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Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to the Waynesville unit of the National Guard in the splendid manner in which they passed all requirements in the recent federal inspection.

Waynesville has always come forward with high records both in war and peace in the maintenance of our armed forces. The men in the National Guard here have taken a great deal of interest in their outfit and have rated high among such groups in North Carolina guard.

No Cause For Worry

Admiral Byrd says that "nobody will be shooting rockets over the South Pole, so there's no reason for us to get excited over the Antartica or try to freeze each other out of it."

The admiral discounts any theory that there are uranium deposits in the South Pole region and does not consider that it has any value as a strategic area.

The admiral recommends that the Antarctic be used as a vast refrigerator where surplus foods could be stored indefinitely against feeding hungry people when the occasion demanded. He also points out the benefit that weather stations could be, since weather is being treated now on a world basis.

We hope that the admiral is right, for it looks today that in every far-flung corner one hears of a "strategic spot" which the United States must either feed, try to control in some manner or put up some "rehabilitation money." We are happy to learn that the South Pole can get along without our help.

And, by the way, how many more junkets to the South Pole, at taxpayers' expense will the admiral make?

Disasters

Nature seems to be in a mad mood this spring, judging by the terrible disasters which are following in the wake of tornadoes and storms which are sweeping certain areas of the nation.

It should make us here in our protected spot between mountains very grateful for our location, which seems to be free from the dangers which are likely to come to other areas. It makes us realize anew that this is a good place in which to reside and that nature is kind here to us.

A Fine Point

On Senator Taft's \$150,000,000 bill to give help to the cause of education in this country, there were a good many points brought out by those endorsing the bill and working for its support which give rather startling information.

One staunch advocate brought out the fact that the United States government is spending money necessary to protect trees but is giving very little for education. Another said that "Uncle Sam seems more interested in trees than in children."

We approve protection of our trees and all phases of our commendable programs of conservation, but after all, the training of our children, in fairness to our nation, should come first. Maybe we had better let up on tree planting and tree saving until we get caught up on education, if the trees are getting educational money.

A Bad Sign

A recent survey showed that while the American people are making more money, they are saving less than they did during the last year of the war. Individual savings are said to have dropped from \$33,000,000,000 in 1945 to \$19,000,000,000 in 1946 and the decrease is keeping up in 1947.

The report which was released by the Commerce Department finds that the drop has been caused by price increases, more goods produced, expanded consumer credit and the end of the pressure to buy war bonds.

This will be considered a "bad sign" by most thinking people, even though there are legitimate reasons, for we like to think of the American people keeping to ways of thrift no matter what conditions, for money is still flowing freely, and it is too soon for this drop.

Justice

We read that Col. Jack W. Durant has been sentenced to 15 years at hard labor and cashiered from the service of the United States Army for his part in the theft of the Hesse crown jewels. We believe that the majority of the people of this country will heartily approve of this sentence.

Along with the inhuman treatment in prison camps, which the Germans were guilty of, we would place this theft, as an unforgivable war crime. True, the action did not hurt human beings, but the spirit of greed which inspired the crime certainly belongs to the worst that war brings out in people. It is a blot on our side.

No Short Or Merry War

"Wanted—one short war against Russia." Writers of that advertisement are still in a small minority in the United States. But the danger they create is out of proportion to their numbers. The "ad" can be written in so many different ways.

But it can be answered in only one way: "No short wars available." This is the opinion of persons who know something about modern warfare. This opinion reckons with atomic bombs. It appraises, also, the relative power of the two possible chief antagonists, taking into consideration their industrial development and their geographical advantages and disadvantages.

On this thesis hear Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias, U. S. N. (retired). Admiral Zacharias was deputy chief of naval intelligence in the war. He also commanded the battleship New Mexico in attacks on Saipan and on Guam. One of the highlights of his career was his psychological warfare campaign against Japan. Of a war between the United States and Russia, he says: "The prospect is that such a war would be the longest war in history." He makes this statement in that notable new periodical, "United Nations World."

