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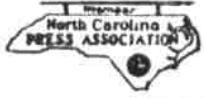
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 (One Day Nearer Victory)

## It Must Be True

We have been sure for sometime that the cruelty of the Japs was beyond all doubt a very inhuman type of treatment, but we did not quite realize the extent of their utter savagery until we learned that they had not even deigned to reply to the plans of the American Red Cross when they offered ships of supplies for the Americans in the enemy's hands.

The conditions on which they would accept the supplies and then their deception shows how hard it will be to deal with such a people. It shows that we can have no half way measures, no consideration, it will have to be victory to the finish. They could not be trusted on a basis of compromise. They will have to be beaten to the ground.

## Arming the Mind and Spirit

In our country's first year of war, we have seen the growing power of books as weapons. Through books we have appraised our enemies and discovered our allies. We have learned something of American valor in battle. We have above all, come to understand better the kind of war we must fight and the kind of peace we must establish.

This is proper, for a war of ideas can no more be won without books than a naval war can be won without ships. Books, like ships, have the toughest armor, the longest cruising range, and mount the most powerful guns. I hope that all who write and publish and sell and administer books will rededicate themselves to the single task of arming the mind and the spirit of the American people with the strongest and most enduring weapons.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

(On the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor)

## A Good Selection

We notice that the State Planning Board headquarters will be established in Chapel Hill, the home town of Collier Cobb, Jr., chairman of the board recently appointed by Governor Broughton. The selection of Chapel Hill was made by Governor Broughton and approved by the board.

Louis Graves in the Chapel Hill Weekly points out other advantages of having the headquarters in the home town of the chairman. He states that Chapel Hill as a state planning center will be near University experts in various fields and of Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government, and his staff.

It is the purpose of the group to have plans ready for the post-war period. The committee is particularly anxious to make sure that the post-war construction enterprises launched in North Carolina are really worth while, according to Mr. Cobb, who stresses the fact that they do not want to see projects that are really not worth while put under way just for the sake of giving jobs just for the sake of idle men.

In years not so distant we have seen works carried on for the sake of giving employment to those who needed it that was not always as constructive as it might have been, and we trust that as most of us recall those days, we will profit in the post-war era by our mistakes, which are still fresh in the memory of the majority.

## Looking Toward The Sun

This time of the year we find ourselves looking toward the sun and to the day when we can get up by the light in the East. We have often wondered what the actual saving is in this setting up of the clock one hour earlier, when we burn as much electricity as we do in the early hours of the morning.

Even though the winds of March will blow in all their fury month after next, we are looking to that month, when daylight will stream across the room when we get out of bed in the morning.

## In All Fairness

Even when the war is the major topic of conversation the New Deal still comes in for a lot of talk. It gets both praise and hard knocks. Maybe it rates both. Yet there have been some innovations made under the sponsorship of the New Deal, that even the opposing party might hesitate to abolish.

Recently the Greer Citizen, of Greer, S. C., listed a number of reforms instituted by the New Deal that have contributed more than the critics of Mr. Roosevelt have taken time to consider. Among the list were the following:

- Soundest banking policy in the nation's history;
- Federal Housing Administration;
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- Rural Electrification Administration;
- Farm Credit Administration;
- Crop Insurance;
- Old-Age Insurance;
- Food and Drought Insurance;
- Unemployment Insurance;
- Tennessee Valley Authority;
- Aid to Blind and Crippled Children;
- Slum Clearance Program;
- Minimum Wage and Hours Act;
- The Abolition of Child Labor;
- Reciprocal Trade Agreements.

## Distinguished Service

Five counties in North Carolina are celebrating this week the award for Distinguished Service "beyond the call of duty" given to them by the War Food Administration. On Wednesday, Northampton held its celebration; yesterday Wilson and Pitt; tomorrow Chatham and Haywood. These five counties are among only 36 of the 3,100 counties in America which are acclaimed as "A" counties because they answered in larger measure the call for increased production. The citation given them is in this testimonial:

In grateful acknowledgement of services rendered to their country in its time of need, the Agricultural Achievement Award is hereby presented by the War Food Administration of the United States of America. Overcoming great difficulties by decisive action, laboring with determined devotion, joining together in making wise use of all their resources, the farm people of this county have answered their country's call for utmost food production. They have thus contributed in fullest measure to the cause of the United States of America and to the preservation of human freedom.

