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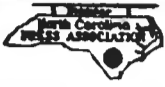
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The Blackout

Tonight we are to have our first blackout in the Wilkesboros. It will be for practice purposes and we hope that we shall never need the benefit of practice.

But, who knows?

There are no military objectives here and if the enemy had air bases in striking distances the only raids we would have, perhaps, would be for terroristic purposes—nuisance raids—as they are called in Britain.

But while we have no military objectives here now, the picture could change overnight. A troop movement through a town would transform it immediately from its former status to one of a military objective.

Thus it is necessary that we have practice blackouts and preparation for emergencies we hope shall never happen.

And there is the possibility that some here now may find themselves in places where bombs will fall later. Practice gained here could be useful there and then.

Commanding officers of U. S. forces at Pearl Harbor thought that Japs could not attack them there. That complacency costs us the worst defeat in our history.

Distances mean little now and it is much better to be prepared and not need the preparation than to need preparations and not have them.

At Pearl Harbor we had sufficient forces of men and equipment on December to repel the Japs. But our forces were not alert and the surprise attack succeeded to a much greater extent than if our forces had been ready. In fact, military authorities have expressed the opinion that if American forces had been ready that what was a Jap victory would have been a disastrous Jap defeat. Thirty minutes time would have made all the difference, was the opinion expressed by Secretary of the Army Knox.

From such mistakes as the complacency at Pearl Harbor the people of all allied nations in this war can learn a lesson. It is an all out war and we should be prepared to combat the enemy in whatever form whatever place it rears its ugly head.

Absurdity Incarnate

This editorial is about a happening so absurd that it may belong in another column in this newspaper but it is too important to place in obscurity.

Today the pipe line to carry gasoline from Louisiana to Greensboro, N. C., would have been placed in operation had it not been held up by an agency of the United States government.

While German submarines continue to sink tankers off the Atlantic coast and there becomes a real instead of imaginary danger of a gasoline shortage over the whole thickly populated east, the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C., plasters an order on Plantation Pipeline company forbidding them to operate the pipeline because someone has complained that the rate schedule is TOO LOW!

In view of the fact that a gasoline shortage looms, it is hard to believe that such a crazy action has taken place, but it is a fact.

And it seems more absurd in view of the fact that the order of ICC holds good for SEVEN MONTHS unless it is lifted.

This country almost runs on gasoline. The pipeline would furnish a bountiful supply for several states, leaving the tank available to furnish the states which it cannot reach.

And while nazi subs-blast tankers to the bottom of the Atlantic and threaten the gasoline supply of eastern states, the ICC only says the pipeline cannot operate because competitors have claimed that its

rates of transportation are too low.

What this country needs is coordination. The action of the ICC could be comparable to a recent strike of welders on the west coast. Both actions hold up production.

The pipeline should immediately begin operation. If an adjustment of rates is necessary there will be plenty of time for that.

Borrowed Comment

THE YANKS HAVE COME! (Statesville Record)

It is with a curious mixture of elation and anxiety that one reads the news that American troops have already landed in Northern Ireland.

We know we were in the war, or course, when Pearl Harbor was attacked, when the Marines were making their stand at Wake Island, when MacArthur's Magnificents began their last-ditch defense of the Bataan Peninsula. An army in Europe, however, brings it all home with redoubled forces. To the winning of the war in all areas and in every phase, we are committed. Now American soldiers are actually ready to play their part.

When the United States entered World War I, it was almost a month before the first destroyer units reached Queenstown to take up its share of the submarine war. This time they were engaged in such a task long before actual war came. The First Division sailed for France on June 14, 1917, more than two months after war came. This time American troops in the Pacific outposts were attacked as the announcement of war, have been fighting ever since, and now only a month and a half after war came, our troops are in North Ireland.

What is their mission we do not know, and it is right that we should not know. For any general knowledge of that mission in this country would certainly get speedily into the hands of Hitler. It is hard, of course, for the parents and friends of the American soldiers not to know precisely whether their boys are bound. In 1917 everybody knew. There could be but one destination—France.

