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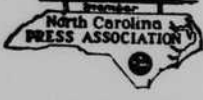
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Paragraphics

The Monroe Wilson post of the American Legion and the Women's Civic club are to be commended for the service they are rendering by giving home-made kits, filled with practical and useful articles, to all Transylvania men who leave for active military training.

The recent election of Mrs. Joseph S. Silversteen as vice president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a high honor for Brevard and North Carolina, as well as for the prominent local woman.

Plans are now being made for the annual clean-up week here and we hope every family and every business firm in Brevard will co-operate fully with this campaign.

Remember Mother!

The dearest person in all of the world is Mother. No other word in the English language has such a clear, tender meaning as the one word, Mother.

It was Mother's hand that rocked the cradle. In the still of the night when the body tossed and turned from feverish illness, it was Mother's loving care that soothed our brow and watched silently and prayerfully by our bedside.

Yes, wherever we go it is Mother who is there with us. The purity, loyalty and unselfishness of her love are unequalled on this earth.

Sunday is Mother's Day. Let's remember her on that day and let's show her our appreciation for what she has done for us.

A Great Record

No final figures have been released, but we are of the opinion that Transylvania led every county in North Carolina in percentage bond purchases last month.

For this outstanding distinction, no award is available, but every person in the county and every one of our men in service should swell with pride over this fine record.

The enthusiasm displayed at the Victory rally last week far exceeded our fondest anticipations and the rally was a grand climax to a great campaign.

Credit for the overwhelming success of the Second War Loan drive in Transylvania can rightfully go to hundreds of persons—to all of those who bought or helped sell a single stamp or bond—but the major share of credit should go to our industrial leaders—Messrs. Harry Straus, Joseph Silversteen, W. M. Melton, W. W. Croushorn, George Wheeler and Ralph Fisher.

The bond solicitors and especially the star salesman, Mr. Jerry Jerome, also deserve special commendation. They devoted

a good deal of time and work in rendering this patriotic service.

Topping the entire group, however, is Mr. Edward H. McMahan, whose fine leadership as chairman of the war loan committee and the war bond savings staff has been responsible, in a large measure, for the success of all bond drives since sales were started a year ago.

Congress Should Act!

The nation's 530,000 coal miners are back at work under a fifteen-day truce, but an agreement has not been reached and unless John L. Lewis' demand for a \$2-per-day wage increase is granted, the miners may walk out again.

Following the action of President Roosevelt, all mine properties were taken over by the government and Lewis is claiming that since the miners now have "new employers," the old dispute, which was certified to the War Labor Board, has been wiped off the slate and that new negotiations should start from scratch.

In his splendid appeal last Sunday night over the radio to the miners to return to their jobs, President Roosevelt placed the blame for the strike squarely on the shoulders of Lewis and other union leaders. He pointed out the vital necessity of coal production and told miners that they were retarding the war effort every minute they were off the job.

For the first time during his long administration, President Roosevelt and John Lewis are now having an open battle, and while the miners are back at work today it is rather apparent that Lewis will win out.

We, too, are sympathetic with those workers whose incomes are not high enough to cover standard living costs, but according to our information the coal miners are getting an average of \$2,400 per year, which seems to us to be darn good pay.

Under these conditions and at a time like this when the nation's very existence is at stake, we believe that persons who strike or who are responsible for strikes are guilty of treason.

We are not much surprised at Lewis, but we are surprised at the miners. Where is their patriotism? Isn't there grave danger for democracy at home when a large group of essential workers have greater devotion for a union leader than they have loyalty for their country?

We have always doubted Lewis' love for democracy or for the capitalistic system of government. On numerous occasions in the past we have urged Congress to pass laws that would prevent such a man from gaining too much control in this country. Members of Congress have done a lot of talking, but have taken little or no action. If there is a strike in the coal or any other industry in this nation that retards the war effort, members of Congress and the chief executive will be to blame.

They should pass a law outlawing strikes for the duration and certainly they should pass laws requiring that unions and union leaders accept responsibility.

If you agree, write to our Congressmen and Senators immediately. We must not allow John Lewis or any group of people in America to retard our march to Victory or to threaten Democracy here at home!

Foundations For Two Freedoms

Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, in urging that agreement based on the principles of the Atlantic Charter be reached by the United Nations before an armistice is signed, so that among other things rehabilitation measures can be undertaken without delay, opens up a subject on the successful solution of which the future wellbeing and prosperity of our country and the world, depends.

"Freedom from fear—the assurance of peace," says Mr. Welles, "and freedom from want—the assurance of individual personal security, require all the implementations which the genius of man can devise through effective forms of international cooperation."

Peace—freedom from fear—cannot be assured while war threatens anywhere throughout the globe—and until nations jointly exercise police powers to prevent armed hostilities. Freedom from want, Mr. Welles points out, depends upon people being able to find useful work continuously and to exchange the things they produce for things other people can make.

FIRST ROWS OF SUMMER



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

Washington, May 4 — This is one world all right—but take another look at it behind the news of the day.

This war started when Germany attacked Poland, September 1, 1939, and 15 days later, Russian troops crossed Poland's border cancelling Soviet-Polish treaties.

Three months later, on November 23, the Soviet government renounced its non-aggression pact (1932) with Finland, and two days later, invaded that country. Popular American opinion against Russia hit such heights that we collected millions of dollars of our good money to aid the Finns against the Russians.

These almost unanimous public beliefs of ours prevailed for nearly two years when Hitler suddenly (June 21, 1941) turned on Russia. All our thinking twitched diametrically.

