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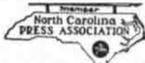
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THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1942

A Southern Leader

Haywood County is indeed fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the TVA board of directors, to address citizens at the court house on Friday evening at 8:30.

Mr. Lilienthal is vitally interested in the agricultural development of this area. His plans for Friday include a personal inspection of several Haywood farms that have been experimenting with triple super phosphate, which is provided by TVA through the extension department.

The chairman of the board, often termed as the key man of the South, is also interested in industry and recreation in addition to the agricultural developments of the area. In fact Haywood's three main sources of income are the same things TVA is also most interested.

Mr. Lilienthal was one of the original directors of TVA and served as general counsel during the authority's initial period. As chairman of such a growing organization, that is now operating in seven states, he has a message of vital importance to all citizens.

The information and inspiration he will bring Friday night will prove valuable for time to come.

A Fact To Be Faced

There will be no new tires for civilian use in 1942 or 1943. Two years ago such a statement would have sounded like the raving of some demented person.

Now it is made authoritatively and finally by leaders of four war agencies who are determined to make the people realize the present emergency and face the facts in time to make the most of what the future holds in store.

It is surprising how often one meets a person who seems to think that the present situation will be cleared up in a few months. But the kidding stage is long since passed for Mr. and Mrs. General Public and their family might as well be reconciled to what the officials who are directing the emergency tell us.

There has been a time in America when money and enough of it could get anything, but before this is over Americans will realize that even money in hand will not buy a new tire.

An Improvement

While World War number two is even a grimmer affair than World War number one, and the war theatre covers a more extensive territory, and the issues will be more far reaching and affect more people, America is getting better prepared than in Number one, we are glad to note.

The community meetings being staged in the county under the sponsorship of the county farm agents office to support the aims of the work to every nook and corner of Haywood is proof of the improved approach to a situation that we know will not improve in some time to come.

This effort to control the price of living and to acquaint the people of conditions regarding the rising tide of cost of daily living will have a tendency to steady them in their attitude in taking a normal viewpoint of certain definite and alarming tendencies.

We feel sure that in this concentrated effort to fight the insidious inroads of inflation, the cost of living will be kept in bounds, that we may escape some of the economic disasters of Number one world conflict.

A Better Tax System

In a letter to the editor this week, Chas. M. Johnson, chairman of the local government commission in Raleigh, is again urging county and town officials to collect delinquent property taxes. He cites that more than 17 millions of delinquent taxes remain on the books of counties and towns in the state. Of course this places a burden upon the person who pays taxes each year.

Some months ago Haywood County started a campaign to collect delinquent taxes, and much progress has been made in clearing up many past due accounts on the books. This work is being done by William Medford. Collecting past due taxes involves many technical angles, and it takes a lot of time, but by working late at night, the Haywood delinquent list, prior to 1939, is being reduced to a minimum.

In addition to clearing up the delinquent lists, the county is installing an additional bookkeeping system in the tax office, that will aid in keeping tax accounts up-to-date.

A similar system was recently put into use by the towns of Hazelwood and Canton.

The plan provides a ledger sheet, covering a ten-year period, for each taxpayer. All information needed by the tax collector is on that sheet for each tax period. Unpaid balances are brought forward, rather than left in the book of the preceding year.

It is truly a progressive, and forward movement on the part of the county and towns that put in such a system.

We have always maintained that every piece of property should carry its proportionate part of the tax load of the town and county, and when the owner of the property is financially unable to pay the justly assessed tax, then such legal steps as are necessary should be put in force to relieve the owner of the tax responsibility by getting him to dispose of the property.

With their new systems, and the determination to collect taxes, or foreclose on the property, as is now being done, the number of delinquent taxes carried over year after year will be cut to a very small number.

Those who have been dodging their just tax obligations had better check on their past due accounts, or be prepared to face the consequences.

Give 'Em A Lift

One writer has recently pointed out that it is the patriotic duty of every citizen to share his automobile with others. He states that right at home, without hardship or sacrifice, all those who own cars and ride can help to save rubber by giving those who need to get to work a lift in cases where the routes coincide.

It is claimed that the lifetime of our national tire supply can be tripled by sharing rides systematically, intelligently and universally. No such system could work perfectly, yet even an attempt would seem worth the effort to beat Hitler.

Our production has to be based on the automobile, for without it the war workers cannot go to and from work. It is said that in a year or 15 months, if we ignore the present warnings and continue to waste rubber, many motorists will find themselves walking. By sharing rides the available tire supply can be made to last between three and four years, according to authorities.

The matter is not merely one of courtesy to a friend or neighbor. It boils down to a patriotic duty, for in this urgent need a bigger element than the personal angle is involved.

The situation offers an opportunity to individuals and organizations, civic groups, women's clubs to organize "share-the-ride groups" to save rubber and to shorten the war.

