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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory)

Express It In Trees

R. W. Graeber, who is in charge of extension forestry at State College, is suggesting that the counties in North Carolina plant memorial forests to commemorate the sacrifices made by men and women in World War II.

Mr. Graeber points out that there will be many property owners in the state who would gladly donate the land for such a memorial, while there would be others who would contribute funds for the development of such a project.

He also points out that such a memorial could serve as a county-wide recreation center; for nature study by public school students, 4-H Club members, Boy and Girl Scouts and garden clubs.

It is a fine idea, for it is a living memorial, that would serve generations to come. A county forest reserve would be a fitting memorial for it would be significant of the freedom to enjoy the advantages of this country for which the men and women made their supreme sacrifices.

Benches

We want to congratulate the Chamber of Commerce on the benches which have been placed on the streets in the community. We have heard much favorable comment both from the local residents and from the summer visitors. They all like them.

In days gone by we have often heard the objection raised that if we had benches about, as they have had in many other resorts for years, the local folks would monopolize them, and that the tourists might have little opportunity to enjoy them.

From what we have seen no one need worry, the local folks appear to be too busy to have much time for relaxing on the benches, but if they do wish to enjoy them, we see no reason why they cannot join the visitors in a short leave of leisure.

We trust that another year will bring additional benches. We have noticed a number of places where we think a bench would be an asset. As we understand it, if the public likes the benches and takes the proper care of them, ere another season there will be more.

Turkey For Our Fighters

We are glad to note that our men and women in service who are stationed overseas are going to have turkey for Christmas whether or not we civilians get our holiday needs filled. We view with favor the idea, for certainly we at home will gladly eat chicken, and give way to those in service. Turkey will bring a bit of home to them at Christmas that will cheer their hearts.

Last week the army purchased all the turkeys in 24 states and designated counties of three others in order to fill the holiday needs of service men. The WFA order outlaws sales of turkeys for civilian use until enough have been purchased for the military groups.

The states which are affected by the embargo are: Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Wisconsin, Illinois, Delaware, and certain counties in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

Mission Accomplished

This week we are carrying the news that Haywood made her E bond quota, and went over the over-all quota of the Fifth War Loan Drive by about \$400,000.

We would be justified to write at length on this accomplishment, but what more can be said than this is just characteristic of Haywood in war time—to go all the way in every war effort.

J. E. Massie, C. N. Allen and the many others who worked untiringly at the task, can look back on the accomplishments and well be proud of the record.

A Splendid Job

The appearance of Mrs. Roosevelt at Lake Junaluska last week presented a problem in traffic, that could have easily resulted in confusion, had it not been for the efficient manner in which it was handled.

At the moment, we can't recall a larger assemblage of automobiles in this community since Pearl Harbor. And never have we seen the flow of traffic handled better.

Credit for all this goes to the Waynesville police, highway patrolmen, sheriff's department, and the Lake's own officers. They did a mighty fine job.

What Does It Mean?

While the news that there has been a revolt against the Nazi regime is encouraging, we have wondered what it would mean to the German people in general since it came from the high officials. We believe that had it come from the people it might have shown better signs of a democratic spirit beneath the Hitler suppression.

It may be that the people have been pressed down under the heavy load of Nazi influences so long that they have temporarily lost their initiative, and that they are still looking to their leaders and not trying to think for themselves.

When one considers the stories that have come out of Germany for the past several years, of the cruel demands of the leaders, it is not surprising that they are slow in expressing themselves. In American with our freedom it is hard for us to get their viewpoint.

School Lunches

We see that the continuation of the national school lunch program for the 1944-45 school year has been assured by the appropriation by Congress of \$50,000,000 for its operation, according to the War Food Administration.

This will be welcome news in Haywood county where the lunch room program was carried forward so successfully through the county board of education with Mrs. Rufus Siler, as county supervisor.

During the 1943-44 school year more than 4,000,000 children in 31,000 schools throughout the nation participated in the Federal-local program. The program for the coming year is said to be designed after that of last year.

The school lunch program is planned to operate under local sponsorship of school boards, or other school organizations, civic groups and other non-profit organizations. The War Food Administration reimburses local sponsors for their purchases of food up to a maximum amount determined by the type of lunches served.

Supplementary Medicine

We notice that Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer, in his address before the joint session of the North Carolina Medical Society and the State Board of Health, this spring, emphasized the importance of supplemental medicine, rather than regimentation or socialized medicine, in the ordinary accepted sense of that term, as means of giving adequate treatment to the low income population.

