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Welcome To Haywood

We take this opportunity to extend a welcome to the North Carolina Hereford Breeders Association which will meet here next Tuesday. Haywood county has produced some very high grade Hereford cattle. Today the standard is growing higher and higher with better stock on our farms. We trust that those attending the meeting will have an opportunity to drive over the county and view some of our farms and see what can be produced here in Haywood. We would like also for them to learn of our great industrial developments. We will not only be proud to entertain the stockmen, but we will also feel pride in showing them that our county is one of the best balanced in the State.

A Warning

Announcement has been made that the War Production Board has released forty per cent of materials for civilian use after Germany falls. This means that we are, so to speak, two fifths on our way then. But when Germany falls, the war, we regret to say, will not be over. Unless some unforeseen and sudden progress is made in the Pacific war theatre.

We cannot expect to see the rationing system abolished for sometime. We will still have to watch our consumption of things even after Germany gives up and we will be in grave danger of inflation. We must remember to take things as they come and not jump ahead.

Until the day that Germany falls all America will live through a tension of suspense that will snap with relief when the news of our victory there is flashed around the world. But peace, while it will be nearer will not be a reality. We must not become demoralized, but become more calm and determined than ever to end it all.

"The Japs have dug into the islands of the Pacific thirty feet deep and they are prepared to stay there a long time. It will not be easy to get them out," said one Haywood boy recently, in an effort to give the home folks some idea of what we are facing before the war is over. The boy has returned from many months of service in the Pacific and he knows the true state of affairs.

The postwar roof will be supported only by air, says an engineer, who might go further and tell us what holds up a ceiling price.—Boston Globe.

Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. Enable them to see that it is to their interest to preserve peace and order, and they will preserve them. They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.—Thomas Jefferson.

What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all of its children.—John Dewey, Educator.

Education alone can conduct us to that enjoyment which is at once best in quality and infinite in quantity.—Horace Mann, Educator.

Now we know why they called 'em baby bonds — because every baby in the land is going to help pay for 'em some day.—Columbia Dispatch.

Starting From Scratch

There is one group of veterans that we do not hear much about. We hear a great deal about the men who will come home crippled and this is of vital importance. We hear a great deal about the rehabilitation program, but there is not much said about the boy who left school, or just graduated.

We feel that most men who had jobs will return to them and we feel sure that such will be their case, but we must remember that there will be a great number who will be starting from scratch. They left no job, for they were too young or were not ready to take on a job.

We must not fail these young men, for they have given even more in some cases than their elders, in that they have had no opportunity at life. They have been robbed of some very precious years. Years in which they would be getting established in life, in getting a root hole. In the post-war planning this group must not be forgotten.

Will We Remember?

If victory in Europe is in sight as Gen. Montgomery says, it is coming none too soon. For a Germany somewhat farther removed from defeat would surely unveil new types of destruction more frightful than anything yet seen. The flying bomb is a good sample.

The missiles have taken nearly 5,000 lives. They have destroyed or damaged 1,000,000 dwellings. They have forced evacuation of more than 500,000 persons from London, and preparations to evacuate a million more. Hitler's "secret weapons" are no longer a joke. Some have failed, like the small remote-control tank. Others, such as the one-man torpedo and the radio-controlled bomb, have been only slightly effective. But the jet-propelled fighter plane is not to be laughed off. Neither is the possibility of the "V-2" probably a rocket bomb or a big pilot-guided version of the flying bomb.

What else may be in store is limited only by the time and ingenuity at Hitler's disposal. Certainly no humanitarian considerations will deter the Nazi from fulfilling their promise to make the last days of the Third Reich a bloody night-mare for Europe. Hints of chemical or bacterial attacks are too frequent to be entirely ignored. — The Reidsville Review.

A Golden Opportunity

The meeting of the State Rural Electrification Administration which is in session here this week brings to mind a very important feature that should be included in our post-war planning for this section.

By virtue of climate and attractions this area is an ideal setting for conventions. Our neighbors over in Asheville have proved that. Now with their hotels taken over many groups are temporarily looking elsewhere. We use the temporarily looking, to show that unless we deliver the goods, they will not consider us in the permanent class.

Convention attendants like to hold their meetings in places where they may be comfortable and yet in their off hours visit scenes of interest. Our area is rich with side trips and offers a potential field, if only worked, for many future gatherings.

We understand had we been able to accommodate the members we might have had two or three other conventions this fall, outside of those scheduled. This is a serious situation, and one which the citizens of this community should take up immediately. It has been talked about for years, but the time is now ripe for definite action, or definite plans for future action.

During the next few years Waynesville will either take an important role in the tourist business in this section, or we will drop from the niche we have held for the past several years.

How a large hotel can be built offers a challenge to the community. If there is no one to attempt the project alone, then it should become a community affair. Other towns have met this challenge and built for the future of their community. The time has come when we need a leader to come forward and start the movement.

We feel that in making the statement that every delegate to a convention here would want to come back at a later date and bring his family, we are stating a fact that time will prove true, if we can get the accommodations to house them.