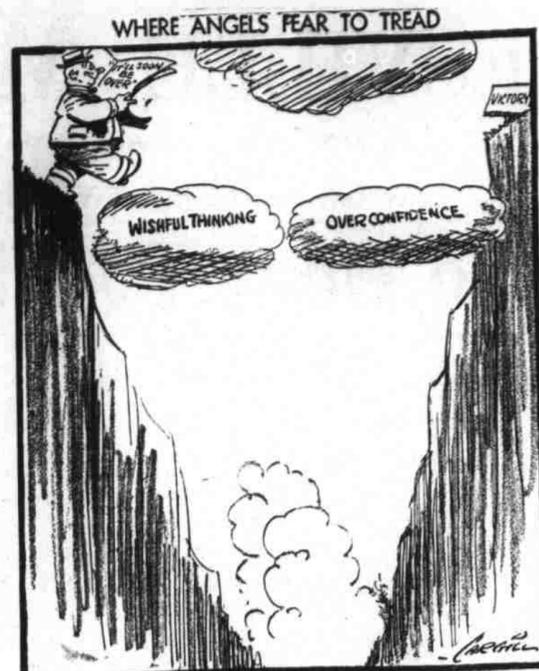
The idea is being universally promoted. The National Association of Manufacturers is cooperating with the office of defense transportation, as well as a number of large industrial plants and highway departments in various states.

Other Side Of Picture

Watching the crowds making their way into the commodity office near the depot during the week made us feel very sad and despondent.

We thought of the fertile fields and garden plots of Haywood County, that with even a small amount of labor would yield food for our people for their own consumption and even for sale on the market.

We think we're smart people, but it took half a century for salesmen to learn not to ask the woman customer what size shoe. —Toledo Blade.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Saturday will be Flag Day . . . and in view of the occasion and its significance of this year in the history of our nation a patriotic woman of the community has handed us the following information, asking that it be a reminder to us of our flag . . . "The American flag is the third oldest of the national standards of the world . . . older than the Union Jack of Britain or the Tricolor of France. . . The flag was first authorized by Congress June 14, 1777. . . This date is now observed as Flag Day throughout America. . . The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the city of Rome, N. Y., on August 3, 1777. . . It was first under fire, three days later in the battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777. . . It was first decreed that there should be a star and a stripe for each state, making thirteen of both. . . For the states at that time had just been erected from the original colonies . . .

In 1794, Vermont and Kentucky were admitted to the Union and the number of stars and stripes was raised to fifteen in correspondence . . . as other states came into the Union it became evident there would be too many stripes. . . So in 1818 Congress enacted that the number of stripes be reduced and restricted henceforth to thirteen representing the thirteen original colonies . . . while a star should be added for each succeeding state. . . That law is still in effect today. . .

The flag was first carried to battle at the Brandywine, September 11, 1777. . . It first flew over foreign territory January 28, 1778, at Nassau, Bahama Islands. . . Fort Nassau having been captured by the Americans in the course of the war for independence. . . The first foreign salute to the flag was rendered by the French Admiral LaMotte Piquet off Quiberon Bay, February 13, 1778. . .

The flag first rose over thirteen states along the Atlantic seaboard, with a population of some three million people. . . Today it flies over forty-eight states extending across the continent, and over great islands of the two oceans . . . and more than one hundred and thirty millions owe it allegiance. . . It has been brought to this proud position by love and sacrifice. . . Citizens have advanced it and heroes have died for it . . . and are still giving their lives for it . . . it is the sign made visible of the strong spirit that has brought liberty and prosperity to the people of America . . . it is the flag of us all alike . . . let us accord it honor and loyalty . . . and long may it wave . . . over this nation . . . today let each of us swear anew our allegiance . . . and pledge our all to keep it safe . . . for the things it represents are life to us . . .

We hear that the British are to have "double war time" this summer . . . they turned their clocks . . . as we have done up one hour at the beginning of the great conflict . . . and now they plan to move up another . . . now we don't want to be unpatriotic . . . but we hope that they don't move us up another hour in America . . . we find that we keep in mind the old time . . . and that as long as it is daylight, we can't remember that it is nearly bedtime . . . so it would be just too bad to have another daylight evening hour.

