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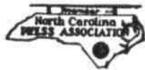
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 (One Day Nearer Victory)

Manpower Shortage

There is very definitely a manpower shortage. Everyone knows it to be a fact. It is obvious with as many million men out of this country as there are today, that we would feel it keenly, coupled in addition to stepped up production.

Yet walk the length of Main Street during the supposed and so called working hours, and you will be surprised at the "sons of rest" that are still with us. Right in the middle of the busiest time of the day you will find them. Many of them may be in 4-F, we grant, but they could still cut grass and make a garden, which to our mind, would be far less tiresome than spending hours standing around the streets.

We are inclined to think that our town is no exception, for we imagine that every community has its, shall we say, "parasites", or "lilies that toil not."

Music In Our Lives

The high school orchestra composed of twelve band students and two vocalists from the girls' chorus of the Waynesville township high school band made a pronounced hit at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, held last Thursday night. This was to be expected with the home folks, because they were our children, but the out-of-town guests were only concerned with the quality of the music, and they too passed favorable judgment. One had only to watch the expressions on the faces of those present to realize that the group was putting their music across.

We heard on all sides "Who is the director of the group?" "Please, tell me who those pretty girls are singing with the orchestra. They can sing and they look like they might be the belles of the town." "Who is that boy singing now?" "Does the group play professionally?" "Who is the drummer? He really knows his drum," and many more of the same order.

The correct answer to the questions asked would have been too long for the occasion. In answering the personal inquiries, we would like to have told the visitors the history of our local band and the music it has put into the lives of our children as well as our community. How drab our gatherings must have been without the music we now enjoy by the band.

The splendid performance on Thursday night was not of sudden attainment, but dates back to the first organization of the band. Many of the present players were too young to be members of that original group, but by hearing the others play, they were being trained long before they actually started to study music. Each year we have noticed an improvement in the playing of the high school band. The longer music is a part of the lives of the students in the school, the higher the standard of their performance will become.

As we listened to the music on Thursday night, we felt a deep sense of gratitude to the community leaders who made the band possible and to those who have continued their support of this phase of education in our schools.

H. G. Wells, the English novelist, suggests that Hitler be confined in a lunatic asylum if and when he is captured. Isn't being crazy bad enough without being made to associate with such a person?

Marvels Of Production

Marvels of American production. American industry has shifted from peace time production to all-out war production. It has been done with the same American ingenuity that rated our peace time industrial production the greatest in the world.

Liberator bombers two years ago cost \$238,000. Today the cost has been reduced to \$137,000. Light tanks reduced from \$45,000 to \$22,564. Price reduction on engines for swift fighter planes have amounted to 34 per cent since 1940.

What marvels of production. Such production can defeat any power on earth.

A pet regret is that we have but one vacation to spend in our country—and no gas to get there.—Morganton News-Herald.

Success and Good Will

When the Dayton Rubber plant opened its doors in a magnificent gesture of hospitality and good will to the citizens of Haywood County, they gained from the start the friendly interest of our folks. This appreciation has grown with the expansion of the plant, which has afforded employment to hundreds of our citizens.

The address of A. L. Freedlander, president of the company, gave further evidence on Thursday night of the attitude of the management of the plant toward Haywood County and Western North Carolina. He left no doubt about how he feels toward this section and the people.

If the growth of the plant will depend upon the good will of the people of this section, as he pointed out in his talk, he need have no fear of its expansion, for the Dayton Rubber plant and its officials have made a place for themselves among us. We have liked from the beginning their conservative attitude toward their development. It gave us confidence. They have done more than they promised in the first instance.

Their policy toward the community and the people, and their employees is in keeping with the fine spirit in our other industrial plants. In other words the Dayton Rubber folks speak our own language, and when we mountain folks made up our minds we like people, we are for them one hundred per cent.

We liked Mr. Freedlander's idea of post-war planning starting with the individual, for after all the community, the state and the nation are just what you and I make it. We are part of a whole and unless we catch the vision of things ahead there will be the same old story of the 1920's, which we do not want to see enacted ever again on the pages of American history.

Vision Without Boundary Lines

One of the visitors at the banquet on Thursday night expressed surprise over the complete cooperation of three communities Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska, in their vision of promotion of this section. The visitor had met a Waynesville man in Asheville, and had been invited to the banquet.

"But the banquet is not in Waynesville, but in Hazelwood and must be an affair of that town," said the visitor.

