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#### Vacations

We read that a vacation boom is apparent-Iv assured, which means that here we will get our share of the great traveling American public. It is said that automobiles will again crowd the highways and that there will be a decided return of the roaming vacation, with most people planning not to stay in any one place very long.

It is estimated that 20,000,000 ears earrytag about 60,000,000 persons will take to the Jaghways. About 70 per cent of the vacation trips will be jammed into the three months. of mid-summer.

The American Automobile Association esi mates that the average family will spend around \$100 per person in the course of the . verage motor tour this year. However, those taking vacations are being warned head of time, that expenses of traveling all be noticeably higher, for all accommodacons are reported to be from 10 to 15 percent higher, but, on the other hand, traveling will be easier than it has been in some-

As a sign of the expected travel, it is recorted that accommodations for overnight visitors in the national parks which have hotels and camps are now already completely. No Celebration

#### It Could Be Worse

Most of us are pretty much tax conscious this time of the year and feel a little low in funds after the great annual take by our povernment that is until we read of the taxes some of our neighbors across the Atlantic are paying.

For instance, take great Britain, England's levy is 44 per cent of national income against our 29 per cent here. In the second full year of peace the British people are to be taxed at rates that will dwarf the highest taxes Americans paid in the peak war year of

Some of the taxes include, a new purchase tax of 66 2-3 per cent on domestic heating and cooking appliances. At \$1,500 net income, a British family of four paid \$28 a year, but this is to be reduced to \$7. Yet at the same income a U. S. family has no tax

While there are some reductions there are other taxes boosted and all in all the United States burden of taxes, whether reductions are voted or not, appears light when compared with the load of local and state taxes borne by the British taxpayer.

So while we feel inclined to let off steam about our problems in this country, when we look across the oceans on either side we realize that we are escaping, despite our burdens, a lot that others are having to endure and take.

## Regrettable

We regret to note that long distance telephone wires have been reported damaged in certain areas in both North and South Carolina. This is not good for existing conditions.

We feel sure that this type of sabotage does not meet the approval of the big majority of the strikers, but they will have to carry the burden of the blame, regardless. The action will not help them or the good sportsmanship of the public who has accepted the strike and carried on in a remarkably uncomplaining manner.

#### Signs

It is strange how often in life things are needed and we drift along, and then up comes something drastic and we take action. For some years the advisability of placing signs coming into Waynesville at both entrances, which would arouse the interest of those about to pass our way, and would be so compelling that they would feel a great urge to stop and stay awhile, has been dis-

Now with another way to pass ur up, we are taking definite action. We congratulate the Chamber of Commerce on taking the matter up and putting it through with defi-

Who knows, with the proper kind of signs, we may do just as well being a "side trip" as serving as the main thoroughfare, for then those who have no intention of stopping, will not crowd our traffic.

The 1947 season is here, so we hope that the signs will be put through with speed and ere long we will read them ourselves with renewed appreciation of what we have to offer the public and a greater inspiration to live up to what we are publicizing.

#### 1947 As Seen By 4047

The currently much-publicized English historian, Albert J. Toynbee, recently lecturing at Bryn Mawr college, ventured some prophecies, based on the last 6,000 years, as to how the present era will look to historians of 4047. Our age, he believes, will appear as having accomplished the first real step in unification of mankind, which to those future men will be a condition taken for granted. They will be concerned with this unity as expressed in religion.

Apparently Toynbee believes a kind of world religion is developing now from the play which will give pleasure and interaction and impact of what he calls the mothers down to the youngest four higher religions with world-wide missions existing today: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Far Eastern Buddhism. On this composite group the Englishman foresees Jesus of Nazareth and His teaching in 4047 as still "important to mankind."

While these long looks into the future may offer no practical aids for today's complexi- elwood crowded the seats and isles, ties, such a mental exercise gives man a sense was worth bringing the picture of perspective. The present, and his part in lall ages who saw the picture, many it, become merely an episode in the long of them for the second time stream of civilization. There is hope and inspiration in this philosopher-historian's sweeping glance backward and forward at man's struggles on our earth.-Reidsville Re-

If Adolph Hitler, who is said to have committed suicide in Berlin at approximately 3:30 p. m. on April 30, 1945, had lived he would have been 58 years old on Sunday,

In view of his life, his birthday anniversary will never be a day of celebration to the people of the world, and even the few close. if there are any left, associates in his own country, we doubt have deep in their hearts any desire to observe the date.

When one contemplates the direction of his powers of organization, his strong leadership, there comes the thought, suppose this great urge to influence the lives of others had been on the side of making the world a better place to live, with his efforts "spreading the milk of human kindness." Had his life been patterned after the latter he would have gone down with the great and the good.