Given for the 1943 season.

MARVIN JONES,

War Food Administrator.

The farmers of these five North Carolina counties and the farmers as a whole in this country have shown that they are enlisted in the service of their country by their increased production. They have made it possible for the armed forces to have the necessary food and have furnished an adequate supply to the civilian population.

Salute the Farmer with a capital F.—The Raleigh News and Observer.

Save the grease in the frying pan,  
 Don't put paper in the garbage can,  
 Flatten all tins and remove the label,  
 Buy more War Bonds, if you're able.

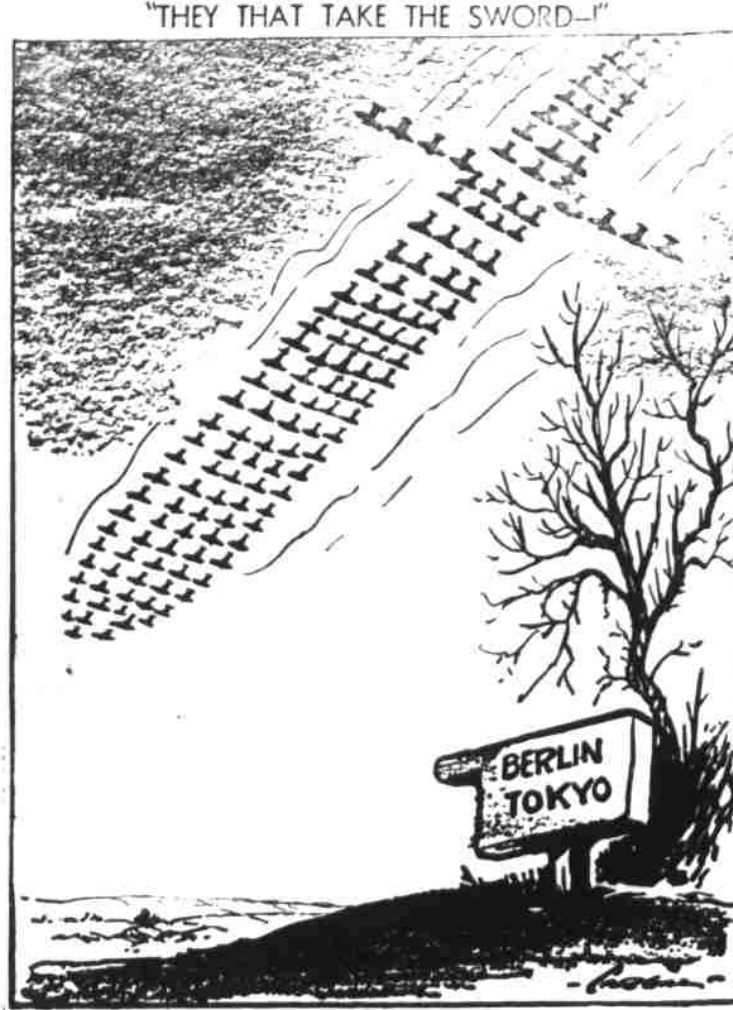
The miners' lunch period has been cut to 15 minutes despite the fact that it isn't considered polite to eat and run.

An actress, touring the camps, says officers took all her time, in other words kept her private.

One way to save money and be patriotic is to use short conversations in long-distance calls.

Some built-in conveniences in a small apartment really are built in inconveniences.

Advance prediction on what the well-dressed German leader will wear in 1944—a rope!



## HERE and THERE

By  
**HILDA WAY GWYN**

So many things that stimulate one's pride in their community... in their home folks have come to our attention this week, that we find ourselves wanting to take all kinds of liberties with our allotted space in this column... for they are things we would like to write about.