"Whether we like it or not, humanity is on the move, both physically and spiritually. We must not blind our eyes to the fact that this is a realistic age and that the medical profession faces a golden opportunity for real leadership which it can ill afford to lose," pointed out Dr. Reynolds.

The State health officer also stated that there are lay groups which are insisting that some measures for improvement be made, and that this tendency on the part of the people brings the medical profession face to face with the realization that they must act. "Organized medicine has no desire to become a pressure group, neither should it sit idly by and, itself, become the victim of any pressure group. It can avoid this by taking the initiative, by assuming the leadership that rightly belongs to it," he brought out.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We want to pay our respect this week to the efficient and speedy manner in which the Chamber of Commerce handled the breakfast given in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt. In a town of this size, with limited services at all times and under present shortages of help, it takes time for perfecting organization to fling a party. To learn around 5 o'clock one afternoon that at 8 o'clock the next morning you are to be host to a breakfast and have as honor guest the First Lady of the land is a large order to fill. It was a courtesy that should have been rendered. In fact our community would have been ungracious to have failed to notice the presence of Mrs. Roosevelt in our county. It took quick action to pull the party. We overheard one woman at the breakfast say, "Well, every town needs a Charles Ray who knows what to do and how to do, and who is willing to give his time to see that things are done right."

We understand that Charles Ray and S. A. Jones, acting secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, started at 5 o'clock when they knew definitely that Mrs. Roosevelt could come, and they worked into the early morning getting things lined up. The first rushed up to the Piedmont Hotel and broke the news to Paul and Mary Hyatt, who already had a house full of guests that they were to be hosts the next morning at breakfast for Mrs. Roosevelt. Put yourself in their place and let your imagination do the rest. Things fell into action in a hurry. Dining room tables were arranged. The guests also rose to the occasion and went out and gathered wild flowers that adorned the lobby and the dining room tables. Paul, we hear, laid a log fire that night so it would give a cheerful note in the early morning. Then if one is to have a party there must be guests, and they had to be asked in a grand hurry. Then there was all that home cured ham to slice, which was served in such gorgeous luscious pieces along with homemade sausage. How we wanted an extra piece of ham. It was one party that every who was invited got there ON TIME. The community should be proud of the way things were pulled off, and as S. A. Jones said when it was all over, "Now Charles Ray is the kind of person who can get things done. It's a pleasure to work with him, and I want everybody to know that Paul and Mary Hyatt certainly did their part to pull the party off."

Now we would like to talk about the guest of honor. Mrs. Roosevelt is an extraordinary woman. She has without any doubt the largest acquaintance of any woman in the world. She has traveled everywhere. She has gone on important missions at home and to far corners of the earth for her husband. She knows America from North to South and East to West. She is at home with kings and queens as well as with the simplest American citizens. She is perfectly natural, with an interest in people that makes friends for her wherever she goes. You may not agree with Mrs. Roosevelt on all issues, but no one one doubts her deep sincerity. She wants to cure the ills not only of America, but of the world. She seeks justice to all classes and groups. She has a vision of the practice of brotherhood in every day life. She is a woman who would have been an outstanding citizen, regardless of the high position that has come to her through her husband. When she was leaving, Mary Hyatt gave her a quart of sausage, and she appreciated it just as you or I might have, and said, "This is lovely, I will take it home to Franklin, for he is so fond of sausage." Most women in her position would have said, "The President," instead of "Franklin,"

which made one feel Mr. Roosevelt was just another husband.

We had the pleasure during the week of reading a second letter from Warrant Officer Bobby Sloan. We have a suggestion to make. We want every friend and relative who hears from Bobby to save his letters and to hand them over to his family for safe keeping, with the idea that someday they might be compiled in a book. We recall that there were a number of such volumes that came out of World War I. We have never read more interesting letters than Bobby writes. We feel sure you will agree if you read the excerpt in this column last week. He has had some experiences that should have been given publicity, that have come in his letters, with definite requests that they must not be made public, yet when the war is over he might feel differently, and be glad to share them with the readers of such a volume as we suggest.

