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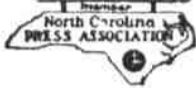
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### The Chaplain

Capt. John H. Carper, discharged chaplain from the army, and former pastor of Long's Chapel, Lake Junaluska Methodist Church, should have much to give his congregations of the future from the experiences of the past three and half years. He has been close to men in great emergencies. He has seen men die for their country and his understanding has been enriched.

We look forward with interest to reading some of his experiences as a "fighting parson", for they will reveal how a man may serve his Master and men on the battle fields.

### Cooperation

We are glad to note the growing interest of Tennessee officials and citizens in the proposed water level road from here to Newport. In this section we are especially interested in the movement as it is sponsored in Johnson City, with Fred Yearout, former Waynesville citizen, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

It gives us confidence that the people in that section will get behind the movement, for Mr. Yearout knows both sides of the question. Having resided in Haywood County he knows what it will mean to this area and now a resident on the other side of the mountain he knows that side—and can likewise appreciate the complete picture of benefit to the entire area.

### A Large Figure

We notice in the Sunday edition of The Asheville Citizen-Times that the casualties from Haywood County are listed as 89 killed in action. We wish to make the correction of this number for as will be noted on the front page of this issue the figures now stand at 110 Haywood men who have made the supreme sacrifice.

We also wish to make another correction, the total list of casualties was placed at 478 and this too is incorrect, for the total list of those killed in action, missing, wounded and held as prisoners of war is 381. We do not wish either to get credit for more casualties than we have had, nor do we wish one man to get left out of the honor roll of casualties. We merely wish the record kept straight.

We have taken pains to keep these records on file with dates and information about these heroes of Haywood county for we have felt that we were handling valuable historical data that would prove of increasing value as the years pass.

### Volunteers

We were interested last week in learning of Sgt. Walter Brown's ideas on the subject of volunteers in the armed forces. After his 28 years of training men we have confidence in the sergeant's knowledge of such matters. It stands to reason that if a man volunteers he is deeply interested in becoming a soldier or sailor, hence he would naturally bring more enthusiasm to his work and greater application to the mastery of the training and discipline.

If men are needed to occupy Germany and Japan it would appear that these men who are anxious to serve would make better soldiers. On the other hand it would not interfere with the proposed military training of our youth, who might be trained here at home without being sent on occupational duties outside of the States.

To make soldiers free and equal again by putting all peacetime services on a voluntary basis for regular service should not conflict with a year of compulsory training for our youth.

### The Outstanding Hero

Western North Carolina sent thousands of brave men into the armed forces of the nation. They fought on every front and in virtually every battle of this war. They were to be found in every branch of the army, the navy and the marine corps. They filled every rank.

But this section's outstanding hero by the record is Sergeant Max Thompson of Dix Creek section, Haywood County. He is outstanding because he received the nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor. He is outstanding also for the feat of raw heroism which he performed.

To win the Congressional Medal of Honor Sergeant Thompson had to stop single-handedly a German breakthrough. In halting the mass assault, he killed 23 German soldiers, wounded an indeterminate number of others and demeaned himself with all of the deadly destructiveness of a one-man army. The heroism which he exhibited was, in the stately language of the award itself, "above and beyond the call of duty."

Haywood County will honor him fittingly. He is its very own. But all Western North Carolina has pride in his truly incredible exploit. We rejoice to know that this section contributed such a hero to the war.—Asheville Citizen-Times.

### Looking Toward the Future

On every turn now as life is gradually swinging back to peacetime ways, with restrictions removed, it is interesting to watch the changes that are taking place. One does not have to read what they are doing in Washington, or in New York or Philadelphia, to get the signs of the tide. One may read the signs of the times right here in Waynesville and in Haywood county.

There is an optimism that is contagious. It is a kind of "growing pains." You note it everywhere you go. You hear it in all conversations. As people get away from war they are trying to catch a new vision of what they want out of life, of what they want to accomplish.

