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Filling A Big Need

Three classes of trade school training for veterans of World War II are now in operation for Haywood county: carrying out studies and practical work on facilities at the Waynesville Township High School.

The school is new, having begun here on July 1, and the credit for getting it organized largely belongs to Jack Messer, superintendent of public schools.

Perhaps it is too soon to call the trade school successful. Its beginning, however, points to this end. There is a definite need now for skilled building trades workers in this area.

The school is one of many sponsored by the Veterans Administration under the GI Bill, established on a two-year basis.

For the present we offer our congratulations to Superintendent Messer and the instructors of the veterans trade school for their constructive program and to the Veterans Administration for making possible such training.

A Noble Battle

There is almost as much to do over getting women's dresses down a little below the knees as there was a quarter-century ago to get them above the ankles.

Then it was necessary only to cut a few inches off the bottom and run a new hem. Now to be in the mode women must buy new wardrobes.

Few dresses bought even in the early spring of 1947 had the four or five inch turn-up for the turndown needed to drop skirts to the new length.

It is encouraging, therefore, to find women, singly and in groups, stubbornly fighting this latest ukase of the fashion-setters.

The other fellow's prices should be lowered, but our own increases are legitimate.

These meat prices are going to make vegetarians of people.

Play Program

Merchants of Waynesville and Hazelwood will be interested in one of the subjects discussed at the recent meeting of the American Legion post.

Some of the reasons advanced as to why an organization of this type could take care of the flag display better than individual merchants are sound.

An Influential Election

The fourth election on the establishment of ABC stores in heretofore "dry" territory will be held November 4 when Asheville voters march to the polls and make the decision for their city.

Several months ago Rowan county turned down ABC stores, and last week voters in Hickory voted by a narrow margin against the stores.

The score is now 2 to 1 in favor of the dry forces, and the election in Asheville will be watched with keen interest by both sides.

The result of the Asheville election will have tremendous influence here in Haywood. If Asheville votes for the stores, then it will not be too long before sentiment here will suggest "get ABC stores in Haywood and keep the profits at home."

The influence of the Asheville election will be far-reaching, and as far as Haywood is concerned, influential either way it goes.

Too Much Sarcasm

The state advertising department is certainly putting North Carolina into printer's ink all over the country.

Of special interest to those of us here in the shadows of the Great Smokies is the story now being featured of the hog rifle shooting match held at Cataloochee Ranch during the summer.

Only last week Holiday magazine devoted some 100 pictures in color and 10,000 words describing North Carolina as a "Variety Vacationland."

Among other magazines to carry Tar Heel stories include the New York News with a page of pictures on a Cherokee Indian ball game, the Highway Traveler, Pathfinder and Country Gentleman.

All this adds up in putting North Carolina in the eyes of the traveling world, as well as potential new businesses for the state.

There is one sad note about some of this publicity—too often, as in the case of Holiday magazine, we feel the photographer could have gotten pictures portraying more typical Western North Carolina than were carried.

Of course the reaction is always going to be against the publication, because travelers coming here expecting to find the primitive modes of life soon learn such is an extreme case.

We like and appreciate national publicity, as long as those handling it stay in the middle of the road and don't veer too far to the left.

Wonder what Tom Dewey thinks of Senator Taft's straight-from-the-shoulder oratorical maunderings on his western tour, when all he (Dewey) said was off the record.



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members—Of The Mountaineer Staff—

Swish! The fall breeze that blew in on Thursday certainly made the men's straw hat exit a noticeable occasion.

The We-Are-Wondering - Club: If the scribe for that Miami paper who recently was a visitor to our town, wouldn't gladly swap the tragedy that is Miami's for the peace and safety of Waynesville.

In rambling round we hear many things, some of them a more or less exciting nature. And we often wonder what would happen if we hastened to the nearest "listening post" and passed the news along.

We watched a young mother persuading her tiny daughter to remain in the car while the shopping was attended to. It was hard to convince the very young lady that a crowded shopping center was a most uncomforable place to while away the time.

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5 YEARS AGO. Dr. Thomas Stringfield will address the Haywood Medical Society tonight at the nurse's home.

10 YEARS AGO. Haywood county will rank third in Western North Carolina in the production of burley tobacco.

motion, decide you won't tell it to anybody until TOMORROW. You'll be utterly surprised how small it has grown after a night's sleep, and in many instances by that time it has been proven erroneous.

One by one we tell our regular summer visitors good bye for the winter, hoping that we will be here to greet them when they return next year.

Would you like to see the veto right eliminated in United Nations proceedings?

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Looking Back Over The Years. Chicago where she will spend the next month visiting.

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MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is writing the story of your life a sign of egotism? Answer: It's undoubtedly a sign of interest in yourself and belief that others will find your experiences entertaining or instructive.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

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Inside WASHINGTON. U. S., Britain May Yet Save Life of Bulgarian. Stay of Execution Petkov, Agrees.

WASHINGTON—Despite the cur Russian rejection American efforts to save the life of Bulgarian politician Nikola Petkov, there still remains a good chance that he will bring about a mitigation of his death sentence.

HANNEGAN'S DECISION—Although the resignation of National Chairman Robert Hannegan seemed pretty sure there's a faint chance that Hannegan will refuse to obey the order of his physicians and quit.

GENERAL LEE'S DEFENDER—A new twist in the case against Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commander of the Marine theater, has brought an uproar from the leading service press.

ARMED FORCE DECLARED—The Army is investigating the charges. The publication bitterly criticized the colonel, who is unnamed, and said that he is "doing far more to 'knock down' the Army" than the charges against Lee.