Even after the Waynesville man explained that the local Chamber of Commerce served three communities as well as the rural section of Haywood County, the man did not understand.

The visitor confessed that not until he sat at the banquet and observed first hand the perfect harmony and united interest of the people of the three communities did he comprehend.

The man is a leader in his own community. He is active in promoting industry and in bringing new business to his area. He is a leader in his profession, but according to him he found something new here.

He stated that in the years of his experience in civic matters he had never seen a finer illustration of cooperation and unity of purpose.

The idea of Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska with their bonds of common interest struggling with three Chambers of Commerce struck an unnatural note with us. Yet on second thought we do know that such things exist and that it might have been possible to have such differences here had not the leaders of the three communities possessed a vision beyond boundary lines.

So far as we've observed, the war hasn't caused any shortage in campaign promises.

For the benefit of those who don't know, D-Day is D-Day D-invasion is to start.

BOY AT THE DYKE-1944



HERE and THERE

By
 HILDA WAY GWYN

We were waiting in an office . . . and we picked up a Reader's Digest of last year and became completely lost in an article about Ethel Barrymore, so much so that we were almost sorry when our "turn" came. The story told how Miss Barrymore had passed temporarily from her high place in the theatrical world and then came back with such force and fame. We always like stories of that nature, because life is filled with so many ups and downs that they have a strong human appeal and lend inspiration to all of us, for none are spared "low moments."

Miss Barrymore had been asked to tell the secret of her success and the answer contains a sermon for all of us, no matter what our work or profession may be, for those who have gained even a small recognition know that hard knocks and falls make for growth and progress, rather than the dulling sense of contentment over small successes and moments of elation. This was her answer:

"You must learn above all not to waste your soul and energy, and brain and strength upon the little things. It takes a long time to learn that because gnats are annoying."

"You must learn day by day, year by year, to broaden your horizon. The more things you love, the more you are interested in, the more you enjoy, the more you are indignant about, the more you have left to give."

"I suppose the greatest thing in the world is wanting to destroy sin, but not the sinner—and not to forget that when life knocks you to your knees, which it always does and always will—well, that's the fit position in which to pray—on your knees—that is where I learned" . . . what finer way could we learn the big lessons of life?

We recall a few years back how horrified most of us were with the rigid military training given the youth of Germany . . . and yet today we find the leaders in our own country advocating the universal military training in the light of recent events and revelations through the drafting of men and the subsequent rigid physical training . . . and the benefits derived. In an article by the late Frank Knox in a recent issue of Collier's Magazine, is one of the most illuminating reviews of what it would mean. We realize that for sometime we will have to maintain a good sized standing army. For we will have to help police the world. No, it is not a pleasant thought, for those guards will be made up in large part of our own boys, who will be weary of war and homesick. But aside from the necessity of this army, the health and democracy gained through military training, is claimed by leaders to have perennial benefits of practical value to our young men.

The D-Day which is haunting us all these days and which none of us know how it will be directed, is a matter of universal speculation. There seem to be many different schools of thought. You meet one person and they are confident that it will move upon Europe in one mighty concentrated effort. Then there are others who feel that there will be no dramatic wholesale move, but that it will be a gradual process, which will be partly psychological that will have the desired weakening effect on the enemy. No matter which way you think, it looms like a horrible nightmare to us all . . . and for the time it consumes us with its potential danger to the lives of our fighting forces.

Maybe that is one reason why the mud slinging in the recent primary seems to us more out of place than usual. We have always felt that a candidate should try to sell

himself on the grounds of his own ability to fill an office rather than on the faults of his opponents. None of us are perfect and we are all so full of faults that even the best person could become smirking through the process of mudslinging.

We have heard so many people say recently that they are having trouble sleeping . . . and we were interested in the findings of Dr. Michael M. Miller, of the U. S. Marine Hospital, who last week told the American Psychiatric Association that cutting out salt could bring sleep. He experimented with twelve patients and by taking salt out of their diet was able to restore the power of sleeping back to eleven of them. Personally we would almost be as willing to go without sleep as we would be to have saltless food. Maybe it is because all we need to get enough sleep is the chance to get enough hours.

Did you notice the fragrance of May the other day? We felt the urge to be out so much that we brought some honeysuckle to the office, so we could bring the outdoors in. The smell of fresh cut grass and the freshness of the wild plants growing on the banks of a small stream out in the woods are among nature's best gifts to mankind . . . that earthy-leaf moldy fragrance makes one feel close to the good earth . . . and has a restful reaction that is soothing in the hectic life we live.