You see it in the expansion of business and you note the optimism in transfer of property. It is noted in the interest that people from other sections are showing in owning property here.

Every concern seems to feel that it is time to plan for a bigger and better future, to meet the general expansion of others as they build with a larger vision.

### Tourist Mecca

Among the many highway projects being planned, waiting only materials and labor, is one for building a highway into the Smoky mountains over the southern route from Asheville, designed to lead through Balsam gap. It is part of the plan to complete the Blue Ridge parkway and to connect it with highways going into the Great Smokies.

This area will become one of the big vacation and tourist areas in the world. It was on the way to that when the war interrupted such a trend. The time was when anything comparable to this meant a trip to Switzerland, obviously out of the question except for a very small percentage of Americans.

This will be better than Switzerland, for there one had to do his mountain climbing with a rope and an ice axe. In the Great Smokies he will do most of it with an automobile. It has always been contended by patriots that the Blue Ridge had more to offer than the mountains in other continents. Once the road is clear, hundreds of thousands of tourists will find that for themselves.—The Charlotte Observer.

### Confusing

It looks like we are being asked by friend and foe for help. We are speaking of our national situation. On one side is England, made poor by the war she fought before and with us, and she is needing large supplies, foods and materials.

On the other is Japan who has ruined her internal economic system to fight against us, and she wants American credit to build back.

Can we help both? Do we have enough supplies for both, since we too have been strained to keep the war going.

We cannot afford to let the Japs starve. The war was fought for freedom of the peoples of the world. It would not be humane even if they do not deserve it. We must help them get in a position to at least operate their government and live. It might bring us more trouble in the long run if we failed to give them aid. We don't want to have a permanent job of occupation.

On the other hand there is England, our friend, who has suffered long and she needs everything we can spare. It looks like she should be served at the first table and if there are any left overs they may go to Japan.

### HORRORS OF PEACE



### HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

This is newspaper week—Maybe it doesn't mean much to you as a reader, except that it is another week on the calendar—but to those who belong to the field of newspapering it is a week of taking stock in general. In this year 1945 it has special significance, for the future of the American press is giving editors a lot of concern all over the nation. As the business man is taking note of the changing times, so the editors are on the alert to keep step with the needs and trends in their communities. The course we take in this World of Tomorrow, which is now today has been blazed with anticipation and prophesy. It is still more or less a pioneer trail.

As the "plot thickens," so to speak—with a varied distribution of news, for the radio is getting so it beats the papers to the big spot type of coverage—and added soon will be the "illustration" of the radio news by television—news papers will have kept competition certainly in the daily field.

Then to us comes the question—Where is the weekly newspaper going to find itself in this fast moving streamlined postwar world? How are we country editors and reporters going to meet the "One World idea"? Right here in our own community we are constantly adding new residents from cities and from distant areas. They are locating here permanently. The G. I. boys are coming back. They are not the same boys who left home. They are matured men with a wider vision of things. As all these new phases of small-town paper problems come to mind, we find ourselves thinking about Benjamin Franklin. We are inclined to believe that he must have had a bumper crop of doubts when he launched his weekly—The Saturday Evening Post.

Maybe we are prejudiced. Maybe we are too close to the picture to get a proper perspective, but it seems to us that the greater the resources and means of distribution of spot news—the radio—and what not—the more secure and more definite is the place of the weekly newspaper. More and more are its purposes distinct and personal.

In the first place we read recently that half of the population of the United States is living in towns under 10,000—that would give around 60,000,000 readers for the country newspapers.

