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## A Taste Of War

People coming into Haywood from other sections fail to understand why the citizens here do not have "war jitters."

This area, practically isolated, so far has been almost immune to war. Only during the past few weeks has the average citizen been made to realize that there is a war on.

Very few cars in this section have been stored because of tires. The sugar rationing was our first sacrifice, and now gasoline. And by giving up tires, sugar and gasoline, some have an idea that tremendous sacrifices have been made.

So far, we have had our luxuries slightly curtailed. The essentials of life have not been touched. We are still a fortunate people. And furthermore, we must make the best of things, and take them as they come.

With chins up, chests out, and a determination to whip the enemy, we can again go back to the luxuries which we will soon find we can do without.

## Inconsistent Orders

Washington has yelled wolf so much, when there wasn't a wolf, that the average American is getting dizzy, trying to figure it all out.

The average American citizen fails to understand why the lack of so much consistency on the part of those charged with planning and executing the war program for the civilians back home.

One group of officials come out with a statement that nothing but hard work will win the war. Before the civilians get through reading the news, here comes news about large sums running into hundreds of thousands that have been allotted by WPA for recreational centers. Three were let last week in this state.

Under the direction of Secretary Harold Ickes, of the department of the interior, the motorists on the Atlantic seaboard were put on rationed gasoline last week. From the same office, there has been issued a booklet urging Americans to travel more.

If it is going to take hard work to win this war, then the thing to do is to make everyone realize the fact, and SEE to it that they work, and work hard. Then for the present, forget recreational centers and get down to hard work.

If there is a need to ration gasoline, then make it strict. Make it nation-wide and without sectional partiality. And under such conditions, stop talk of travel.

Above all, let's be consistent. Washington bureaucrats need to get together on one consistent program, and see it through. Stop befuddling the minds of the people back home. They are at a loss to understand it all.

If there is just cause to yell wolf, then yell at the top of your voice. If no wolf is in sight, then keep quiet, and let the citizens lead as normal a life as they can.

Washington needs to be consistent in giving out orders to civilians.

## Walking

One trouble begets another. With automobiles going out, walking comes in, and walking calls for shoes and the shoe manufacturers are alarmed over the scarcity of leather with which to make shoes. In the meantime, patriotic Americans will be delighted to go barefooted if it will help lick the boots off of Hitler.—Charlotte Observer.

## Bailey Deserves Re-election

For the first time in the ten and a half years that we have been editing this newspaper, are we going to editorially support any candidate seeking a political office.

It is our firm conviction, that the state of North Carolina owes it to the welfare of the nation to re-elect Josiah W. Bailey as our senior U. S. senator.

Senator Bailey ranks high in Washington, and his ability as a clear, keen thinker is readily recognized from the President on down. Senator Bailey is deliberate, and thinks through problems before making rampant speeches that would reflect upon him or his state.

North Carolina is fortunate in having a man of such ability to represent the state in Washington, and the least the voters of the state can do on May 30th, is to give him an overwhelming majority vote, as a vote of confidence and appreciation of what he is doing for the nation at large.

## A Precious Asset

The average business man today is growing a crop of grey hairs in trying to operate a business on a normal basis.

There are priorities to be dealt with, and rationing, changing prices, shortages of this and that, and the general increase in overhead, and the gradual reduction in profits. It all makes owners of the average business tumble and toss at night, instead of sleeping soundly.

It is just human nature to worry about such things, but after all, one of our major assets is health. It is worth much more than a few extra dollars, a little more than stock or property.

That which is so valuable, important and precious should be guarded with more care than the average business man is now giving his health.

## WPA Is Costly Bureau

Why doesn't the Administration do away with the WPA? It was a child of that distress period of unemployment, created to create jobs for the million of able-bodied Americans of various classes and conditions who were out of work and needed assistance.

The situations out of which the WPA were born no longer exist. Almost everybody can get a job now indeed, almost everybody ought to have found one, except, perhaps, the lame, the halt and the blind, and other provisions of assistance can be made for these limited groups without maintaining a huge, elaborate Federal bureaucracy that costs around a billion dollars a year to maintain.

If the WPA shouldn't be literally torn up by the roots, it assuredly could be denatured to the extent that it would function only in the limited areas in which its services are imperative, and quit existing merely to cover ground that requires no official Federal covering.—Charlotte Observer.

