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Some Scenery Left

The most encouraging news we have had to come from the devastating forest fires, is from Captain W. A. Bradley, that the immediate section of Beech Gap was not burned, and from the road and the gap, one cannot tell where the fire left the mountains bare.

Captain Bradley made a personal inspection trip to the area, and he is as familiar with that area as any man. It is encouraging to know that the scenery in that particular beautiful area escaped the flames.

Surplus Commodities

We have been trying for sometime to reconcile "surplus commodities" with the government plans for greater food production by the farmers.

Why should the government continue to buy up certain commodities and distribute them without charge to certain individuals at this time? We ask this question in all fairness, for we do not wish to see anyone go hungry, but on the other hand the question of shortages and surplus commodities does not fit together in the same picture.

Up To the Women

From the beginning of time men have been putting the blame on women. Now since the women are spending most of the nation's consumer income, it is pointed out that the new overall price ceiling can't be enforced unless women get wholeheartedly behind them.

It is said that in Canada the women have a small book in which they list prices when shopping, and on their next shopping tour they take out their books and see what they paid last. This is a pretty big order for the women.

While it is impossible to fight any war without hardships, the raising of prices out of all reason is going to work undue hardships on the average man with an average sized family. The object of all price-control measures is to keep the economic machinery running smoothly behind the war effort.

Fashion Notes

The most impressive cartoon we have noticed recently appeared in The Christian Science Monitor and was given the above title.

An American citizen was pulling off a pair of kid gloves which bore a card on which was written "Kid Glove Standard of Living." Uncle Sam was handing the man a pair of gloves on which was inscribed "Work and Plain Living."

Uncle Sam was saying "You'll find them more stylish and satisfying for the duration." In the foregoing is the keynote of the next few years, not only for the duration but also for those years that will follow in the readjustment period.

It will take a lot of plain living and hard work to keep our American way of life intact. In fact it may never again be quite so free as in the past, at least for generations to come, for a new order is being inaugurated.

The luxurious way of American living, with its extravagant ideas will have to undergo a distinct change. Maybe in the curtailment there will be a lot of lessons learned, for we have been pretty soft about some things.

Young America In Air

Out of the current demands of the times is coming a dramatic example of linking the schools of the nation in a program recently announced by the United States Office of Education and the Department of Commerce when aviation will become a part of the regular curriculum.

There are to be two programs and two purposes in the movement. The programs will mean that every boy and girl from the first grade through the senior year of high school will be air-conditioned to the new world "which has climbed into the skies."

The first program will be a general educational course. The idea is being sponsored by the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Both boys and girls are to be made familiar with airplanes as they have become with automobiles.

Aviation is bringing world-wide changes on world affairs, and its place in the future is hard to estimate, but we are all convinced that after this war it will revolutionize our mode of living, so it is well for youth to be versed in flying.

In September of this year the plans are now to offer ground courses in flying to 500,000 juniors and seniors under a new semi-official group, the Air Training Corps of America. Every high school in the country will be invited to add a two-year course of pre-flight studies to its present curriculum.

Herb Gardens Next

Because North Carolina affords likely growing conditions, some agricultural specialists believe that herbs have potential importance in North Carolina as money crops.

The war has shut off normal supplies of these culinary and medicinal plants, and this makes the revival of growing herbs in the state on a large commercial scale even more practical.

Early settlers in this country brought with them a wide variety of herbs from Europe and used the plants extensively in flavoring and for medicinal purposes. However, herb gardens gradually became fewer as Americans depended increasingly upon foreign markets for their supply.

Through the years, a steady demand has grown for certain herbs, and the market could accommodate that amount, is the opinion of L. G. McLean, of State College.

The impact of war on the herb market is seen in the price paid for sage. Before the war, sage could be purchased ordinarily for five cents a pound. Now, the price ranges from 65 cents to \$2 a pound, depending on the quality.

The State College horticulturist said he believes such plants as coriander, fennel, caraway, sage, anise, sunflower, mustard, angelica, dill, and pyrethum can be grown successfully by farm people of North Carolina.

One of the present handicaps to the production of such herbs is the shortage of seed. This fact also limits the amount of research that can be done by experiment station workers interested in adapting the herbs to local conditions.

Americans are going to learn a lot from this war, and one of them will be the importance of being self-sustaining.

"Tid-Bit"

There seems to be some discussion about what name should supplant that of "nickel" for the new five-cent piece, which will have no nickel in it.

One writer recently pointed out that Webster defines a "bit" as being a small coin of about 12 and one half cents; hence a quarter dollar is two-bits, a half dollar, four bits; three-fourths dollar, six bits; a dollar eight bits, and have been so termed for many years.

Webster also defines "tid-bit" as a delicate morsel of food. The five-cent piece is truly a "delicate morsel" of money to the trading public, covering the cost of many a delicate morsel of trade; hence the name "tid-bit" could logically become the companion-name of the five-cent piece according to the writer. At the same time it would be in complete harmony with the other "bits" of the dollar.

Beating the Dutch

There's an old exclamation, "Don't that beat the Dutch." Where it originated and what it means is not known to this writer. Whatsoever the significance, Hitler is finding that beating the Dutch is not an easy task.—The Reidsville Review.

Turning over a new leaf too often makes you lose your place.