Now we admit that the radio can tell these 60,000,000 all the big events happening in the world—before the R. F. D. delivers the daily paper—and we also admit that the daily paper can reach these 60,000,000 before the weekly paper can—but the radio and the daily does not bring the same personal and individual news that the country newspaper can. Few of us are famous enough to make headlines in a daily—or news over a radio—yet we may make the front page of our own paper without even trying. The fact that a farmer on Jonathan Creek bought some purebred Herefords to add to his fine herd is news to us here in Haywood. It is front page copy. The fact that a local merchant has gone to New York or St. Louis to buy fall merchandise is of interest to us. These items would never make the daily along with such items as the fact that a socialite from New York had gone to Reno to get a divorce from her fourth husband—or that another Hollywood star had adopted a baby. We really are not concerned about how many husbands the lady from the upper crust is going to have—or the adopted babies in Hollywood—They are rather far away from our daily

### Voice OF THE People

What do you think is the greatest service a newspaper renders a community?

Mrs. Edith P. Alley—  
"They give life to a community—and progressive inspiration through publicity for greater developments."

Earl Ferguson—  
"By keeping the public informed about what is going on in the community."

Ralph Prevost—  
"I think the Waynesville Mountaineer is doing an excellent job which could be done by other newspapers in other communities. In other words we have a good example right here at home."

Joe Davis—  
"To report the news accurately—to maintain a flexible attitude to either praise or criticism."

Stanley Brading—  
"I think there are two ways, first accurate and unbiased presentation of the news, and second pointing out to the public the possibilities and opportunities of their community."

D. Reeves Noland—  
"Just like the Mountaineer is doing."

Major Cecil Brown—  
"Salvation Army."  
"To keep the public informed about local matters and to uphold a high standard of living and progress."

Grover Davis—  
"To keep before the public the things that are necessary for the development of the community."

Joe Rose—  
"A job like the Mountaineer is doing. I think it is the best small town paper I ever saw."

E. H. Blackwell—  
"The greatest service a newspaper could render a community would be to be edited and managed just like the Waynesville Mountaineer."

Commander Henry Lee—  
Retired, U. S. Navy  
"Reporting accurately the local news; a summary of world news; a summary of non-partisan local, state and national political news; editorials on local issues; articles of scientific, historical and agricultural interest; a section devoted to upbuilding and promoting the welfare of the local community."

### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Esco Justice, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2, announce the birth of a son on September 27.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Allen, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2, announce the birth of a son on September 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Noland J. Reagan, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 1, announce the birth of a daughter on September 28.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elsie Eirth, of Balsam, announce the birth of a daughter on September 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Ledford, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2, announce the birth of a son on September 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Smathers, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2, announce the birth of a son on September 30.

Yet we do not mean to minimize the importance of a strong national policy for a weekly newspaper, or the lack of knowledge of what is going on in the outside world, for our viewpoint is no longer isolated, for this generation has seen the world—But rather to show that the weekly newspaper has a place all its own in our lives—a place that cannot be duplicated by any other publication.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN.



### Just Odds and Ends of News Picked Up While RAMBLING AROUND

By W. CURTIS RUSS

C. E. BROWN, school attendance officer, is getting a wealth of human interest material from his work. This material would make an interesting book some day. He has already had some unusual experiences, and the work only started this school term. The first month of school was devoted to organizing the work and informing teachers and patrons, and only in the past week or so has he gone after the folks who ought to be in school. The results are very satisfactory.

ROBERT HUGH CLARK, former electrician, just sent us the three V-J editions of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, which played up the end of the war in the fullest coverage we have seen. They used pictures from the start at Pearl Harbor right down to V-J Day, and on top of that used bright colored newsprint, typical of colorful Hawaii. One interesting feature of the paper is their ultra-modern make-up, and on the front we noticed a line "Airplane delivery on islands other than Oahu."

HOWARD CLAPP tells us this incident, which surpasses any similar story we have heard to come out of the war. It all happened to Mrs. Clapp's brother, Lt. Sam Fowler, stationed in Germany. Several weeks ago, Mrs. Fowler, mother of Mrs. Clapp and Lt. Fowler, became critically ill at the Winston-Salem home. The Red Cross at once notified Lt. Fowler of the illness of his mother, yet no one at the Fowler home could learn whether the message ever got through.