Little Finland began to fight back against Russia, but we no longer considered her as a valiant democratic nation fighting against aggression. Her fight was the same, but, this time, we looked on her as a tool of the Nazis.

Indeed, events drew us the whole way around and soon we found ourselves also fighting on the side of Russia, contributing billions to her cause.

Only last week, we withdrew most of our embassy from Finland, presumably because she would not make peace with Russia. We could not afford to be aiding an enemy of our new ally.

All the while, we harbored the exiled Polish government which had been crushed by the Nazis and invaded by the Soviets. But this week when that Polish government demanded a Red Cross investigation of Polish murders, our Soviet ally practically declared itself about these people in our midst by withdrawing diplomatic recognition. The Kremlin acted quickly without consultation.

This act seemed a shock to us, but in view of the above history, it was logical and natural. The only reason it appeared to us as a shock was because we had nationally deluded ourselves into false assumptions.

Everyone with an eye clearly focused could see from the start that Russia was in this war because the double-dealing Hitler had invaded her homeland, and that this homeland was what she was fighting for—not primarily to defend democracy or a new world democratic federation, or a quart of milk a day, not for the four freedoms, certainly not our conception of them as far as Finland and Poland are concerned.

Our swiftly changing publicity promoters, however, have tried to make some propaganda mesh out of the necessities which brought us and Britain into the war on the same side and to dovetail our ideals and our purposes. They did it so enthusiastically that they got us to believing that everyone on our side looked at this as the average American man in the street.

Perhaps they even convinced themselves—until Moscow put earlier against the Poles in connection with other matters. Molotov's note says straight out that

When your doctor asks where you prefer to have your prescription filled, say: VARNER'S, because: Filled only by registered pharmacist; as written and at reasonable prices. (A.J.Vt.) 12-18-tfc

Russia wants Polish territory. And is Molotov wrong in thus preparing to demand Polish territory? Poland was Russia, Austrian and Prussian before the last world war. The Treaty of Versailles restored her ancient individuality, but thereafter she always had trouble with Russia.

Stalin no doubt will contend eventually her eastern provinces are rightly his. It all depends on how far you go back into history which answer you get. Both sides get the one they want.

Anyone who can settle the boundaries satisfactorily to Russia and Poland has sufficient astuteness to be the leader of the world, but no one will ever fulfill that mission.

Now the Russians say the Poles are making Nazi capital by bringing up the atrocity matter. That may or not be. The far more important thing to us is that these facts regarding Poland and Finland show how mercurial has been our public opinion and how—whether high or low—it has seldom looked at the other fellow's side of the matter or understood his position.

We too make up our opinions on a basis of our own self-interest, every nation has, always will. Certainly here is the profound eternal truth of international relationships. Here is the basis upon which the post-war world must be built. It is a basis of conflicting interests, ancient territorial arguments, racial and religious competitions.

The solution of our hopes to live in peace hereafter must be founded upon these human equations, these realities. It cannot be found in the stars of idealism or in the skies of self-deceptive hopes, or by throwing away of money and food to get temporary conformance.

It is one world, but it is an earthly world.

Physics Department Receives Equipment

In keeping with its war-training and defense program, the physics department at Brevard College has recently purchased a great deal of new equipment for its laboratory, C. H. Trowbridge, professor of science at the college, has announced.

Among other things the laboratory has received recently are a telegraph sending and receiving set to be used in Morse code, and new apparatus to be used in connection with the classes in electricity given at the college.

Some of the physics equipment will supplement material already on hand, while some will be entirely new to the students.

The purchasing of this new equipment makes the Brevard College physics laboratory one of the best equipped laboratories in Western North Carolina.

OLD TOXAWAY

By Miss Myrtle Aiken

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meece and daughters, Maxine and Jo Ann, of Reedy Cove, S. C.; Jess Meece and Rev. George Holcombe, of Middle Fork, visited friends and relatives in this section Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Cantrell and daughters, Mildred and Vandoria, visited Mrs. Pierce Aiken and family last Sunday.

Miss Ressie Chappell returned home last Saturday after spending the past two weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pressly and family in the "Holly Pen" section. S. E. Robinson was a dinner

PENROSE NEWS

By N. L. Ponder

Enon church is planning for a good daily vacation Bible school to begin May 10th, and to last two weeks. The school will be held during morning only. A much better attendance than last year is expected. The director, Miss Stewart, will have school at the Pisgah Forest church in the afternoon on the same days.

Charley Case, who has been in Military training at Camp Mackall, N. C. came home over the week-end to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Case. Charley found an interesting coincidence on the bus he rode home. His brother, Ralph, who has been in training at the Greensboro air field, was on the same bus, and neither knew the other was on the bus until they were nearly home.

Mrs. J. R. Brown returned to the hospital at Hendersonville last week. She was reported to be improving.

N. L. Ponder, Jr., who has completed his training in the merchant marines at Sheepshead bay, N. Y., and Baltimore was home last week on a furlough and will report in New York this week-end for ship service.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Patterson and daughter, Mrs. Osteen, of Hendersonville, met with Penrose folks at Holland Talley's Sunday night for a community singing.

guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Aiken last Sunday.

Mrs. Clate Aiken, who has been ill at her home here, is reported to be improving.

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Sunday the people of our nation, from mere tots to those advanced in years, will unite in a tribute to their mothers, both living and dead. Fortunate, indeed, are those whose mothers are living and who can be made happier on this day by assurances of devotion and some suitable gift symbolic of that devotion!

We have on display at this time a wide variety of items suitable for giving to mothers—things for individual use and enjoyment or that she would love to have in the home. Some of them are listed in the panel at the left and we have many others. We shall be glad to show you and assist you with your selections.



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