Most people who talk about a short war against Russia have only a limited experience in warfare.—(Carlyle Morgan in Christian Science Monitor.)

Cooling-Off Period

While her neighbors across the line to the South are in the midst of a telephone strike, Virginia is having complete service as usual. This is due to a law, which prevents a strike of this type of utility, for a five weeks "cooling-off" period, before a strike can be called.

Fines up to \$1,000 or a year in jail are provided for individuals who strike during the cooling-off period. The law also permits fines of \$10,000 a day for a union that calls a strike or an employer who locks out his workers before the five weeks are up.

This has a strong appeal for us, for in five weeks both sides would have time enough to consider not only their viewpoint but to consider the other. In this way we feel sure that many a strike might be avoided to the satisfaction of both sides.

Every Dog...

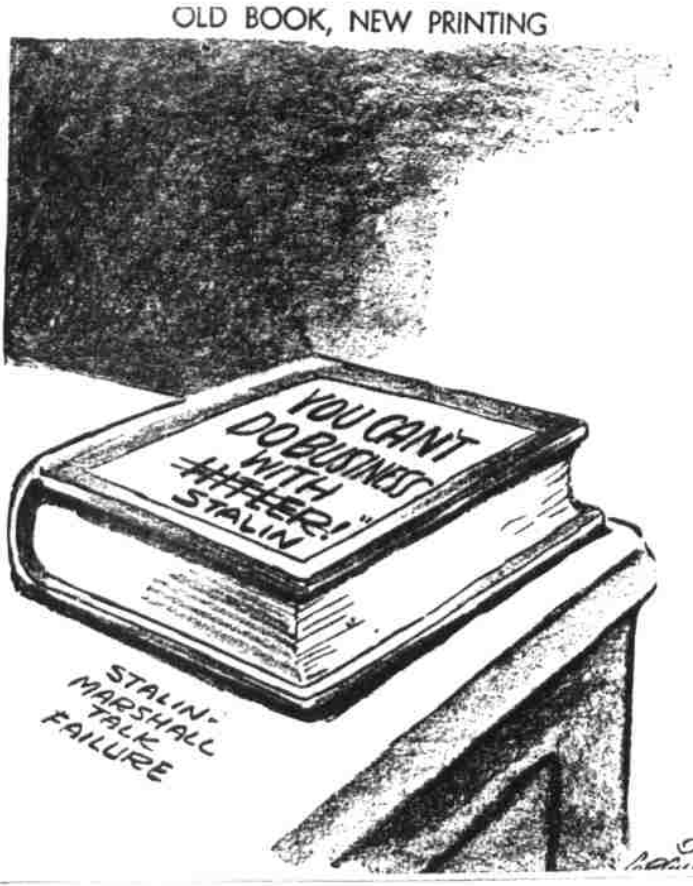
What is so rare as a day in June? A day nobody sponsors.

If you have a pet project for a special holiday to honor somebody or something, get it in early. The field is crowded, the number of available days grows smaller.

For years, the country limped along with such well-established holidays as New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

But now Congress has before it proposals for a General Pulaski Day, Dedication Day, U. S. Marine Corps Day, American Indian Day, Good Friday, World War II Victory Day, National Farm Day, National Heart Week, Grandmothers' Day, Patriots' Day, Constitution Day, Thomas Alva Edison Day, National Freedom Day and Shut-Ins Day.

Nobody yet has proposed an Overworked Press Agents' Day.—The Pathfinder.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Every cloud has a silver lining—even the silent telephones, which for the most part have quietly reposed on their books—undisturbed—and undisturbing—for the past three weeks. And when they did ring they gave most of us a startling sensation of misgiving, for we knew it must be urgent. But in the midst of this silence, it seems that "the public" in this community has made a great hit with the representatives assigned by the telephone company to carry on. They are giving us enough favorable publicity to counteract some of the inconvenience of giving our phones a vacation. They are handing out orchids of compliments about the attitude and gestures of cooperation shown by the people in using the phones in cases of emergency only. We gathered that some of them might have had an idea that in a small community they could have run into a lack of understanding of this interruption of service, but on the contrary, they found a broad point of view—and an attitude of good sportsmanship.