Have you been to the community cannery? If not and you plan to can you are missing a wonderful opportunity. We have the feeling that it is the forerunner of many such cooperatives that will come in time to be a part of the changing ways of living in America under the new economic and labor pattern which we all hear so much about. Most of us feel that life will never resume its old story, for too many people have found their way into industrial plants who will not return to former employment. In the first place the cannery has every type of equipment that you need. With the high powered pressure cookers you can process your food in an unbelievably short time. Canning in tin is much easier than in glass and the cost is about the same as buying new tops and rubbers, provided you have the glass jars. Then you have no fuel bills, and those of us who can the old fashioned way over hot coal and wood stoves know what firing up means in cost and labor. Those in charge, Mrs. Rufus Siler, Mrs. Herbert Buchanan and J. C. Brown, know their job and lend a hand to the canners in all the stages of canning. Don't take our word, make an appointment—24 hours ahead is the rule—and try your hand at canning in the community plant.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate (Re Closed on Monday Noon Of This Week) Resounders Township McLain Smathers to W. S. McElrath.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Inside WASHINGTON

Jap Drive to Cut China In Two, a Formidable One Auto Makers to With WPB on Control

WASHINGTON—Despite America's recent successes in the Pacific, military and naval observers are pessimistic over the near future designed to split unoccupied China in two.

Foresee Once American forces get within striking distance of Formosa or China proper, violent action is expected from the Japanese to prevent United States from getting a foothold through which she can pour in supplies to poorly-equipped fighting men.

The Jap high command apparently is banking on the fact that the United States will become weary of a war so far from home and will be ripe for a peace which still would leave Japan in the gains made since she launched the Far Eastern campaign. Even when the systematic bombing of the Jap mainland by American military and naval leaders do not expect Japan to lapse quickly, partly because she now is getting some supplies from factories in the interior of Manchukuo.

Japan's naval and air forces have been beaten everywhere in the Pacific, but her huge land armies are intact on the Asiatic mainland and in Japan.

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS of the Navy medical department is the rehabilitation of men who lose their hearing in action. Eardrums cannot stand up without some injury under the blasts aboard a man-of-war when all guns are going to repel attack.

Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, surgeon general of the Navy, men deafened by the guns are difficult to rehabilitate because they are suspicious of everything around them, since they live in a world that has no sound.

Naval medical men, however, believe they can do something for these cases provided they are treated quickly and made to understand that their cases are not hopeless.

Curiously enough, McIntire believes men blinded in battle are easier to rehabilitate. He says they are more optimistic about the future, although they live in a world of darkness. There are comparatively few cases of blindness in the Navy.

WHEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNED a bill permitting American-born Japanese to renounce their United States citizenship, there was enacted a law much toned-down from the original of the west coast.

For the law merely facilitates citizenship renunciation in the war, thus allowing the Japanese-American to make the statement and get expatriation to Japan in the future. But what the west coast had wanted was a law that could be used as a basis for deportation of the 20,000 Japanese who told the Army and relocation authorities they would not forswear allegiance to the empire of Japan.

Rep. LeRoy Johnson (R.) of California, voicing the far view, introduced an amendment that would permit the earlier statement of the Japanese in the expatriation procedure. However, this amendment was defeated by a narrow margin. Officials doubt if many will declare their allegiance to Nippon, and it means certain deportation.

The Voice Of The People

Do you think that the taking over of the hotels in Asheville will hurt the tourist season in Western North Carolina?

Mrs. W. H. Burnett—"No, I think tourists will stay in this section and continue to come."

Joe E. Rose—"Certainly it will hurt, because some of the tourists will return home, but we must remember there is a war on."

Chris George—"I feel that with the hotels closed in Asheville, and the presence of so many men in service, that there will be more people than ever before who will visit this section."

Mrs. J. Harden Howell—"No, I feel that it will help the season here and elsewhere, as the visitors in Asheville will seek other resorts in Western North Carolina."

D. Reeves Noland—"No, I do not think it will hurt the tourist season in Western North Carolina."

H. B. Atkins—"It will very definitely hurt the Asheville area, but

Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer: If traveling conditions what they are, I would be present on Thursday, August 27, when my Indian friend Sibbald Smith, who has been in the army for a long time, spoke at Lake Junaluska. I know he certainly addressed an audience and held them spellbound for Sibbald knows the Indian backward and forward. Sibbald is an historical word-of-mouth authority on old medicine men of the Cherokee. He comes by this knowledge because his great-grandfather, Chief Yonagushi, generations of Yonagushi him ruled the nation. Nation, the chiefship being down from father to son. According to Sibbald, Yonagushi died of a brain ailment as he could not save the lands of his people and was from being herded into a pen like cattle, and given one fourth of the land removed, died on the west side of the Cherokee. Too few people really know the Cherokee. If they would love them and help them more. During the Revolutionary war, General Gentry knew we had to help if we threw our