Somehow nobody seems to find out who is going to psycho-analyze the psycho-analysts to learn whether they really are sane and responsible.—Detroit Free Press.

TEMPERING THE SWORD



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

There came in our mail during the week through the courtesy of the Red Cross two copies of papers published by the American war prisoners in Germany. They were edited for the Home Front. We wish we had space to include the entire editions, but since there is a limit to this column we repeat herein some of the high spots that give a glimpse into the lives of our POW's in Germany, for we have all wondered and worried how things might be going with them. It is truly a message from overseas direct and personal.

(Excerpts from editorials):
 "Through these publications we endeavor to bring you greetings from a community of Americans, and in the pages to set the temper of our existence. Introspection suffers with intimacy, and it is not our wish to decry our position any further than to offer a smile for worried-next-of-kin and a tolerant smirk on Super Sanguine Bestowers of 'country club tags.'
 "In hope that our people at home may have a small insight into our prison life, we dedicate this issue of our camp newspaper. We hope you receive it and in doing, come closer to us and our daily lives. We strive here to set up a model of community designed to keep our bodies, minds and souls healthy and alert, waiting the day we can return to our own homes within our own land.

"We have our moments of loneliness and hunger for the companionship of home and home folks, but on the whole we laugh and play. The rest of the time is spent studying, reading, worshipping and HOPING."

Add to your vocabulary...
 "Kriegie", taken from the German "Kriegesgefangenen", meaning war prisoner. It is the adopted name for the British and American prisoners of war.—The Americans say, instead "POW."

"Kollege"—Four classrooms and 37 classes meeting each week is the record of the Education Department — Encouraged by textbooks contributed by the YMCA of Geneva, Kriegie college offers classes as diverse as differential calculus. Most popular are languages with German, Spanish, and French leading in order named.

The first American airman to be taken as German POW in this theatre is Lt. John Dunn, USNR, of New Haven, Conn., who has been in the German camp two years on last April.

YANKS TAKE LEAD—Sign of the Times — a few months ago American contributions to the German camps passed the British—Heavy Bomber crews are responsible for the influx.

CONTEST FOR BABY AND WIFE... This item to us was heart breaking as the article stated that some of the men had not even seen the babies whose pictures they were entering. It seems that the American craze for contests is even carried on in POW camps. The men are entering pictures of their wives and babies and four Colonels are to decide on the best looking. (We have a war within a war did not start over the decision of the judges.)

POINT SYSTEM FOR ECONOMY... Chocolate bars and cigarettes are coin of the realm in a prisoner of war camp. German allowance to officers and men are reichsmarks, theoretically, but they devolve to mere bookkeeping. The weekly ration through the Red Cross, is one chocolate bar and 50 cigarettes per man. Emphatically desirable—not abundant, and easily handled they make convenient legal

tender. Recently established is "Foodaco"—a bartering system in which point values are given to food items. Highest on the list is powdered milk—120 points—Tins of butter and jam are 80 points. Mondays and Thursdays, Big Days when Red Cross food parcels are made.

SPORTS ACTIVITY—Softball, first love of the Yanks is played. Baseball is out because of space limitations. A "homer" over the fence wouldn't work in a prison camp. Out of action now is the alleged swimming pool, a 5-foot deep outdoor fire reservoir surrounded by barbed wire. Maximum capacity 50 men wading shoulder to shoulder. Drainage by volunteer bucket brigade. **MOST POPULAR SPORT** is walking round and round the compound perimeter.

LIBRARY... A small ante-room in the cookhouse building houses the library. Constant reading wears out the 1,000 books and over 50 per month are withdrawn from circulation. Bright hope is fast growing that load of books may come from United States.

RELIGION... It is a vital part of the life of the POW. Both Protestant and Catholic services are held each Sunday. A Scottish pastor captured while serving with the British paratroopers in Africa is the unofficial chaplain of one compound. A French Canadian priest taken from the sinking "Zambeyi" in the early part of the war, who was enroute to Africa to do missionary work, cares for the spiritual needs of the Catholics.

MUSIC... This ranks high in the entertainment value for all POW's. The YMCA has given a photograph and records. They have a band, a chorus. The Kriegie's greatest "escape" from himself is in the theatre. They have a movie and amateur performances. Only 20 per cent of the prisoners in the camp described can get in so there must be five performances.

DAILY LIVING... "Before all other activities come household chores. Men live in combines of 6 to 8. In turn they take a flyer at cooking, K. P. and general slavery. If anything they are learning a new respect for the women of the house. Limited though they are by 'Jerry' and the Red Cross food issues, cooks manage to whip up Spam and French fries, oat meal cookies, chocolate or lemon cream pies."

MAIL DELIVERY... "Is made

at noon. Some sweat, some get. Letters are read and re-read, traded and read again—Lifeline to America."

THE DAY COMES TO AN END. Some good talk, much foolish dreaming before midnight sends POW's to bed with the hope ever that the new day brings peace.

