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## Slowly But Surely

It has been interesting to note of late that while the ground advance in Germany is slowing down, along the Western front, the Allies are still in the air in large numbers and are doing their best to prepare the way for the infantry against each step it makes across the enemy territory.

This fighting by air is destroying the resources of the Germans. While we understand from men who have returned from that war theatre, that often within a few weeks the air fighters have seen whole factories restored that they had razed to the ground with bombs, they are bound to begin to be weakening after the number of attacks made by the Allies.

At this time the ability to reach over the enemy territory is bound to count in our favor. It is bound to slow things up. The enemy does not have just this power, though we have the disadvantage of having to ship our supplies great distances.

## What Kind of Peace?

Even though most of us are now settling down to the ideas of a longer duration than we had hoped for back in June, since that date we have all been forming ideas of possible peace terms. There are many arguments about the kind of peace terms that should be meted out to the Germans.

Some feel that to be harsh and demand is not Christian like. We admit it is foreign to the American conception of freedom and democracy. We have been told that our talk about "unconditional surrender" has fired the fighting spirit of the German people and made them more daring and determined than ever to fight to the last man.

But when we read of such things as carried in a column by a war correspondent last week, we are inclined to think that we must hand out to them peace terms built on their own actions.

In case the story may have escaped your attention. A medical aid of the U. S. Army was trying to make a dying German prisoner comfortable.

The American soldier had forgotten that the man was a prisoner. He viewed him as a human being like himself with only a few minutes to live. The man was suffering and out of the kindness of his heart the American was doing his best to alleviate his pains. With one last gasp after the American had rendered his service, the German prisoner raised himself up and spat in the face of his helper.

We like the answer of the medical aid, when he was called down by those about him for his kindness when he quietly said, "I have a job to do."

Now we are beginning to believe that from all the reports brought back by the returned soldiers from the European war theatre, that with one accord they feel that there can be no soft terms for the Germans. They know from first hand things that we can never understand even from their telling us.

They know perhaps better than we that the Germans if they had it in their power would treat us as they have the Poles, the Russians, the French and the others who have been in their way as they have attempted to gain their world supremacy.

We are beginning to feel that by their own acts of cruelty, inhumanity and bitterness the Germans have set the pattern on which the world is to build their peace terms.

## Pearl Harbor

We were glad to see that the Army and Navy boards that investigated the Pearl Harbor disaster found no grounds for court martial proceedings. While our armed forces on the job were not on the alert, it was not a sudden move on the part of the Japs. We have always had the feeling that as a nation we were almost as much to blame as those men in our army and navy who were at the point of the attack.

We can recall back several years ago seeing car loads of junked cars and other metals going right out of our own community, and everyone seemed to know they were destined for Japan. We all thought at the time that it was a good riddance.

Why did we not know that Japan was ready to attack Pearl Harbor, with the world wide communication facilities we have today will always be a question in the minds of most Americans.

The inability to withstand the attack without serious damage at Pearl Harbor was the result of a well planned hostile gesture to bring us into the war.

Now we are told that for military security the facts cannot be released until after the war. We have an idea that there may be some surprises or us all when the true story is told.

## Nation Wide Bible Reading

The nation wide Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas, sponsored by the American Bible Society, had its beginning in a Bible reading emphasis last Spring suggested by Baptists in Texas. It has since been promoted throughout that state by the American Bible Society and churches of many denominations throughout the country.

In this Bible reading program, conducted on a scale never before attempted in our country, members of the Armed Forces and people at home will join in simultaneous reading of the same daily passages, selected by a nation wide poll of chaplains and pastors as being most helpful in this critical period.

Bookmarks listing daily passages and posters announcing the nation wide reading are being furnished without charge for wide distribution to chaplains, pastors and civic groups, for use in community-wide observations throughout the nation and in every unit of the Armed Forces around the world.

Knowing that the scripture you were reading was being read around the world should make it impressive and at time like this should serve to steady one's faith and give a spiritual sustenance that we all need, whether at home or in the Armed Forces.

## Growing Pains

For some years needed improvements in the community have been under discussion. They have been agitated annually. Usually these discussions have been more heated along about Spring, when we are faced with the annual flux of summer visitors.

About the healthiest sign we have evidenced is that we are not waiting now until Spring to agitate these matter. They are bobbing up daily, in meetings and in conversation. In other words, we have outgrown ourselves. We are feeling the pinch and need of greater facilities, of expansion in many lines. We are suffering from growing pains.