C. E. WEATHER, who has been patient in the half squad of 35 football players are getting ready to be called up. They ask such rapid-fire questions, where's my knee, where's my knee, have another shoe, have another shoe, the tape for my hand, seen my helmet, pad on toe field, until the train takes off.

### The Everyday Counsellor

—By— REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Are you a neepler? I hope not. Few of those who will admit it, but there is nothing more disastrous to personal happiness than that unfortunate habit of picking, needing, finding fault, sticking verbal pins into the feelings of other people. Recently in this column we outlined a good method of dealing with these unfortunates. There are four classes of them, each progressively worse than the other. 1. The first is the fault-finder. This comes as a result of looking for the bad instead of the good, for the faults instead of virtues. It is the result of a wrong attitude. While the world is full of beautiful things, people with fine qualities, he does not see them because he is not looking for them. I have yet to meet a man, woman, boy, or girl about whom something good could not be said. 2. Victims of an inferiority complex. This is usually acquired in childhood as the result of fault-finding parents and teachers. Instead of trying to make up to the level of achieve, they attempt down to their level, ever criticizing those who are better than they. 3. Those suffering of frustration. Frustration is "mother-in-law" trouble. Many mothers-in-law have their children having their children. They are not satisfied with their own, they are not satisfied with their grandchildren. They are not satisfied with their great-grandchildren. They are not satisfied with their great-great-grandchildren. 4. Those who are unhealthily delighted in the people, seeing them, inflating their ego, self-importance. Bothers distorted minds are drawing attention to themselves. Usually, if the victim (Continued on page 3)

### Inside WASHINGTON

Japan's Servile Attitude | Labor Department Part of Nip Philosophy | Inexperienced, Inept

Special to Central Press  
● WASHINGTON—The docility with which Japan is total defeat and American occupation has been perplexing officials in Washington. Not so, however, to experts on philosophy and psychology—Army and Navy men and officials who have lived in Japan.

The die-hard boasts of the Samurai-inspired Japanese have dwindled to whispered "so sorry" phrases on the press and on the rubbled streets of Tokyo. Bombs muted boasts. The enemy is at a loss. It is aware that he has lost the fate of Germany, which fought to the end.

High quarters view Japan's turn-of-nature reaction of a former house turned against his master, stole the show, went on a destructive binge. Japan is to return to her former role in the world at least is striving hard to give that role a new meaning. Japanese psychology, experts point out, has been one of servility to something is force and discipline—in the now-puppet emperor, whose actions are dictated by American armed might.

Japan, it is believed in Washington, is cured of being a power, save for the die-hards, many of whom are busy carrying on.

● LABOR LEADERS are none too enthusiastic yet about department administration of Secretary Lewis E. Howe. One veteran union leader said the new cabinet business appreciate the fact that "this is a very hard-bulk business." The same official pointed out that three of the top department executives are an ex-federal judge (Schwab) former insurance agent (Assistant Secretary Moran) and on cooperatives (John Carson), all with scant experience in matters.

● THE NAVY COULD SPEED UP redeployment of troops to the Pacific by turning some of its mighty carriers into transports if the "brass hats" will permit it. Carriers en route to the Pacific earlier in the war took thousands of Marines in the days when the European responsible for a great shipping shortage.

In those days, hundreds of cots were set up on the carriers (usually used for storing planes). It is not a comfortable travel but some persons feel that veterans of a Pacific war put up with almost any inconvenience to get home sooner. It would be difficult to use other warships for such a task, most of them carry so many crew members there would be for extras.

Of course, the Navy has been hesitant about propounding makeshift transport system because they want to be sure their planes will not be needed to enforce surveillance on the Japs. However, the Navy now has about 100 carriers of all sizes and a large number should be available for such work once Army planes are operating out of Japan.