Meeting Dave Cabe on the street this week . . . he said . . . "Mrs. Gwyn, guess how many people read my Mountaineer down at the shipyards in Wilmington." . . . We made a poor guess, for when he

came out with "nearly a hundred" . . . we caught our breath . . . we know it must be thread worn when the 99th person hands it over to number 100. . . We doubt if The Mountaineer has ever been read with keener interest than at the present . . . we have always had a good list of out-of-town subscribers . . . but mostly they have been folks who have been residing away for a number of years and are not in such close touch with the daily life of Haywood county . . . as our boys in the service and the defense workers who have so recently left this area . . . and then we are quite certain that never has The Mountaineer gone to such far flung places as today . . . even up in Iceland . . . it is being read . . . down in the Canal Zone . . . and before mails were discontinued . . . it found its way out to the Philippines . . . where our boys far from home, we are told, read even the ads with as much interest as if they could walk into the stores tomorrow and buy some of the merchandise publicized therein . . . and then at Pearl Harbor . . . a number have been and are now receiving our weekly review of Haywood news . . . so we are following our boys "in the service" in more than one way . . .

Mrs. Mary Moore, of Lake Junaluska, had a very thrilling time . . . during the past week as she attended the reunion of the first class to graduate from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina . . . there were 176 girls in that class of 50 years ago . . . the story of the college is a reflection of the era in which it was established and in which it has progressed to be one of the leading institutions in the country . . . not until 1892 was the

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

BOSTON newspapers are using horses to deliver the news. An excellent idea, which would have been applauded by that famous old Bostonian, Paul Revere.

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Zadok Dumbkopf says that when he first heard of the Bong of Wong, he thought folks were referring to a new big league home run king.

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Most of us would be pleased if there was a way to ration the words of those endless telephone conversationalists.

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A new ink glows in the dark. This should be an effective

Voice of the People

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

Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:—
I want to take this opportunity of thanking the Waynesville fire department for their prompt and efficient work last Wednesday night in answering a call to my place of business at Lake Junaluska.
We are indebted to them for such services, and I take this means of publicly expressing my sincere appreciation to them.
Yours very truly,
H. S. WARD,
Lake Junaluska.

NOW IS TIME TO COLLECT TAXES

Editor The Mountaineer:—
On January 15, I directed a communication to chairmen of boards of county commissioners and to the mayors of cities and towns suggesting that operating costs of their local governments be kept at a minimum and that outstanding debt be reduced during the period of the war rather than additional or new bonded debt be contemplated. I consider this a sound policy and of such importance as to warrant another suggestion for your consideration at this time: the matter of delinquent taxes.

For years the matter of delinquent property taxes has been a problem in the administration of local government created more or less by the local governments themselves. Some local units are much less affected than others but on the whole it is a common problem. Information in the files of the local government commission compiled as of June 30, 1941, discloses that the uncollected taxes levied by counties for 1939 and prior years amounted to \$11,683,170, all more than a year delinquent. For cities and towns this figure was \$5,365,787, a total over all of more than \$17,000,000. The results of such delinquency are obvious. Less cash revenues are available for defraying the necessary expenses of government and for application to the reduction of debt. It means also that the taxpayer who pays his taxes promptly is having to pay more. He therefore has a moral right to demand that other taxpayers be compelled to pay likewise so that he may receive the benefit of a reduction of his taxes. From the delinquent taxpayer's standpoint, I realize that circumstances are sometimes such that he is unable to pay promptly or to avoid his taxes becoming delinquent. To enforce his

law of the state interpreted to mean girls as well as boys when it spoke of providing higher educational advantages for the youth of North Carolina . . . then Dr. Chas. McKiver . . . a teacher, began to mold public sentiment . . . and times changed . . . in the greatest advance of education in the state . . . all of which is one of the most inspiring stories in the history of our great state.

What Made News Years Ago
FIVE YEARS AGO 1937
Town officials are working plans for lowering power rates. Civic groups are asking commissioners to provide in addition to Haywood County hospital.

TEN YEARS AGO 1932
Spring flower show held here Friday by Community Club. Hundreds of perennials shown. Junaluska summer school have successful year with Dr. G. Childs as director. Hundreds receive election results from The Waynesville Mountaineer.

The work of Dr. Frank is praised at unveiling of statue in his memory. Old records show that Haywood county sold for \$100,000 acre. William B. Ferguson will be high school students during summer months. Lt. Mint Reed flies from Cote Field, Ill., to Dyersburg, Tenn. to visit Miss Estell Craig. Miss Margaret Hyatt receives her diploma from Duke University.

prompt payment might impose hardship upon him. It is reasonable, however, that this taxpayer should be one of a few isolated cases. Permitting taxpayer to let his taxes be several years in arrears is not failure of a local government to comply with the intent of the law but is actually committing injustice to the taxpayer. Such accumulation of unpaid taxes is much harder for him to pay than they are an encumbrance on his real property which must be liquidated with penalty before he can ever convey clear title to property.
Now is the best opportunity we have had in several years to collect these delinquent taxes. Therefore, I urge that boards of county commissioners and the governing bodies of cities and towns take positive action toward collection and without delay. Income of the average taxpayer is higher now, due directly to directly to war expenditures. It is during ordinary times that general government taxes are (Continued on page 3)

THE OLD HOME TOWN

