H. S. diplomas. Dogs of Grady Boyd awarded ribbons at show held at Middleboro, Ky. Seniors from State College will make inspection of forests in this section.

TEN YEARS AGO 1932

Dr. J. R. McCracken is elected vice president of North Carolina Medical Society. Haywood county will receive 220 barrels of flour for the needy families, sent here by the Red Cross. Weaver H. McCracken withdraws from race of register of deeds. Sixty-six students receive diplomas from Haywood high school. Inside information is given about Haywood County Hospital by Auditor Troy Wyche, who says people are fortunate in owning such an institution. Eighteen registered bulls sold at Clyde to Haywood county farmers, prices ranging from \$30 to \$65 each. \$188,796.41 was spent on Haywood county schools during last six months. Judge William Smathers, former resident, is honored by Good Deeds Award given by Kiwanis club in Atlantic County, N. J. Human progress can be boiled down to the mastery of emotions by men and women—self control, in other words.

duration of the forest fires and that we may have to get out the paper this week without him?... that remark seemed to be the keynote of the day... seemed to knock the props from under us all... from the editor down... and it brought the war a little closer for no doubt if it had not been for the conflict raging thousands of miles from here... Marion would not have joined the State Guard... and if it had not been for the war, the State Guard would not have been organized to take the place of the National Guard... and so it goes... in every nook and corner of this country... will be felt the deprivations...

What do you think of the naval reserves? Mrs. J. H. Bryson—"There are many jobs that women can take the places of men in life and release the men who are eligible for military service. I do not think it necessary to have such a reserve."

W. L. Hardin—"I think a fine thing and women could be in many positions to release for service in which they are not able to render, they are sure that eventually the women of this country will have to be organized."

Miss Modela Moody—"I think it is a fine plan. I have been told they would draft the women."

R. H. Blackwell—"I do not think the women should be drafted but of course if the situation is more critical I suppose it is all right."

Mrs. Paul Walker—"I don't think it is a good thing. I think the women should be trained to do the jobs that men are doing. I think it is a fine plan. I have been told they would draft the women."

J. W. Killian—"It is a woman's idea if for no other reason than to release men for duty in positions that a woman can't fill."

Miss Nanette Jones—"I think it is a good thing and I think we should be trained to take the place of men in this emergency."

John M. Queen—"I think it is a good thing. I think the women should be trained to do the jobs that men are doing. I think it is a fine plan. I have been told they would draft the women."

Norman Caldwell—"So far as looks like women are going to have enough to do at home in this war, without drafting them."

J. Q. Allison—"As far as women are concerned in this war, I feel that it should be left to them to do as they please. I feel sure that without the aid of a draft there will be a sufficient number of those who will offer their services without being them to sign up."

Editorial Comment

THE BOOK NOBODY KNOWS

Recently Judge Johnson Hayes, of the Middle District court, decided to read a young delinquent who had been far from his home the Prodigal Son. A courtroom Bible was available, and Judge Hayes turned the large audience and asked someone tell him the book chapter wherein the story of the Prodigal Son is in the New Testament. The crowd seemed embarrassed. The vast majority of the women present were unable to give the required information. An old Negro called out the book and page.

He read his Bible. He where the truths that have led the fire and flame may be found. We would like to know the Negro. We have an idea that is a man of character, an individual force in a land where today read all sorts of books the Bible, though the Bible is sweetest love stories, the philosophy and the most prose to be found in all the literature of the ages.

We would like to know the Negro. We believe he knows the virtue of humility and the of the bended knee. We know that in men of his mold and devotion to simple Christianity lies the hope of America's redemption of a troubled world.—Winston-Salem Journal.

TEN GOOD RULES

- 1. Never put off till tomorrow what can be done today. 2. Never trouble others with what you can do yourself. 3. Never spend your money before you have it. 4. Never buy what you want because it is cheap. 5. Pride costs as much as thirst and cold. 6. We never repent of anything too little. 7. Nothing is troublesome we do willingly. 8. How much pain there is cost that never happens. 9. Take things by their handle. 10. When angry always wait before you speak.