The picture the foregoing paints in words made us feel very humble—and appreciate with greater depth of feeling what it means to be safe here in America today—and above all the debt we owe these men—for while their lot is deplorable and heart-breaking—Think of the boys who are buried on the battlefields far from home. How can we complain?



The Kingdom Strongly Established

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **NEWMAN CAMPBELL**
 (The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for Sept. 17 is II Samuel 1-5, the Golden Text being Psalm 125 1, "They that trust in Jehovah are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever.")

A WAR WEARY David came to Ziklag, and he knew not that Saul was slain and his beloved friend Jonathan, Saul's son. A man came to him, however, saying he was an Amalekite and that he had killed Saul when Saul asked him to. He brought with him Saul's crown and bracelet which he thought would give him favor with David. His story was only partly true, as you will remember from the last chapter of I Samuel, where we are told that Saul committed suicide. Instead of being pleased with the fellow's story, David was horrified, and had the man slain forthwith. Then David mourned deeply and sincerely for Saul, the glorious king as he was when he first was crowned. He forgot the suspicion and jealousy with which Saul had treated him in his later days; and for Jonathan he lamented unrestrainedly, and this song of lamentation is one of the most wonderful in all literature. It is sad that we have room only for an infinitesimal part:

"How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places. I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant has thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

"How are the mighty fallen and the weapons of war perished!"

David Goes to Hebron

David asked the Lord where he should go and the Lord told him to go to Hebron, which he did, and the men of Judah there anointed him for the second time, the king of Judah. Then David sent a messenger to the men of Jabeshgilead, who had buried Saul and Jonathan and blessed them.

Now Abner, captain of Saul's army, took a son of Saul, Ishbosheth and made him king of all the rest of the tribes. Ishbosheth was 40 at the time and seems to have been rather a weak man. David reigned over Judah for seven years and six months when Abner and some of Ishbosheth's servants met some of David's underlings. David's captain, the pool of Gibeon. The two groups of young men arose and fought. There was a "very sore battle" that day and David's men

beat those of Abner. Three brothers on David's side, Abishai and Asahel, and Abner, the third brother, were killed. Asahel pursued Abner who would not, and finally Abner turned and killed him. Joab the other brother also pursued Abner until the sun went down, they came to a hill, and the javalines stood with Abner, called to Joab asking him to the fighting. So Joab blew a trumpet and all the people stood. Abner and his men went one and the servants of David and when they counted the spoils found that Abner's men had defeated and had lost more than David.

David Grows Stronger
 There was a long war, but David grew stronger than that of Ishbosheth weaker. He accused Abner of being intimate with one of his fat women, and that made Abner angry, so he went to David, made a league to help him. David made a feast for Abner and men and made the covenant. Abner help David to reign over Israel, and Abner started away peace with David. When he heard of this, however, he saw Abner and when he came to Joab killed him to avenge Asahel's death.

David knew nothing of this. David and he mourned for Abner and all his people mourned. Captains of Ishbosheth also thought that as he slept, and came to David, thinking he was pleased that his rival was dead. But David was furious at a sneak attack and had them killed.

After this the tribes came and David asked him to be king over them all. "So all elders of Israel came to David; and King David made a league with them before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel."

David was 30 years old when he began to reign and he reigned 40 years.

David still had to conquer Gath, which he did and had house built there. It was called "David's city."

When the Philistines heard that David was king they tacked him, but, with the Lord help they were overpowered. A second time they came. "David did as the Lord commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer."

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The Voice Of The People

How do you think we should observe the day when Germany falls?

M. G. Stamey — "Prayerful Thanksgiving."

Miss Edna McKay—"I think it should be observed in a very serious manner and considered a day of Thanksgiving."

R. E. Sentinel — "Everybody should stop work and spend a day of rejoicing and bells should be rung—and everybody happy again."

Mrs. W. L. McCracken—"I think we should be too just. I think we should observe the day in a prayerful way. It is very humble as we realize the meaning of the day."

Walter Crawford—"I think should go on as usual because war will not be over. We will have the Japs on our battle front."

T. L. Green — "It would be a mighty good time to observe Thanksgiving Day."

Rev. H. G. Hammett—"I think we should observe the day in a spirit of Thanksgiving, but with consecration, as there are many problems ahead of us."

Mrs. S. R. Crockett—"I think it should be a day of prayer and guidance. Our great mistake in World War I was in having many small men who started the bigger ones."

Mrs. Stanley Redding—"I think we should observe at least a day in prayer, either individually or collectively that our state may formulate a peace plan for the last."

Dr. Tom Strong—"I think ought to celebrate. I think everyone should be mighty full, and that we should all have a holiday."

Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer: I have been receiving the paper, and I am pleased to say that it is all right. My address has changed, so I thought I would let you know.

I really do enjoy getting the paper. It is worth a line to me here in France. I want to tell you very much for the past issue which has been so helpful.

Yours truly,

Kenneth A. Clement

FRESHMAN'S YEAR

Truth, they say, will prevail.

Except for the fish that got