Friebs . . . In the midst of the big crowd attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting we missed a familiar face . . . Ernest L. Withers. . . We doubt if there has ever been a C. of C. banquet before without Ernest there to add his interest and enthusiasm. . . In fact he has been greatly missed from the Main Street . . . and we hope he will soon be out to help us greet the summer visitor here, for he always spreads good cheer among our tourists . . . Stories we heard during the week that convince us how small the world. Two Florida visitors from Miami, walking up Eagles Nest saw a young couple riding horseback . . . they looked strangely familiar, and as they came nearer, they realized they sang in their church choir back home. . . Another, Claude Allen, waiting in the Southern Station in Washington, D. C., for his train, had a porter tap him on the shoulder, saying that a sailor on a nearby coach thought he knew him. . . The sailor turned out to be Ralph Summerrow, whose store Claude is operating while he is in the navy. Lt. James Harden Howell meeting Lt. Joe Sloan in Italy. . .

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Paul in Ephesus

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for June 4 is Acts 19:1-20:1; Ephesians, the Golden Text being Ephesians 2:10, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared that we should walk in them.")

IN THIS lesson Paul came to Ephesus, one of the richest and most noted cities of Asia Minor. At this period it was under the influence of Greek civilization, and the Greeks worshiped Diana, and the temple of Diana, one of the wonders of the ancient world, was at Ephesus.

This temple of Diana possessed valuable lands, it controlled the fisheries, and its priests controlled the money of the city. People brought their money to the temple for safe keeping, and it became as important to the ancient world as the Bank of England to the modern one.

At Ephesus Paul met "certain disciples," and asked them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost?" They answered that they did not even know whether there was an Holy Ghost. They had been baptized by John the Baptist or his followers. Paul, therefore baptized them in the name of Jesus Christ, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Teaches in the Synagogue Paul went, as was his custom, into the synagogue, where both Jews and Greeks came to hear him. Many were persuaded and believed, but some spoke evil of the way he taught, and he left and separated the disciples, then went to the school of one Tyrannus, who evidently was a prominent person. There Paul continued his preaching for two years.

Special miracles were wrought by Paul at this time. Handkerchiefs or aprons taken from him were taken to the sick and those with evil spirits, and the diseases left the sick and the evil spirits those afflicted with them.

Hearing this, some bad men, especially seven sons of Sceva, a Jew and chief priest, tried to drive out evil spirits, calling over them the name of the Lord Jesus and saying, "we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth." The evil spirit inhabiting one man answered these men, "Jesus I know, and Paul, but who are ye?" And the man with the spirit leaped upon these imposters and wounded them, so that they ran away naked.

This became known to Jews and Greeks alike, and fear fell upon

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The Voice Of The People

What do you think is the most important work of the Chamber of Commerce this year?

Howard R. Clapp—"Of course I am always interested in agriculture, but I really think post war planning is the most important this year."

Ben Colkitt—"I think the greatest thing for the Chamber of Commerce to do this year is to get back of the Community Council in their recreational program for the young people of the town."

L. N. Davis—"I think the biggest thing is to cooperate with the Community Council and make things as pleasant for the tourist and the home folks as they can."

Mrs. Grady Boyd—"I think the proposed benches would be a great attraction and I think being more courteous to the visitors would help a lot."

R. L. Prevost—"I think the best thing that they could do would be to sell the Chamber of Commerce to the local people."

Guy Massie—"To entertain the summer visitors and to keep things

moving along the best that done until the war is over"

Mrs. J. R. McCracken—"To live up to the 13 point plan outlined by the president."

Mrs. H. B. Atkins—"The best of the Community Council program."

Mrs. Edith Alley—"To help the recreational program help make it a success."

Dr. S. P. Gay—"To maintain office the year round."

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

All creditors of the Estate of T. Shelton, late of Waynesville, North Carolina, are hereby notified to present their claims proved to Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Ray's Sons, Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before June 1, 1944, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All indebted to the aforesaid will please make prompt payment.

Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Asheville, N. C., and Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Waynesville, N. C., Executors under the will of T. Shelton, deceased.

No. 1367—June 1-8-13-22-23-24

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of George W. Pressley, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, Clyde, North Carolina, on or before the 25th day of May, 1944, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 18th day of May, 1944
 LURA PRESSLEY SCOTT, Administrator of the Estate of George W. Pressley, deceased.
 1363—May 25—June 1-4-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24

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