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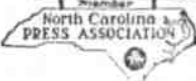
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We Hope It Stops

We regret the theft of tires last week from a building on Main street. We are sorry for the young men who were tempted to steal and for the owners of the property taken.

Often in a great crisis there comes a wave of theft and lawlessness. We hope that the present critical era will be free of such, for it is not only demoralizing to a community, but it is a depressing thought to realize that at such a time any citizen would not feel a personal responsibility to cooperate with his government rather than hinder it.

The times demand the best every citizen has to give, and we trust that this will be the last case of its kind to take place in the community.

Hate Schools

Rev. J. C. Madison gave an unusual slant in his talk on Memorial Day at Greenhill cemetery, but he touched a point that came very close to us. He did not speak of what we thought of the heroes of wars in the past, but of what the veterans, if they could speak to us today, would say.

What the heroes of 1917 might think of us today was a challenge as Rev. Mr. Madison presented their imagined thoughts to the crowd gathered to do honor to the soldiers of wars of other days. For when we review what has happened since Armistice Day, when we thought we had "made the world safe for democracy," we realize our short comings as individuals and as a nation.

"We have not kept the faith" as we should, for as the speaker pointed out, we have lost some of our ideals along the way in the mad rush for money and speed in modern life.

He also spoke of hate, and of how far removed from decency in war effort is the "school of hate." The method of training men to fight because of hate has never appealed to us as much as "the love of country and to keep it safe" motive of attack and defense. We do not like to think of our boys fighting merely with a synthetic fury in their hearts instead of the flame of patriotism, spurring them on.

After Twenty Years

A man who establishes a business and for twenty years sees it grow and prosper can look back with satisfaction on what he has created.

No business can expand with profit during that length of time which has not gained the respect of the community for much of this type of business is built upon the good will of friends and patrons.

Upon such a record we congratulate Claude N. Allen, who retires from active management of his store in Hazelwood this week, after twenty years of honest values given and cordial relations with his customers.

We extend wishes for the continued success of the business to the new owner, E. H. Balentine and his associates.

After All

A man out in Idaho is reported unconscious from a spider bite. And so we learn, after all these years that Little Miss Muffet understood that discretion was the better part of valor.—Lansing (Mich.) Journal.

Relief Needed

With the labor necessary to cultivate and harvest farm crops in Haywood County as yet an uncertain matter, we can give our deepest sympathy to Eastern Carolina, where it is reported that truck crops are rotting because of lack of gasoline to transport them to market.

While on the other hand it is said that storage tanks are full of gasoline and transportation trucks are idle.

In a matter of this kind it appears on the surface that some relief should be given, as the case presents all the earmarks of an emergency. We believe in every possible cooperation with the government and its war time creation of rationing, but surely under such conditions there should be an exception, in view of the crying need for more food production and the personal loss of the farmers.

Leave It To Prophets

A few weeks ago Secretary Elijah Knox was predicting that the Navy was going to stop sinking of ships by the U-boats on the Atlantic coast, and the very next week the assassins of the sea increased their sinkings, even sending one to Davy Jones' locker in the mouth of the Mississippi.

And now comes Secretary Elisha Stimson, donning Elijah's mantle, predicting that it is "inevitable" that the Japanese will make an air raid on the Pacific coast.

Better let Elijah and Elisha do the prophesying.—Raleigh News and Observer.

From Light To Darkness

In America science and industry have worked together to develop and stimulate lighting effects. A modern city, and even a town the size of Waynesville, puts on a colorful appearance after nightfall.

Now in the new order of things, we are told to dim the glowing lights and "if in doubt put them out." It is hard to think of light as an enemy, for we Americans have revelled in the Great White Ways of our cities, but now illumination is discouraged.

When we read about the coast towns, or more often we have reports from someone who has been visiting them, we understand how hard it is for us to realize fully what war is meaning to our country.

In a recent radio talk General Thomas A. Terry of New York said: "The mariner on a ship at sea hunted by submarines, has different ideas about light these days—or rather these nights. The very glow of the sky over a big coastal city, to say nothing of direct lights, forms a backdrop of light against which ship moves silhouetted for the stalkers like a slow moving target in a shooting gallery."

Which gives us a vivid picture of the coastal situation and shows us how far we are from the danger zone, here in our protected hills. We should be more grateful for this sense of daily security.

