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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 mantel, predicting that it is "inevitable" that the Japanese will make an air raid on the Pacific coast.

Better let Elijah and Elisha do the prop hesying.—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 of birth and death on tombstones 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 grave of a soldier . . . we thought light as an enemy, for we Americans have the future that some inscription revelled in the Great White Ways of our should be put on every soldier's cities, but now illumination is discouraged.

When we read about the coast towns, or War . . . his title and rank, and more often we have reports from someone maybe division . . . a Veteran of who has been visiting them, we understand relate, there will be two groups how hard it is for us to realize fully what of these . war is meaning to our country.

In a recent radio talk General Thomas A. of their service to their country is Terry of New York said: "The mariner on data that would be both interesta ship at sea hunted by submarines, has ing and informative to generations er conditions . . . yet aren't folks different ideas about light these days-or rather these nights. The very glow of the sky over a big coastal city, to say nothing often it might seem a bit boastful of direct lights, forms a backdrop of light and that a sense of modesty against which ship moves silhouetted for this information inscribed . . . yet the stalkers like a slow moving target in a it is a false type of modesty 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 son who can make the most of a 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 ... "Well, did you get that sugar today?" . . . and you can guess what happened . . . not until we were face to face with that serious slogan: "Bigger Bottles Will Win the War?" -Christian Science Monitor.

#### THE QUISLING KIDS



## HERE and THERE HILDA WAY GWYN

Every Memorial Day when we situation of actually losing that who have members of their famicountry . . . the matter of the inscriptions on their graves . . . this year the urge was greater than ever . . . we know that it is considered quite old fashioned now days to have anything but the bare name of the deceased and dates

. . but on Saturday morning . . when the roll was called of the veterans of the wars . . . and we saw and joined in the exodus from the crowd . . . who left the group to place a flag upon the tombstone in Greenhill Veteran of the Spanish-American World War . . . and now, sad to . , fifty years hence some of those graves may be forgotten . . . but if that inscription on the marker . . . it would give to come. . . .

We appreciate the fact that for if a man has been willing to make the supreme sacrifice and served his country in its hour of need, it is only fitting that he shoud have the credit and recog nition even though in life he might have shunned any glory . . . himself. . . .

We hear on all sides of new econmies being practiced in the com and it looks like that is the one bright spot . . . if you could apply such a cheerful and optimisite word at this critical because really, it isn't hour . . going to be in style to try to keep up with the Jones for the next few years . . . in fact, the perlimited opportunity is going to e the smart person this year . . . . not the one maybe next . . who is trying to make a display extravagant appearances flaunts going who are struggling to eat, wear say nothing of buying government . . . anybody breaking on with prosperity will inspire the prevalent question "How many onds have you bought?"

Are you having trouble about remembering to carry your sugar books when you go shopping for the family's sweetening quota? . we had every intention, after rationing of sugar went into ef fect to keep right up with our privilege to buy . . , for fear that before the time expired there would be another reduction in quotas . . we planned to make our purchase at the beginning of the 2 weeks period . . . but on the first Monday, we overslept and just made the office on time . . . naturally we forgot to put that sugar ook in our pocketbook days slipped by . . . until the second week . . . and we would find ourselves down town without that important document . . . which incidentally we are keeping in the lock box of the head of the house Thursday we set for the day came the dead line . . . . and went . . . . Friday we got all cluttered up with gardenin the meantime . . . ing . . . in the meantime . . . the family had been continually asking

"Well, did you get that sugar

attend the ceremonies in Greenhill four priceless pounds of sugar on go to. , we want to take up with those Saturday . . . did we remember to be have members of their fami-visit that safety box and take out,

> We have heard of prizes offered for many accomplishments and but not until we achievements . looked over the Progressive Farmer for the month of June . . . had we run across prizes for "Mistakes" .. while the magazine as the name gregation. implies is a farm paper . . . the mistakes covered anything . we think the idea swell . .

a fine plan for sent in those prize winning "mistakes" after they saw then in print . . never make those same ones again . . the tragedy of life is that there are so blooming many mistakes we can make . . . if we run away from one kind . . . we often get jam into another crop . and our judgment has to meet othwho never make 'em . . the stuffiest people in the world to asso-

#### who are not allergic to the tribe. . HOUSEHOLD HINT

ciate with . . . we know few people

liquid in jar, put articles in, and shake gently until they are clean.

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

SINCE he is the guy who

started the ersatz business, it

would be only fitting and proper

that the bomb that gets Herr

Hitler would be dropped from a

Continental Europe is experi-

encing a new type of tourist.