We are glad that North Carolina decided against joining the early risers of the Daylight Sav-

ing time brigade, and did not turn our clocks back last Sunday, as they did in many of the states—for a four months economy of daylight. This was a war period measure and with continued effort, at least there is a lot of talk about trying to get back to normal living and away from the hectic tension of those trying years, it seems much better to let the sun come up in the morning without trying to run a race with his beaming face—and beat him by one hour. We never did feel that the change accomplished much—for in winter you had to burn "the midnight oil" in the wee small hours of the morning and in the summer it made little difference, except to make us all feel that we were "pushed for time."

Speaking of trying to get back some of the feeling of relaxation which we had in prewar days, brings to mind a book which we have just finished reading (and which we kept overtime from the county library, but are more than willing to pay our fines—for the book cannot be read with profit in (Continued on Page Three)

Letters To Editor

Waynesville, N. C. May 2, 1947. Editor, The Mountaineer, Waynesville, N. C. Dear Sir:

Under your leadership as editor of The Waynesville Mountaineer, you and your paper have exerted a great and good influence in our county and even beyond. Among other helpful items of influence has been your publishing of the number of deaths and injuries caused by our highway accidents. You placed on the front page Patrolman Roberts' statements that nearly all the fatal accidents in Haywood county for the year 1946 were due to drunken or drinking drivers. We are proud of, and commend you for, these timely facts heralded by your paper as a warning to an evil far greater than infantile paralysis or cancer. Moreover, you have consistently refused to advertise beverage alcohol in any form until recently. Considering your past record and your stand as a Christian and leader in the church we were shocked and amazed to see advertisements of beer in The Waynesville Mountaineer for the past two (Continued on Page Three)



JEFFERSON STATUE TAKES ITS PLACE IN MARBLE HALLS

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — The permanent bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson is being installed in the marble monument built to honor the country's third President.

It arrived a few days too late to receive the admiration of the thousands who flocked to the shrine on April 13, the 204th anniversary of Jefferson's birth.

The visitors, many of whom had arrived for the capital's famed cherry blossom festival, had to be content with gazing upon a 19-foot plaster model, fashioned during the wartime metal shortage.

The bronze statue, weighing five tons, was cast in 21 pieces by the Roman Bronze Co. in New York, and molded into one at a cost of \$21,104. It took one year to make the statue, but even then it was completed seven months ahead of schedule.

It will stand upon a six-foot

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should we ask advice from people who "know more than we do"?

Answer: We should go to them for information. When considering a job, for instance, you may well find someone who can tell you more about its prospects than you could dig up for yourself; and it's even possible that you may learn facts that way about a prospective wife or husband to which love would otherwise blind you. But it's dangerous to let asking advice become too much of a habit—you're apt to start feeling as if your adviser could protect you from the consequences of your actions. No one can do that.



Are normal people likely to marry neurotics?

Answer: No, says Dr. Edmund Bergler in "Unhappy Marriage and Divorce." "Experience has shown that rarely is one partner to a marriage neurotic and the other healthy. Usually two neu-

By LAWRENCE Consulting Psych

roties seek and find each other. Because this is so, a neurotic band who is unhappy, neurotic reasons will rarely marry. In most cases, will simply pick up the same type as to revive the old neurotic and be disillusioned over again.



Are sleep-walkers asleep?

Answer: As a rule, no, says Dr. R. M. Journal of Mental Science study of 117 male sleep-walkers, he found in all but three cases that one was of normal consciousness. The sleep-walking was sometimes produced by hypnotism or other cases patients used hypnosis as an excuse for their actions. The more one later, the less sound asleep.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What is the most interesting city you have ever visited?

H. B. Angel: "Silver Springs, Fla. impressed me more than any other because of the natural beauty of the lake, under water animals; also Boss Allen's snake farm."

Homer Justice, Jr.: "Washington, D. C."

Herman Francis: "San Francisco, with its many places of interest."