Pork Is Going Up

The record made by the Haywood County 4-H Clubs last week in Buncombe County should be an impetus to the pork production in Haywood. The younger generation is proving how profitable a pig can be when given attention.

When one brings into consideration the fact that a June pig can be a 250-pound animal ready for slaughtering by December the advantage of adding a few dollars to the farm for cash realization at Christmas is evident.

With the dairying industry making such developments in Haywood County, which will add surplus milk on the farms, the profit of pigs is even greater.

Pork is now selling higher on the markets than it has in years. So it looks like the old sow and her brood will be a mighty good bet to take the place of one of those diminishing crops that may be on the farm schedule for the coming year.

Probably

The general belief that fish is "brain food" is now declared erroneous by scientists. They probably arrived at this conclusion by noting that fish is eaten largely on Friday and observing the foolish things persons do on the week-ends.—Mobile Register.

Cork for bottle caps is scarce, not to mention metal. So brewers urge beer drinkers to buy half-gallon bottles and make one cap do the work of four. Can we now expect a new series of advertisements with the slogan: "Bigger Bottles Will Win the War?"—Christian Science Monitor.

THE QUISLING KIDS



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Every Memorial Day when we attend the ceremonies in Greenhill... we want to take up with those who have members of their families in the armed service of their country...

We have heard of prizes offered for many accomplishments and achievements... but not until we looked over the Progressive Farmer for the month of June...

Just why a man-killing belligerent should consider it all o. k. to slaughter his foemen with lead and shrapnel, but a lousy trick to poison him, never was quite clear to me. Nevertheless, that's been the accepted standards of decency for generations...

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Descending from noble ancestry is no achievement. Ascending from it is what counts.

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SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT ANY ONE OF SEVERAL FIGURES OF THE GENUS MORMYRUS WERE WORSHIPPED AS SACRED BY THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS

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Voice of the People

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

Aviation Plays Important Part In Gas Attacks

By CHARLES P. STEWART (Central Press Columnist)

EFFICIENT gas poisoning, according to Maj. Gen. William N. Porter's war departmental chemistry bureau, calls for first-class aviation.

Fliers can best spill the deadly fumes down close to the surface of enemy territory, with a minimum of peril to the stuff's disseminators. A groundling force can squirt or puff it out ahead of 'em, but if the wind sets back their way, its authors may get some of the benefit of it. Furthermore, as they advance, they may run into what's left of it, for it's apt to linger awhile, where sprinkled, unless there's a good bit of atmospheric circulation after it's disposed of to the folk it originally was intended to exterminate. Airmen, though, scoot right on ahead, high enough up not to snuff any of the tainted ozone and go around that neighborhood, coming back again. Subsequently the groundlings wait a bit and don't push along until conditions, close to the grassroots, aren't so lethal, with the hostile population gone to glory—or wherever else hostile populations go to.

The subject's a live one, due to threats of a Nazi gas campaign against Russia, to Winston Churchill's promise that Britain will resort to a similar campaign against Germany, if Herr Hitler tries it on the Reds, and to pledges from Washington that Uncle Sam'll gaseously co-operate with John Bull if the Axis does make a weapon of it against the Soviet aggression.

Accepted Standard Just why a man-killing belligerent should consider it all o. k. to slaughter his foemen with lead and shrapnel, but a lousy trick to poison him, never was quite clear to me. Nevertheless, that's been the accepted standards of decency for generations. Now it's intimated that the Axis may abandon it—so far as Russia's concerned, anyway. "Very well," rejoice the democracies, "if the Axis does, WE will."

Now, it isn't asserted that we can concoct any more poison gas than the Germans can. The best we can do will be to be just as poisonous. But we can do that. Our dope's fatal and that's sufficient. Our democratic advantage, if our aviation experts are right, is that we can sprinkle it more capably from overhead, on Germany, than Germany can sprinkle ITS brew on us and the Russians and the rest of the democracies.

Bombs, it seems, can be charged with gaseous gas. The bombs are dropped, the bombs explode, the gas escapes and everybody in the neighborhood sniffs their contents, dying shortly. Or there can be a sprinkling in teeny-weeny fluid drops—presently a fine mist that's inhaled or the groundling has to quit breathing entirely, which also quickly suffocates him.

Well, the Germans can pull all

What Made News Years Ago FIVE YEARS AGO 1937 Federal engineers are surveying on new highway...

TEN YEARS AGO 1932 Rotary Club will broadcast WWNC in series of programs sponsored by Asheville club...

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