This is another war, a strange, world-wide conflagration in which there are a dozen fronts, with American troops needed on all of them. It need not be surprising at a time to hear of American troops turning up in any one of a dozen theatres of war.

There will, of course, be criticism of the sending of troops to Ireland while MacArthur needs them so badly in the Philippines, and the British and Dutch are so hard-pressed in the South Pacific. Such criticism is ill-founded. We have general assurance that such help as it is possible to send, is already on the way to those places.

That is all that can wisely be announced for the present, for the sake of the safety of those who go. The very secrecy of the movement to Ireland, trying though it may be to those who wait at home, is the best assurance that every step was taken to insure the soldier's safety.

MISUSED BALLOTS, SOMETIMES (The Chatham News)

The mayor of an important New England manufacturing city recently asked the voters to return him to office at a time when he was in jail serving a term for criminal libel. The voters turned him down. To take his place they picked a dance hall proprietor.

Without casting reflections upon the dance hall business, it seems doubtful if the training received from running an amusement business would qualify a man for the job of running a municipal corporation. Yet, the taxpayers of this particular city picked him for a job that requires a knowledge of accounting, of budgeting and of intricate city finances. He apparently had no special qualifications that would fit him for the job of handling police and fire administration, the problems of street construction and repair, sewage disposal, water supply and the many other problems that confront the chief executive of a city.

Cities are constantly electing men to the office of mayor because of their picturesque character or personal popularity. Such candidates might never be picked to run a large department store or a manufacturing plant or a bank. Yet the voters seem willing to place this type of man in a position to decide what their taxes will be for years to come. They place the future of their homes in the hands of men who apparently have no special knowledge or qualifications to lead one to believe that they can handle the assignment.

Someway it just doesn't make sense.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

SUGAR AND LIQUOR

We have it by first hand information (not grapevine telegraph) that the sugar shortage will play havoc with the illicit liquor business. To which we give a hearty AMEN!

Rationing of sugar will deprive moonshiners of their source of raw materials.

Prices of bootleg liquor, including sugarhead, have already gone up and are likely to go sky high since the government will not take time to establish a price ceiling for something that is illegal anyway.

About the only thing the liquor makers can do is start making liquor out of corn, of which there is a plentiful supply. But we predict that there will not be enough illicit liquor made out of corn to drown a flea.

From information gained from people who know because they have been engaged in that type of work, there are few things which take a greater outlay of work and money than moonshining. Just why people persist in making liquor, doing all the work involved and taking the risk of a penitentiary vacation for the so-called profits involved we cannot understand.

If the many people who are engaged in making sugarhead would put that much time into any kind of constructive labor the ultimate returns would be much greater.

We would suggest that they turn their work and investments into dairy farming—producing milk instead of liquor.

In the final analysis they would find that they have profited more and that they had produced a drink to benefit humanity instead of one to damn the lives of men, women and children.

HALF WITTY CRACKS

When money talks it usually says "goodbye".

Have you heard of the man who goes to the cemetery every year to mourn for the death of his wife's first husband?

Boy friend—Are you free this evening? Girl friend—Well, not exactly free, but very inexpensive.

"Get religion like a Methodist. Experience it like a Baptist. Be sure of it like a Disciple. Stick to it like a Lutheran. Pay for it like a Presbyterian. Concoctate like a Congregationalist. Glorify it like a Jew. Practice it like a Christian Scientist. Propagate it like a Roman Catholic. Work for it like a Salvation Army lassie, and enjoy it like a colored man."

Gene Wike Goes Into U. S. Navy

Boone, Jan. 29.—Eugene Wike, member of the faculty at Appalachian College, and director of the publicity department, left on Wednesday of last week for Charleston, S. C., where he was inducted into Class V-4 of the naval reserve. This enlistment gives Mr. Wike the rank of chief yeoman of the naval intelligence.

Mr. Wike graduated from Appalachian College in 1937 and during his senior year most capably edited The Appalachian. The year following his graduation he entered the publicity department of Appalachian and also became a member of the faculty as an instructor in history.