It will be interesting to watch the next few years and what changes they will bring, for the majority of the citizens seem to be of one opinion. We either go forward at this critical stage in our growth, or we pass up a great opportunity.

We feel that with our progressive citizens there is no danger that we fall out of the ranks of progress, the need of which is felt by both the younger and older groups.

When we take stock of the progress and the developments along all lines in our community, and then we review our facilities that have not kept pace, we realize with alarm that the time is urgent for these things to be supplied.

While industry is welcomed. It is the year-round backbone of activity, yet there is room and opportunity for both that and the tourist business. In this we are especially blessed as many communities do not have such a diversified potential development within reach.

With so much discussion and interest at this season we feel sure that at some date not far distant we will see the result of the realization of our community needs reflected in greater expansion of facilities.

A hypocrite will fawn on you while an honest old friend will yawn on you.



## HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We have a complex about figures ordinarily. We don't like to work with them when they are assigned to us as a real task, but ever so often we run into figures that positively fascinate us. We encountered those kind last Saturday morning at the annual Achievement Day of the three farm groups in Haywood county. The attendance at the meeting was not so good, but that was easily accounted for, between the weather and the gas rationing, one understood why they did not get there, but reports spoke for the absent members. They showed beyond any doubt that the three groups have been on the job for 365 days of the year. "By their works ye shall know them." We have attended many of these achievement day programs and from the standpoint of actual work accomplished we have never known a better year. We salute the hundreds of Haywood county farm men and women, girls and boys who had a part in these achievements and also the county farm and home agents who have helped them in their work.

Let us take them in the order the reports were made. First we consider the highlights of the 18 Home Demonstration Clubs with their membership of 500. They gave 1,662 hours to Red Cross Surgical Dressings. Made 372 cotton, 51 wool and knitted garments for Red Cross. Contributed \$281 to Red Cross. Collected 1,208 pounds of waste fat.

Club members and families bought \$147,874 worth of bonds in 1944.

Leaders aided county librarian in establishing 15 book stations. They sold \$26,565 worth of dairy products. They sold \$15,161 of poultry and eggs.

Sold \$5,066 worth of fruit and vegetables.

Sold \$368 home products and crafts.

Repaired 9,775 women's garments.

Repaired and mended 21,150 garments for children.

Remodeled 1,183 garments, with 351 of them ripped, washed and made over.

Members estimate a saving of \$17,000 by mending, repairing and remodeling clothes at home.

Four new homes built in 1944—29 remodeled.

149 improved grounds.

137 built new storage space and 140 rearranged and improved kitchens.

Members and neighbor leaders canned a total of 997,341 quarts of fruit.

Canned 921,420 quarts of vegetables.

Canned 49,053 quarts of meats. Canned a total of 1,967,814 quarts of food.

Members cured 177,407 pounds of meat.

Members stored 107,750 pounds of fruits, 56,407 pounds of vegetables and 936 pounds of frozen meats and vegetables.

1,770 non-Club members reached and aided with their work on farm and in homes.

Now catch your breath and we will take a whirl around the county with the 4-H girls and boys, with their nine clubs and 584 members: They carried 696 projects and completed 491 in 1944.

Outstanding projects were food conservation and baby beef production.

On 4-H Mobilization Day in March they had an attendance of 979 boys and girls. Around 600 signed up to grow food and help feed one fighter on the battle front.

A Haywood girl entered District Dress revue winning a gold pin at meet in Franklin. 10 boys entered 13 calves in Fat

Stock show — with 10 graded choice.

Won Reserve Champion 2nd place in county group of 5 animals.

First place in county group of home raised animals in group of 3.

First place in showmanship. These ten boys produced 9,400 pounds of meat for Victory.

4-H boys and girls produced 320 bushels of corn.

They produced 225 bushels of potatoes.

They produced 2,700 pounds of tobacco.

They produced 125 bushels beans. They produced 7,675 dozens of eggs.

They produced 2,700 gallons of milk.

Girls made 268 garments and remodeled 75.

Girls planned and served 1,320 meals.

They canned 4,412 quarts of food.

Collected 100,000 pounds of scrap.

They bought \$17,072 worth of bonds and stamps.

Now let's leave the youngsters and see what the Demonstration Farmers have done to improve the soil and produce. The great soil conservation program may not sound as dramatic as some of the foregoing figures, but it is making them possible, not only for the present but for the future.

Demonstration Farmers used 919,200 pounds of TVA Triple superphosphate.

They used 1,200 bags of 32.5% ammonium nitrate.