Gilbert Ferguson: "I liked Birmingham, Ala. best of the cities I've seen."

Mrs. Walter L. Hyatt: "I think Washington, because of the museums and other historical places."

Ralph Bowen: "I would say Paris, although much of its glamour is over-rated."

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

NOTES—A recent official test made by the state highway commission shows that 56 per cent of the buses checked exceeded the speed limit of 50 miles an hour—24 per cent of all motorists checked went over 50—the limit moves up to 55 July 1—You'd better keep a light right foot, for the state is almost ready to bear down on the speeders—Don't say you weren't warned.

Just the other day, it seems, this column received a report that there were 42 radio stations in North Carolina. Now comes a note from the National Association of Broadcasters that the number is 77, and this state leads the nation in this respect—The 77 does not include FM stations either—A 250-watter in the little town of Tarboro netted

\$1,840 in March—The Observer is expected to erect one of its towers. OFFER—About five you read here that Harry B. Caldwell, former master and good health of legislative and public representative. This offer will be N. C. Council of Gov. Friday, May 9. He is it for a salary of around year—and if he can't to continue with his insurance directing him an additional \$500. He will be worth \$100,000 in fact has well. (Continued on Page 3)

Inside WASHINGTON

Army Air Forces Chief Latest Demo VP Rumor Has Taft Grip Weakened Since Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Latest speculative possibility as a dental nominee, to be run by the Democrats on their ticket in 1948, is Gen. Carl Spaatz, chief of the Army Air Force. The rumor got started at the annual Jefferson Day Washington's Mayflower hotel where 2,000 loyal and Democrats paid \$100 apiece to dine and hear the press Spaatz and Mr. Truman did not sit far apart, and course of the evening they frequently conversed. This behind-the-scenes speculation among the general is the first military discussed as a vice presidential wide-open race, which probably will be decided until the Chicago convention.

Others are Navy Secretary James War Secretary Robert Patterson, Secretary W. Averill Harriman and Secretary J. A. Krug—the latter before he by the big verbal guns of John L. connection with the Centralia, Ill.,

POLITICAL OBSERVERS ARE WONDERING just the reportedly high-powered political organization of Sen. Taft (R), Ohio, really is, and whether it will be able to goods when the GOP national convention meets next week. Capitol Hill observers, keeping a chart on the Ohio since Jan. 3, have come up with some facts indicating on the Senate already appears to be loosening. They say he got the worst of a compromise on a reduction with Senator William F. Knowland (R), Senate freshman. On the reciprocal trade agreement Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan and Eugene D. Millikin took the GOP leadership.

ONE MUST BE ACQUAINTED with Senate tradition stand why atomic committee senators allowed a member, Senator Kenneth McKellar (D), Tennessee, to listen, week after week, to his prolonged battle with E. Lillenthal.

Chairman Burke Hickenlooper (R), Iowa, frequent his annoyance over McKellar's tactics. Other members irked. However, it was not until hearings on Lillenthal's went into its sixth week that the atomic senators agreed McKellar's inquiry. Here is the explanation: 1—A committee, as Hickenlooper explained, is a "committee of the Senate." It merely facilitates getting information Senate as a whole. Thus, a non-committee senator may in any hearing in which he is interested.

2—The Senate is zealous about maintaining full freedom and expression, and that goes also to the freedom of producing evidence on which to debate. Senators boast that their body is the world's only remaining legislative forum for untrammeled debate. So, had the committee cut McKellar's questioning short, it would have been accused on the Senate floor of breaking Senate tradition, of gagging a colleague's senatorial etiquette and courtesy.

Above all, the committee wanted to be, as Hickenlooper newsmen, "unmerciful" on that point.

DELEGATES TAKING OFF from the United States Geneva conference to establish an international organization felt that it was "touch and go" on whether will come out of the important meeting. Top officials pretended to have every confidence of agreement would be reached, but privately they optimistic.

In their efforts to impress the importance of the Congress and the people they encountered strong public attention in the debate on the Greco-Turkish aid failure so far to indicate a willingness to share in agreements adds to the problem.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