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last night. He dreamed a scien-

tist invented a better explosive

made solely of spinach.

Junior had a perfect dream

High speed, we are told, rap-

idly wears out tires. But not as

They call them Commandos.

plastic-plywood plane

# Voice of the People

in this column the readers give the answers

## **Aviation Plays** Important Part In Gas Attacks

By CHARLES P. STEWART

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

Flyers can best spill the deadly fumes down close to the surface of enemy territory, with a mini-feel that youth at mum of peril to the stuff's dis- trained more quick seminators. 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 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

The subject's a live one, due to threats of a Nazi gas campaign ies in the armed service of their our passport to sugar in our coffee against Russia, to Winston Churchto enlist, but not for act ill'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 ag-

Accepted Standard

Just why a man-killing belligerwhile ent should consider it all o. k. to our mistakes can shake the roots slaughter his foemen with lead and of our self confidence . . . they can shrapnel, but a lousy trick to poion the other hand be as stimulat-, son him, never was quite clear to ing as success . . . maybe this me. Nevertheless, that's been the writing them down like an old accepted standards of decency for fashioned punishment at school generations. Now it's intimated that the Axis may abandon it—so adults . . . . we bet the people who far as Russia's concerned, anyway. "Very well," rejoin the democracies, "if the Axis does, WE will."

Now, it isn't asserted that we serve can concoct any more poison gas needs them, than the Germans can. The best we can do will be to be just as poionous. But we can do that, Our 119 is alright, but I think is 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

When you want to dry clean with gaseous gas. The bombs are mall articles, like ties, etc., use a dropped, the bombs explode, the large glass fruit jar. Keep the gas escapes and everybody in the rubber ring under the lid so that neighborhood sniffs their contents, no liquid gets away. Put cleaning 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

#### Do You think the age conscripting service should be lowered een or eighteen?

C. B. Hosaflook\_"! n taking them any

hey are at prese C. B. Hosaflook\_"I

soldier than one of for life, However, them in the service Judge F. E. Alley-

ecause they are enough. are more or do not have judgment take care of themselve altogether immature, M. H. Bowles-"Unless case of emergency, if ernment cannot get enor

from 21 up, I would not see it done. I feel that are a little immature at t H. Phelps Brooks-" think the boys should b into the army, but I do n them being trained, and it is alright for them to be

Mrs. T. G. Boyd-'I the are too young for military under 20, but I do at military training, for 1 discipline is fine. E. C. Wagenfeld-"Only

essary to secure the requ ber for military service." Captain W. F. Swift-" hey make mighty good

and are willing to go." William Chambers, Jr .it would be alright to d that age if they are kept country until they are full ed. If the war lasts four years they will be old en

## What Made News Year

FIVE YEARS AGO

Federal engineers are urvey on new parkway # 400 vocational teachers ending meeting this week!

75 women are attending neeting of American Legi

arge Chicago audience at ional Folk Festival. Plans are complete to sur

treets of Hazelwood in Adger House opens for season on June 1st, with

guests arriving for season. Large crowd attended neeting held at Hazelwood with 3 out of town speak Miss Evelyn Morgan gw untion honors at Rex I

TEN YEARS AGO

Pelicans, we read, are unable

In the spring a young man's fancy turns lightly to thoughts of inventing a luminous lipstick which would be mighty useful during a blackout.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT 14EON SUMATRA ARE ELABORATE HAN MOST DWELLINGS SEVERAL FISHES OF THE GENUS MORMYRUS WERE NICE BIG STONE T CAN GERMS HARM STONES ES-DECAY OF STON BACTERIA

By WILLIAM RITT

rapidly as it wears out .the nerves of the passengers in the back seat.

That British hen which laid a

giant egg containing three large yolks must have heard there is a shortage of shells.

to make a vocal sound. Too bad, because they certainly could say a mouthful!

Rotary Club will broad WWNC in series of ponsored by Asheville State convention of American Veterans meets Two scholarships are Wake Forest and Textile trial Institute of Sparts high school students. The Mountaineer will

Raleigh.

tion returns on Saturday Over 200 voters hear The give views here last week Plans are made for w for Haywood county sheep Southern Railway plans excursion

Some good points of sion are explained.

that kind of activity a

Only, from all ac got 'em licked, in advance

atorial distribution. Our own and John Bu tion experts are so san Nazis recognize this the hesitate to spring gas on sians, in the face of cor

considering the desperate ter of the Axis' extrem It's agreed that they

And yet, they're not s

ras hades in their extra Civilian defense is prep.

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