"NEW ORDER IN THE COURTROOM"



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

If we ever need protection in this community that can be provided by the State Guard... don't worry we will have it... and on time... one of the best illustrations of efficiency that has come our way in a long time... is told in the story of how the State Guard set up housekeeping down at the Armory... literally on a moment's notice... housewives in the vicinity might learn a lot from the State Guard... when the company was mobilized around four o'clock one afternoon... by order of their battalion commander... they did not have any equipment for serving meals... no cooking utensils... no dishes... knives, forks, spoons... not even the necessary stoves on which to prepare food... sometime after 5 o'clock Major J. H. Howell said to Captain Bradley... (as the boys had reported to the armory... and were in uniform awaiting orders to start on patrol duty in the burning forests)... "Well, you had better make some arrangements about supper for your men... phone up town about it"... and Captain Bradley replied... "Yes, Major, we have, but not to take them up town... for supper will be served here in just a few minutes"... We don't know what the proper military response is to such efficiency on the part of an officer... but to our mind Captain Bradley deserved some kind of medal or citation for such quick action... for in less than an hour he had a kitchen equipped, food bought and cooked, and the necessary utensils for serving... and we would also like to say a word for the mess sergeant, Ott Ledbetter... who served such appetizing meals... we know from experience... as we were a luncheon guest at the armory on Saturday... we'd like the cook to teach us how to make pancakes...

apart... to live so that everything is important, is to fill one's day with a richness... that must be gratifying... the phlegmatic person... who never reaches the depths of human emotion also misses the heights... things that are accomplished in a lukewarm manner can never reach the perfect goal of the idea that burns in its own creation... and it all comes back to the old adage... "You get out of life what you put into it..."

Rev. Williamson delivered an inspiring sermon to the graduates of the township high school on Sunday night... he paid youth a high tribute... for he said that today we were not depending upon the wisdom and experience of the older generations... but that the freedom of this land that we enjoy lay in the hands of the youth... the youth that is now flying the planes... and who have the courage and daring to face dangers... but he stressed the point that youth must have patience... and that in America we have set our pace too fast... his sermon was built around the 30th and 31st verses of the 40th chapter of Isaiah... "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

What Made News Years Ago

TEN YEARS AGO
1932

Bargain Days will be Friday and Saturday, with merchants offering cash prizes.
T. Rowley Pless gets copper still and 50 gallons of beer in raid on East Fork.
W. L. Hardin to address American Legion post on bonus question.
R. T. Messer seeks nomination on educational board.
Convention of disabled veterans will bring 200 delegates here, with sessions at Gordon Hotel.
Library asks public aid in financing institution.
Waynesville is destined to become the highway center of Western North Carolina.
The Western North Carolina Industrial League will open Saturday with Enka playing Hazelwood here.
Lake Junaluska which was drained last November will be filled in.

FIVE YEARS AGO

1937

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Dr. Funke who lives on South Main... or the Balsam Road... which ever you happen to call it... invited us out last week to look at the dogwood trees from the back porch of her rock house... and we want to tell you that it is one of the beauty spots of the season... looking over the tops of the white blossoms gives one a sensation of a scene in Fairyland... if you doubt our word... we are sure Dr. Funke will share the view with you... we understand one visitor during the week made a colored movie of the trees... which makes a perfect picture of "Spring"...

A sentence that caught our attention recently... a statement made by the famous musician, Toscanini... who celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary last month... has come back to us often as we have contemplated its significance... "I burn, I freeze, but I cannot be lukewarm"... for in the thought, we find the answer to the genius... for the flame that burns in the life of an individual... is the light of the genius that shines high above us ordinary mortals and sets us

Talking It Over

By
JUDGE FRANK SMATHERS
Guest Editorial Writer For The Mountaineer

Voice OF THE People

What suggestion do you have to make about the annual Clean-Up week sponsored by the town authorities?

E. L. Withers—"If the individual was as careful as he should be, we would not have to have an annual community clean-up week, so I would urge that since it is necessary to have such a period, that everybody lend their support and make Waynesville the cleanest it ever has been."

J. D. Ezell—"I think it is going to be very important how the town looks this year. We all know that every year the tourists demand more and more in the way of cleanliness and it is right that they should."

Mrs. Rufus Siler—"I would urge each individual to feel a personal responsibility and then we would have a clean community."
Mrs. E. B. McClure—"I think the first thing to do is to get rid of all accumulated rubbish and then clean up and wash up every thing about the premises and if possible paint. Outsiders coming into a town judge the place by appearances. We all do, for when we are traveling we judge a town by the same rule."

Mrs. John Davis—"One thing I think is very important, is that we should all take care of our lawns. How the grounds of a home looks impress the strangers very much."
James C. Moore—"First, I would suggest cleaning up all the back lots and then a general clean up and paint up campaign."

Mrs. Joe Tate—"I believe in cleaning up back yards as well as front yards. I think the streets should not only be cleaned, but kept that way."

Oliver H. Shelton—"I think a general cleaning up of the town is needed, especially back alleys, from which the rubbish blows on the main streets. Another thing, people should be more careful about throwing paper on the streets, and they should be made to keep the streets clean."

Mrs. George Taylor—"I think one important thing is that there should be more containers for trash and waste paper on Main street."

Mrs. H. C. Ferguson—"I think the streets need a general cleaning up, as well as the back alleys and home premises. I think that people should be taught to be careful about waste paper, and should be made to observe the rules about throwing it on the streets."

21 days, with average rainfall.
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Letters To Editor

MOVIES

Editor The Mountaineer: A large number of people asked the question, "Is it to go to the movies?" Many answered "No." Some answer "Yes." Good many preachers, deacons, church members will tell you it is not any harm in that. They are young people to know right and who is wrong? I never know until the great God's judgment that nothing more than school, vice, lust, immortality and vulgarism. Thousands on top of thousands of young people are being led into the dark jungles of movie world from which few ever return. Here are a few reasons there is harm and sin in it. If we are true Christians all we have belong to God, are to do is to be done in glory. So then if we show we go not for His glory the money is spent for our own pleasure. Wherefore do ye spend money that which is not brought? The wrong conception portrayed to the 77,000,000 tend the movies each week. (Continued on page...)

THE OLD HOME TOWN