Let the advertising columns of this paper be your shopping guide.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

North Carolina, Wilkes County: Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Wesley L. Church, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, at his office in North Wilkesboro, on or before the 13th day of January, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of January, 1942.
J. ALLIE HAYES, Administrator of Wesley L. Church, dec'd.
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YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Mountain View School Reports

Tenth Grade—On Monday, January 29, 1942, the junior class held a class conference during the home room period. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, and he presided over several topics of discussion, which included: (1) A discussion on the purchase of a Defense Bond for the school. All of the junior class consented to contribute their share towards purchasing this bond. (2) The subjects desired for the 12th grade next year were typing, shorthand, chemistry, higher mathematics, Spanish, agriculture, higher Home Economics, Industrial arts and Journalism.

Sports—The basket ball teams of our school this year are not counting their gains in terms of the number of games won, but rather in terms of how the game was played—We are placing emphasis on sportsmanship rather than on the desire to win at all cost.

The eleventh grade is making an effort this year to lead the student body in good sportsman-

ship and cooperation. Knowing that the lower grades look to the senior class as an example of good sportsmanship set forth for the school.

There has been a change made in the basketball schedule in order that the activity period can be spent with a teacher who will give physical training to the students who don't go out for basketball.

In our senior class home room which meets every Monday, we discuss problems which confront us every day. The class chairman presides over the meeting. We also have some interesting programs planned by different members of the class.

On Wednesday, January 21, Miss Williams gave an interesting talk on nutrition and food essentials we all ought to have each day in order to have an active, healthy body.

The Dramatics Club is giving a play called "Look Out, Lizzie." The date on which it will be given will be announced later.

The seed sale campaign which has been going on for the past week has proved to be a success.

Here are a few suggestions on how the home can help the school:

1. Let children do own work.
2. Upper grade pupils usually

have a chance to study or prepare at home. See that assigned tasks receive careful attention. A room should be provided for study, free from the intrusion of visitors, the radio, or family conversation. And have good lighting.

3. Have high regard for school teachers and principal, who are responsible for the safety and education of your children and thousands of others as well.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Adolphus J. Taylor, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Salisbury, N. C., Route 2, on or before the 29th day of December, 1942, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of December, 1941.

W. C. TAYLOR,
Executor of Adolphus J. Taylor,
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| Lv. Brown's Store | 601 | 966 | 1006 | | | | | |
| Lv. Halls Mills Post Office | 603 | 968 | 1008 | | | | | |
| Lv. Absher's Service Station | 607 | 972 | 1012 | | | | | |
| Lv. Bumgarner's Service Station | 608 | 973 | 1013 | | | | | |
| Lv. Mulberry School | 615 | 980 | 1020 | 100 | 300 | 505 | 630 | 1130 |
| Lv. B. & E. Service Station | 616 | 981 | 1021 | 101 | 301 | 506 | 631 | 1131 |
| Lv. Kilby's Store | 622 | 987 | 1027 | 107 | 307 | 512 | 637 | 1137 |
| Lv. Wingler's Store | 624 | 989 | 1029 | 109 | 309 | 514 | 639 | 1139 |
| Ar. North Wilkesboro | 630 | 995 | 1035 | 115 | 315 | 520 | 645 | 1145 |
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| Lv. B. & E. Service Station | 709 | 924 | 1244 | 254 | 414 | 614 | 959 | 1213 |
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NO SERVICE OPERATED ON SUNDAY

In view of the National Emergency, causing a shortage of tires and parts, we find it necessary to eliminate all schedules which are not necessary for the convenience and necessity of the public. We believe the service as shown above, which serves all work shifts, is sufficient to serve the needs of the people living in this territory. We also find it necessary to adjust and change a few fares on this route. This is made necessary because of the increased prices on tires and material and increases in rates are as small as possible. Ask your driver or agent at North Wilkesboro for information concerning rate changes.

We wish to thank all of you for your patronage and hope you will continue to ride with us and cooperate with us in our efforts to save tires and material as we believe this is the duty of all REAL AMERICANS during this emergency. For information on other lines call 216.