## News We Didn't Get

"In the battle of the Coral sea, the United States battle cruisers Lexington, Saratoga, Constitution, Constellation, United States and Ranger, together with six battleships and numerous supporting vessels completed in 1922 to 1924, provided the decisive striking power that destroyed the Japanese fleet and cleared the way for the recapture of the Netherlands East Indies and all other territory that had been held for a time by the Nipponese savages."

This would be interesting and thrilling—but it did not occur, for the simple reason that in 1922 politicians in Washington sentenced to death the vessels named above.

Battle cruisers? We have never had one, though the Wilson administration had six on the ways when the Harding administration took over and began the systematic destruction of our whole structure of self-defense. This makes unpleasant reading today; but we must be reminded of such blundering, that we may remember never to let them happen again.—Charleston News and Observer.

## Congratulations

The American Legion has in days past been inclined to make their state and national conventions gala occasions. We note with pleasure that this year they are planning to simplify all details and to have a strictly business affair.

There will be no big and colorful parades, drum corps contests and the usual big time entertainment.

## DOWN THE HATCH



## HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

If the churchgoers of Waynesville went to Sunday morning services all keyed up to get the low down on the other fellow... what would he have thought of rationing a year ago? ... what would we have said over such reduced quotas of gasoline? ... it would seem that we Americans had built our lives around the motor vehicle... and yet they tell us that as yet our lives are untouched... and that the fires of war have just begun to burn... and that sacrifice is still a mere word to us, rather than a heartfelt experience.

Girls hunt up one of grandma's old fashioned sunbonnets... for sunbonnets, if you are in fashion, you'll be wearing... the sunbonnet is said to be a symbol of earnest endeavor... as when a man rolls up his shirt sleeves, signifies that he has a hard task ahead of him... but determined to do it... and when a woman puts on a sunbonnet she is getting ready to do a man's work... it has been pointed out that American women wore the sunbonnet during the days of the Civil War... that the sunbonnet went with the covered wagon across the continent... where the rifle of the pioneer went... the sunbonnet was not far behind... it has come to "stand for quiet persistence and dauntless determination" ... so for your victory garden... you must have a sunbonnet.

Paging Carleton E. Weatherly... Coach, we hear that what you really wanted was a quarter back, but that you are perfectly reconciled with a cheer leader... and she is quite an engaging young lady... and that she and her father already "speak the same language."

In this day of "marrying into the service"... the following contribution should prove of interest to girls contemplating joining the navy through a wedding ring... Marriage Vows, Navy Style "Wilt thou, Jack have this woman as thy wedded wife, to live together insofar as the Bureau of Navigation will allow? Will thou love her, comfort, honor and keep her; take her to the movies and come home regularly to love her on the 1630 boat?"

"I will." "Will thou, Jane, have this sailor as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind liberty hours; boat schedules, watches, sudden orders, uncertain mail communications... and all other penalties of navy life? Will thou obey him, serve him, love, honor, and wait for him; press his uniform and let him smoke Navy plug in the house?"

"I will." "I, Jack, take thee, Jane, as my wedded wife from 1630 until 0730, as far as permitted by my commanding officer; liberty hours subject to change, without notice, for better, for worse, for earlier, or later, and I promise to send thee a weekly letter while on cruise." "I, Jane, take thee Jack as my wedded husband, subject to the officer of the deck, changing residence whenever the ship moves; to have and to hold just as long

as my allotment comes regularly, and therein I give my troth."

The pattern of American lives constantly changing... what would he have thought of rationing a year ago? ... what would we have said over such reduced quotas of gasoline? ... it would seem that we Americans had built our lives around the motor vehicle... and yet they tell us that as yet our lives are untouched... and that the fires of war have just begun to burn... and that sacrifice is still a mere word to us, rather than a heartfelt experience.

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## YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

INTUITION, says Zadok Dumbkopf, is what his relatives have nothing else but. They seem to know as soon as he does when he has decided to rent a place in the country for the summer.

In a western state burglars made off with an empty safe. What's this—spring practice?

Germany faces a shortage of scrap metal. Even after the R. A. F. bombings of Rostock?