First, as we listened to the fine reports of the Demonstration farmers and then to what the boys and girls in the 4-H Clubs of Haywood county had accomplished... and later when we saw the flag of green bearing the letter "A" lifted on the flagstaff honoring Haywood county farmers... we felt as if we had witnessed the climax of a great historical pageant about our own people... We thought of how far the Haywood farmer had traveled in the past ten years... Each year making the recognition that came on Saturday, possible... The award was actually won in 1943 for food production... but that flag now floating from the flagstaff on the courthouse lawn is the result, not of one year's work, but many. The soil has been built up over a period of years or it could never have produced that extra crop last year... and without labor and attention the land would not have yielded such an abundance... We hope that every boy in service from Haywood, who subscribes to The Mountaineer gets this issue, so they will know how the farmers back home, with a shortage of labor are supplying the food... and that Haywood was one of 5 counties in the state and one of 36 in the nation to win this recognition.

Another encouraging sign of progress is the extension of the local library service to the remote sections of the county... with the taking over of the Waynesville Public Library as a county-wide system... We all agree that the world of tomorrow will be demanding more education... a broader outlook on life... the younger generation will have to study to keep up with the keen competition that they will face in a world of trained workers... the older generation will have to study to know "what it is all about" and keep abreast of the times... the county-wide service forms the first step in a post-war preparation in Haywood county... We are fortunate in securing just the right person for the job... Miss Margaret Johnston has had experience in organizing county-wide library service... she is "bookish" with being highbrow and knows how to meet people graciously... a county library should be a part of the services of a county as progressive as Haywood...

We would like to honor this week Mrs. L. M. Killian... who received a pin from the Red Cross last week in recognition of her working hours for the Red Cross since Pearl Harbor... She has to her credit 2,266 hours... Mrs. Killian has served for some time as production chairman of the Haywood Chapter... and under her supervision all knitting and sewing for the Red Cross has been done... Once for a seven month period Mrs. Killian spent five days a week from 1 to 5 o'clock in the sewing rooms... Mrs. Killian is a busy housewife... and we are sure it was not always easy for her to give her time. She has lost count of the garments she has made and the knitting she has done... but under her supervision 872 garments, (part of which she did herself) have been knitted and 1,260 mds... She has had them packed and sent to headquarters... We doubt if there is a woman in Haywood county whose war record can equal that of Mrs. Killian... Which reminds us that is another reason we hope those

boys over in Italy and those boys in New Guinea and in the Pacific get their paper this week... Wouldn't such a record warm your heart for the folks back home if you were in their place?

We hear so much about the vital part that mail plays in the life of the men in service... and on all sides we hear the Red Cross and the office urging that folks at home write to keep up the morale of the fighting men... Now let us look at the picture in reverse... Boys, if you could just take a peep into the post office, which we know is typical of those throughout America, you might think the shoe could fit on the other foot... You see wives, sisters, sweethearts, fathers, sisters, and friends literally hanging over their boxes looking for those envelopes that often have airmails, or "Free" and in the upper left hand corner bear a complicated address... We wish you could watch the expressions on their faces when they take those letters out of the boxes... the look of expectancy... and they simply can't wait until they get home to open them... you have to watch your step, for they are so intent on reading that they are likely to run right into you...

And don't forget that everything in that letter is important... it might be some trivial thing you wrote about... Maybe it was the weather in North Africa... the mud... maybe it was about the strange sights... it makes no difference that I teller from you supplies the chief topics of conversation until your next letter comes through... and you have no idea how dates on those letters are watched... and if that letter came from overseas you will hear, "Yes, I know he was alright on the 25th, because that was the date of his last letter..." Then if he is in camp in this country you hear, "Well, I know he has not been transferred yet, for his last letter came from his old address"... So boys, while we folks back home are being urged to write, please don't forget that everything that concerns you is of vital importance to help the morale of the home fronts.

By the way it has been our privilege to talk to a number of boys recently who have been discharged from the army... They are all unhappy... they seem to feel that they have left a job unfinished. We were talking to one during the week... He was in a hospital in Africa for several weeks, then in this country two months, before being honorably discharged... He is happily married and under or-

## THE OLD HOME TOWN



# Inside WASHINGTON

Nazi Surrender in Italy Improbable but Possible | Army, Navy Airmen Who'll Sock Tokyo

Special to Central Press

● WASHINGTON—Rumors swarm like phantom bombers in the wake of the forthcoming cross-channel offensive to smash Hitler in 1944 and end the war in Europe.

Fundamentally, the forthcoming blow is perhaps the most widely publicized projected military operation in history.