### What He Deserves

We have more or less always "put in a good word" for Henry Wallace, but now we understand, better than ever, why President Roosevelt did not want him for a running mate and chose instead President Truman.

It is a disturbing thought to contemplate what might have happened had he been the vice president at the time of the death of President Roosevelt.

One of the things on which this nation was built was freedom of speech, but there are times and places when good taste does not let a man speak too freely his mind and air out his opinions.

In America, while it would be embarrassing to many of us, Mr. Wallace might speak his mind regarding criticism of the policies of our President, but on foreign soil it seems not only disloyal to one's native land, but in very bad taste. It is in the class of going out to the world with all one's domestic troubles, which should be kept shut tight in the closet with the rest of the skeletons which

every family possesses. We had given Mr. Wallace credit both for better taste and better judgment, for even on foreign soil he is coming in for a fire of criticism which he justly deserves.

#### ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS FOUNDATION



# HERE and THERE

HILDA WAY GWYN

When one sees a picture like The Song of the South" one always wonders why there are not more pictures of this type dealing with the wholesome familiar and traditional stories. Certainly, the producers are rewarded by record breaking attendances at each showing, and the box receipts should be entertainment from the Grandmembers of the family is destined to bring out a crowd. Why there are not more of them, is a constant surprise. The sheer joy that a show ing of "The Song of the South, its beloved star, "Uncle Remus," on Friday morning at the Park theater, when hundreds of school children from East Waynesville, Central Elementary, and Hazhere, not to mention the adults of

We were recently asked if we did not get weary of writing you might think that we did afperhaps if all the brides we write or maybe it

about weddings and brides, Now

might become pretty monotonous. but you see, the majority of the brides of whom we write, we have known from their childhood up, or often if not them, their families. Their happiness has a personal interest and to them is an individual matter, even though their wedding be on the same old pattern, it is a new story to write. Their wedding is a new a magazine, which one would read with interest, but one taken from life. We wish that we had a dime for all the times we had heard a young thing say when she reached the point of the musie at her wedding. "I am going because ever since I can remember, I have wanted to have that at my wedding" will be "O. Perfect Love," or perhaps it will be "The Sweetest Story Ever Told", or "Because" No matter what, the happiness

Watch Reaction of Soviet Satellites to U. S. Policy

Russian Bulletin Boasts Red Army "Won the War"

Special to Central Press

• WASHINGTON-Diplomats are watching with interest the possible reaction that President Truman's new foreign policy will have on the attitude of Soviet satellite states toward the United States. Some foresee the possibility that those nations

more restrictive in their domestic controls, such as the lessening of democratic liberties. Others anticipate that the various governments may become more amiable, at least in paying lip courtesy to America So far, little information has been given the peoples of countries

like Yugoslavia and Poland of the aid policy toward Greece and Turkey. Even the Moscow radio, which is an influential source of news in the Balkans, has said little about the aid plan, presumably uncertain what the effect of the news would be there. Meanwhile, United States officials are letting

the matter rest, trusting that in time the news will be heard. They foresee a powerful weapon in diplomacy if Greece is restored to something like normal prosperity while the Russian satellite states have a tough time making ends meet. The proposed direct relief appropriations means that aid will be withheld from unfriendly

President Truman states. This policy is likely to break down, however, if starvation faces any large segment of the population in such states, since success of the American plan depends on the hope that the masses, finding nothing to gain in Communism, ultimately will force a return to democratic ways.

. THE RUSSIAN CONCEPTION of "who won the war" was stated bluntly by the Soviet embassy Bulletin, official voice of Moscow in Washington. The Kremlin-inspired periodical stated: "In the world struggle against Fascism-the second world war-the Soviet army made the greatest contribution."

The Bulletin went on to say: "The theater of war over which the Soviet army struggled had an area roughly six times that of all the other theaters of war where Allied troops battled the German-"It is also a fact that the human losses sustained by the Soviet

army were more than six times the losses of all other Allied armies combined." No mention was made of the billions of dollars in war material

poured into Russia at a time when the Red forces were fighting with their backs strictly to the wall. . THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, which houses many objects associated with the progress of civilization, has become the posses-

sor of a device linked to one of modern man's most awesome demonstrations of destructive power. Norden bombsight No. 4120, used when the Army Air Forces

dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, recently was presented to the institution. Dr. Alexander Wetmore, secretary of the Smithsonian, remarked

in accepting the historic bombsight that he hoped there never again would be a conflict requiring the use of such an instrument. Bombsight The bombsight was one of the war's top secrets It was responsible for the remarkable accuracy

In Museum achieved not only in the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki but in the orthodox attacks which helped smash Germany's war potential. The presentation was made by A C. Buehler president of the

Victor Adding Machine company, which aided in developing the infallible "sighting machine." Buehler said he shared Wetmore's hope that the bombsight in the museum and all the others in existence would never again be used for purposes of carnage. However, Gen. Carl Spaatz, commanding general of the air forces who attended the ceremony, warned that the nation, even in peace

must maintain the "know-how" which was a vital weapon of victory.