One of the worst guesses in history was perpetrated by the

Mikado at his coronation. He said his reign would be known as the Era of Enlightened Peace.

Soon comes the time of year for bowling alleys when things are so quiet you can't hear a pin drop.

Beards are staging a comeback in the United States, we read. Well, why not—good old Uncle Sam wears one, doesn't he?

There is something new under the sun—now the rents are frozen, instead of the renters.

## Rambling Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

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

## Voice OF THE People

Who do you think has the hardest job in this community?

Grover C. Davis—"Every housewife in the community, thinks she has."

Miss Mary Medford—"Right now, I think the county farm agent has the hardest job."

H. B. Atkins—"I think the automobile dealers are up against the hardest job in the community at present."

Miss Alice Stringfield—"I would say at present that Dan Watkins, chairman of rationing board, has the hardest job."

Mrs. Lawrence Leatherwood—"I would say the members of the rationing board."

Mrs. John M. Queen—"I think the men on the rationing board have the hardest job in the community. I would certainly not want to do their work, for they have to listen to criticism from everybody."

Harold Massie—"The men who work in the drying room of a local industry at a temperature of more than 200 degrees."

Mrs. Roy Campbell—"Having swept a house, the men who sweep the streets of our town have the hardest job in the community."

W. F. Strange—"I think the hotel and boarding house operators of the community are going to face the hardest job of anybody this summer."

## What Made News Years Ago

FIVE YEARS AGO 1937

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Are you a doodler?

According to a trade doddler is a person who erases on pencils, and in gives a pencil a lot of hard Since there is a shortage of ers, someone wrote the fa poetic (?) advice to a dood

Lullaby To A Doodler

For the duration, please Wear and tear on your pencil You who chew, gnaw, and Scratch, scrawl, or merely Please be kind to the rubber On your pencil—it's a pup For you simply cannot now First there are Japs we must

One pencil manufacturer tuted a plastic eraser hold a ban went on brass. The went up to 10 cents, but the didn't seem to mind so long as they could get a Then came the rubber sh and the orders from Wash that no more rubber could erasers.

Pencils are now being pretty rounded top, with a colored paint where the eraser held forth.

—yes the price remains cents per.

About half way up the tain, above Blink Bonny, in clearing, a dogwood tree, like a giant snowball has in in profusion for weeks. No trees are within yards of the wood, and in that cleared can be seen for miles. It must have known it see prominently, because it see it has tried so hard not it's snowy petals.

The other day several were discussing the ban mowers, and they hit up idea of the cooperative of a cow. The deal has completed.

About 25 years ago, E. found the fat pocketbook Pennsylvania miser. The was around \$10,000. Of the \$3,500 was in cash.

As a reward, he did not get thank you.

Mr. Erk was clerking father's grocery store at the

Out in California, they an annual frog jumping Thousands attended, and tire town takes on an atm of a big holiday. Many one contestant fed his egg frog a large meal of ba When it came time for the legged frog to leap, he o get off the ground, which curses upon his head fr who had wagered heavil ability as a distance-getter

## MARRIAGE

John Thomas Cagle to Hazel Warren, both of W. ville.

Albert Stollenwerk, of E. to Frances Allison, of W. ville.

John F. Manthey to Moore, both of Murphy.

rearing pools near Brews rainbow and speckled trout placed in Pisgah Forest spring.

Miss Margaret Perry recree from Woman's Col University of North Carolina

## TEN YEARS AGO 1932

Mineralogist's report ab a \$200,000 copper vein near Cruso in this county.

Livestock field day will on May 25, at the Wya Park large number of Western Carolina farmers and house representatives attending.

Thomas Price, railroad tive, praises beauty of the ern North Carolina mount R. T. Fountain, cabinet governor, delivers stirring to attentive audience.

Haywood county golf ment will be played at Way County Club this week.

A packing house is new Western North Carolina would provide an outlet fo wood livestock.

An armed farmer look chicken thieves across Romeo who was visiting home of his Juliet.

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt is electri director of the UDC.

Why we are collecting war: All the metal make a .30 cal. machine be obtained from the collection—a pair of rollers two door hinges, one old one spade, one trash basket.

A rented locomotive the steam heat that has sible a third shift at a plant participating in the Production Drive.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



BACK ROAD FOLKS