Under AAA program, used 4,501 tons of lime, 106,200 pounds of 18% phosphate; 68,200 pounds of 19% phosphate; 313,700 pounds of 20% phosphate; 11,032 pounds of Austrian Winter Peas; 2,962 pounds of crimson clover seed.

Most of them took materials available in AAA program rather than receive checks for earning goals.

297 of them grew 410 acres of tobacco yielding 583,430 pounds, valued at \$291,715, based on 1943 market.

7 purebred bulls and 42 purebred females placed with Demonstration Farmers in 1944.

They planted 8,500 white pines; 7,500 yellow poplars for erosion control and reforestation.

Out of 139 purebred breeders in county 86 Demonstration Farmers.

5 of 6 farmers growing hybrid corn Demonstration Farmers.

Out of 25 Grade A dairies in county 16 owned and operated by Demonstration Farmers.

Out of 3 certified Irish potato

# Inside WASHINGTON

\$5,000 Personal Campaign Gift Limit Now Criticized  
 No Relief From Poor Quality Leather for Civilian Use  
 Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—There's a feeling on Capitol Hill that Congress clamped too tight a ceiling on campaign expenditures and that the three million dollar limitation on a national committee and the \$5,000 personal contribution limit are too low.

Opinion of some observers who are getting into the question that in this campaign there were more contributions available than could be used by regular channels under the law.

So, as Robert T. Murphy, Senate campaign expenditures committee counsel, points out, there has been "a mushroom growth of the so-called independent committees." The individual could give only \$5,000 to any one committee—but he could contribute the same amount to a number of committees.

Several committee members already have announced they will clarify the definition of "contribution"—with one, Senator Homer Ferguson (R.) of Michigan, asserting that it already is to anyone who wants to enforce it.

ALTHOUGH CIVILIANS will continue to get sufficient chances are they will be of low quality from now until spring formed War Production Board sources point out. American farmers, men, the WPB officials explain, still take the bulk of high grade leather, keeping the hide situation in the tough spot it has been since the war started.

ARMY AND NAVY department suggestion that robot bombs of the United States be "entirely possible" lent additional strength to the widespread belief that Germany would use other weapons, including gas, as a single, desperate last resort.

While the Army and Navy emphasized that robot bombs have very little military effect on the United States, some observers have expressed belief that gas could create momentary panic in Europe and the British Isles before the attack was quelled.

CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES say government agencies still lagging in working out programs for the disposition of surplus plants, although there has been some speeding up of plans in last few weeks.

Nevertheless, decisions have not been reached as to what will definitely be regarded as surplus.

The surplus war property administration reportedly has made effort to dispose of any plant facilities up to the present time.

OPA CHIEF CHESTER BOWLES has instigated a new policy meeting monthly with the nation's top farm leaders and WPA Chairman Marvin Jones. They will discuss all aspects of the food question from production to distribution and rationing.

LOOK FOR A FLARE-UP any day now on the old issue of conversion versus war production. The controversy is back and probably will burst out into the open now that the election is over.

The National Association of Manufacturers called the turning point out that WOB recently has begun soft-pedaling recovery in favor of increasing emphasis on lagging war output.

It is another chapter in the old fight between Donald Nelson, War Production Board chairman, and the military over how far recovery should be permitted to go while the war is still on.

PROSPECTS FOR A SHAKE-UP in the cabinet, when the term begins, are believed to be greater than at the start of previous Roosevelt terms.

One reason is the fact that Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and Agriculture Secretary Claude Wickard have not handled big war-time programs relating to manpower and food. Reports around Washington indicate that both Miss Perkins and Wickard may step out of the cabinet.

In addition, Secretary of State Cordell Hull has been ill for several weeks at the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., and uncorroborated rumors are that he has offered his resignation.

How do you account for war production falling off at such an alarming rate at this critical stage of the war?

Charlie Ray—"Due to the feeling of war workers to get a peacetime job and turn their feet home."

seed growers, 2 are Demonstration Farmers.

Recently authorized treasurer to invest \$1,500 in war bonds in 6th War Loan Drive.

We guess you are dizzy with figures by now, and overcome with what is taking place in rural Haywood county, along with the great progress in our county. These accomplishments have been made possible through scientific methods plus hard work, and superb leadership. As we listened to these reports the thought came—And for these things we are fighting to keep forever in this free country of ours—We thought of the homesick Haywood boys from our farms and of the price they are paying that our rural life may continue in its well balanced program.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN



Buy War Bonds and