VOICE

## PEOPLE

What is your favorite season of

John Boyd: "I like all of them pretty well. We have a good year round climate here and I like all

DeBrayda Fisher: "Spring is my favorite although it isn't the time when I feel most like working.

F. C. Wilbur: "I like this season It atways makes you feel better:

Richard Gerringer: "I'll take pring. This country has more to offer in spring than at any other ime of the year.

exty-five days is my favorite sea-I guess I like autumn best Joe Casabella: "Right now, when

the weather brings out the beauties

H. H. Holt: "Three hundred and

of nature. And the fishing season s at its best. gives the old worn out song, if useage could make it so a brand

new meaning

No we do not get weary of writhing of their happiness and we mong the big moments of their round of partying. lives, and with the final event, will become in years that follow, stored ky Yorkshireman, and his tall and ana Kellett married in and we have a genuine interest in May when Lord Inverchapel took tificial legs, learned ach bride who tells us of her redding plans, for it is a new and hrilling story to her-and so it be-

Not long after we were asked the foregoing question someone brought up the subject of "all the modern fuss and feathers" about getting married, and how they wished they lived in the days of long ago before this modern way of having so much excitement over a wedding. The Biblical authority in our family brought up the fact that even back centuries ago the marriage feast was an event of great ceremony. She gave us as proof, an old Sunday school teacher's Bible, with a clossary which contained customs of Biblical days to read, and much to our surprise we found the following on marriage:

"Marriage-This ceremony was performed in the 'Upper room' of private homes. The betrothal pair stood under a canopy, the Continued on Page Three

# Capital Lette

FOXPAW - Congressman R. L. would Doughton was in the Governor's him state at the reception prior to the Jefferson Day dinner. In somewhat of an expansive mood, for | say Farmer Bob at any rate, he was praising W. B. Umstead, United States senator.

Said he: "Umstead is a good man. He has good training. His experience for the job is excellent. He's in Washington and doing fine I think he should be rework.

He realized his faux pas a secand later when he turned his head slightly and saw former Governor home of the M. Broughton owlishly staring In a split second he said:

"And if the other candidate had surprised to been appointed to this position, I

Phothers

BUYING



TO VISIT TEXAS RANCH

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON-The Earl and Countess of Halifax, who made a ng of brides for we watch some- wide circle of friends in this coun- dian tribal council try when the earl served here as ofe hont in Okiahon cel young again ourselves. Their British ambassador, are heading parties and their preparations are for the capital and a brilliant

Halifax a towering rather gaw- son, Richard Wass p memories to bring out in the gracious countess, came to this Abbey hall hard days, which are inevitable country in 1941. They were met any life. No, we do not get tired at Annapolis by President Roose- the war and Bulant writing of brides, for it is a velt when they arrived on the in the air and lost leasure to make our contribution British battleship King George V. and gallantic tame o this happy time in their lives. He served as ambassador until last tragedy got hand

this visit, the Halifa



NEW GENERATION TAKES SHORT CUT TO BROADWAY FAME

NEW YORK. There is a mush- Luckenbach hea ooming dislike among the young- exterior suggest r set on Broadway to start at sibly he should be the bottom and get experience hours ago asset in the ancient traditions of ap- around Sardis and prenticeship and tortuous ladder- until all boars clin-bing. It would be most dis- a play called P is cous for anyone like you or my- for an approache self to attempt such a swift on gagement laught on success, but when you have millions as has 21-year-old Ed fact that the play h Luckenbach, heir to a steamship dive on the mad i fortune, normal problems have a the efforts of our strange way of smoothing them- aldine Fitzgerald selves in a tashion most alien to

WHAT ABOUT THE BE

Until we can again expand the facilities of the world's largest brewery. everybody who wants Budweiser is in the same boat. There just isn't nearly enough to go 'round ... but we are making it available equitably if not abundantly. So, to get your share. don't say beer, say Budweiser IT LIVES WITH GOOD TASTE ... EVERYWHERE