There is no doubt in the minds of most Washington observers that the Allied armies of liberation will sweep across the English channel when the stage is set for the mammoth drive of blood, sweat and tears—and, incidentally, weather is right.

**When Good Weather Arrives—?** That was the commitment made to Marshal Stalin at the Teheran conference.

The attendant armada of rumors includes one that the Germans may permit their front in Italy to collapse in order to bring the Anglo-American armies into Berlin before the Russians arrive.

It is no secret that the Germans would go to almost any extreme to keep the Red armies off the soil of the Reich.

However, any such German desire is doomed to be frustrated by the unity of the Allied—American, British, Russian—forces.

Therefore, the dopesters and arm chair generals in Washington say, Germany's only alternative would be to collapse the Italian front and possibly the cross-channel front when it is opened.

There is just enough logic, from the Teutonic point of view, in the rumor to make it not impossible in a warring, topsy-turvy world of impossible developments.

Spring and summer will tell the story.

● AIRMEN IN WASHINGTON are wondering whether the Army Air Corps or the Navy will be the first to carry out the long-planned bombing of the Japanese mainland—expected sometime this year.

Both the Army and Navy, bombsites cocked for Tokyo, await honors for the original bombing of the Japanese capital in April, 1942.

The twin-engined Army B-25 (Mitchell) bombers that carried out the raid were ferried within striking distance of Hirohito's palace aboard the aircraft carrier Hornet.

Since the Navy has been rushing to completion mighty aircraft carriers, and from their decks are flying long-range fighters, torpedo bombers and dive bombers.

Meanwhile, the Army has pinned its hopes on the B-29, a super bomber version of the Flying Fortress, which Gen. H. H. Arnold, Air Corps commander, said would get into action this year.

The Japanese radio has offered no answer to this question, but recently it warned its listeners that they could be bombed by carrier-based planes.

Later it warned that Japanese cities would be bombed from Aleutians by long-range planes.

Army and Navy airmen don't care which branch of the service gets the next crack at Tokyo.

Their attitude is "the more the merrier—the sooner the better."

● POLITICAL OBSERVERS SEE LITTLE CHANCE that Congress will grant President Roosevelt's state-of-the-Union request for a national service law.

The chances seem pretty strong that the Austin national service bill will die in the senate military committee, where hearings have been begun.

Foreshadowing the doom of the measure offered by Senator Warren R. Austin (R.) of Vermont, is Chairman Robert Reynolds (D.), North Carolina, of the committee.

Reynolds is an arch foe of the bill, which he says "would give here in America what Hitler and Stalin have got."

If the measure ever reaches the floor, one of the bitterest legislative battles in time will be precipitated.

# The Voice Of The People

What incident do you recall as the most thrilling of your childhood?

Mrs. William I. Lee—"Having had a happy childhood I can't recall at the moment which incident gave me the greatest thrill, however, this is one of the first ones I remember. On my seventh birthday my father gave me a Dennison Crepe paper picnic set, tablecloth and napkins literally covered with violets. It was the loveliest thing I had ever seen. Thinking it too beautiful to use I laid it away in a keeepsake trunk in my mother's attic and every Spring for at least a dozen years I'd take it out and plan to use it but never did. I saw it there not long ago."

Mrs. Tom Alexander—"I reckon I spent on the army post at Fort Monroe during World War I, and the many famous people who visited the post."

Owen Corwin—"I reckon riding in my grandfather's mobile, which had a rubber tire and the engine was under the hood of the car. We had gone to him and he took us for a ride."

George Hendrix—"I almost my biggest thrill out of Christmas."

Paul Hyatt—"I think I got over the horse my father gave for my own when I was about 10."

Ernest K. Herman—"The first time I got when I jumped out of a loft onto a tramp asleep in a hay."

Mrs. J. E. Toy—"The time we would get up bright and fill the wagon bed with straw drive up to Waynesville for the Haywood County Fair."

John L. Davis—"One morning looking up on Christmas morning and seeing an orange, some candy and a letter from my supposed heart. Another one was written by three brothers used to take Newfoundland dog and a little low 'fist' and with our pockets full of rocks go rabbit hunting. We always came back with a dog too."

Mrs. Rudolph Hollans—"My biggest thrill was when I was about eight years of age and my father took me on a hunting trip and he killed a beautiful deer."

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