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They Must Have Jobs!

In his forthright and impressive speech at the Brevard chamber of commerce banquet last week, Mr. Harry H. Straus said: "To find employment for all is the most important part of post-war planning.

This fact is fundamental; so far as post-war planning goes, it might be said that on this pronouncement "hang all the law and the prophets." Any post-war plan that ignores it or assigns to it a subordinate place will fail.

Nor will mere employment — any arrangement that keeps men from being idle — suffice, as Mr. Straus and his associates in the C. E. D. perceive. They contend that men and women released from the armed services and war plants are entitled to jobs at a decent wage. Note that in the thinking of these men there are two elements: these people should have jobs as a right, not as a favor or a concession; and second, these jobs should pay a decent wage, which definitely rules out made-work such as the WPA. They are entitled to jobs of a useful character.

Mr. Straus' analysis of the opportunities for this county to participate in construction of the post-war world was keen and logical. His suggestion that the town and county appoint a committee to assess our resources and exploit them with a view to creating jobs is, in our judgment, a splendid one. In Mr. F. S. Best, whom Mr. Straus designated as county chairman, we feel sure such a commission would find a zealous, intelligent and tireless collaborator.

We should all realize now—a word that Mr. Straus frequently emphasizes in his speeches on this subject—that the task of creating a post-war world calls for prompt, resolute and united action. Nothing is more obvious to thoughtful men than the fact that after a major war we cannot resume where we left off, so to speak. Far from it. A war of major proportions—and the present conflict eclipses any the world has ever known—projects us into a new world of opportunities and responsibilities—and of manifold perils. Only by intelligent planning now can we hope to utilize the one and overcome the other.

There are, to our way of thinking, several reasons why Transylvania county should take a conspicuous part in this enterprise. The first is, that we owe it to our country to work in concert with other citizens to promote its well-being. The second is that, having taken such a prominent part in wartime activities, it is but fitting that we should exert ourselves to the utmost to secure the benefits of peace. And the third is that Mr. Straus, who has done so much for the community, is giving freely of his time and talent to perform this essential service. We owe him and his associates our earnest and united cooperation, and we believe they will receive it.

W. W. Croushorn

The sudden and untimely passing of Mr. W. W. Croushorn was indeed a great shock to the community, as well as a great loss to this section.

He was widely recognized as being an outstanding lumber manufacturing executive and during the thirty years he served as manager of the Carr Lumber company, the business activities of this large firm were continually expanded.

People who worked for the company

had deep respect and profound admiration for Mr. Croushorn. At all times he was keenly interested in their welfare and it is not surprising that they were loyal and conscientious in their devotion to the company and their jobs.

He was a man who was deeply interested in this county and all Western North Carolina and he was always glad to cooperate fully with any worthwhile community undertaking.

Mr. Croushorn was a kind, gracious man. Although he was a very busy executive, his affairs did not engross him to the extent that he lost the human touch. He was never too busy or too absorbed in complicated business problems to give a cheerful greeting and, if time permitted, to engage in a moment's chat.

His words reflected a magnanimous attitude towards every one. About his bearing there was something that won friendships and inspired confidence. One felt without knowing him intimately that Mr. Croushorn was a truly genuine person—upright in all of his dealings, kindly and courteous in all of his actions.

He was an able business man, a community leader, and a fine citizen in every sense of the word. To members of his family and the firm, we extend our sincere sympathies.

Give To The Library!

Final plans are being made for the establishment of a Brevard and Transylvania County Public Library. A library board has been appointed, agreements with the UDC chapter have been reached and a campaign is now well underway to raise enough funds through public subscription to supplement town, county and state appropriations and insure successful operation.

A large number of new books are needed and we urge every one in the town and county who has not contributed to the library fund to do so immediately. These can be mailed to Mrs. Oliver Orr at Brevard or given to any member of the Women's Civic club.

If every person in the county were to buy one good book and give it to the public library, then every individual would have the opportunity of not only reading his or her own contributed book, but also every volume donated by all others.

So from a purely selfish point-of-view, the public should be interested in giving to this cause.

In the second place, if a free town and county library can be operated successfully its first year, we have reason to believe that in the future the town and county governments, with the aid of the state, will appropriate enough funds to provide adequate library service.

Epochal Conferences

The epochal war conferences held during the past two weeks by the leaders of the four great allied powers will undoubtedly shorten the war and set the stage for establishment of an enduring world-wide peace.

The first conference, attended by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and General Chiang Kai-shek, pledged the Allies to complete destruction of the Japanese empire and to taking from those yellow dogs all of the territory they have acquired through conquest.

In a historic four-day conference in ancient Persia, from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, Roosevelt and Churchill met with Stalin for the first time and reached full agreement to crush Germany by concerted blows from the east, west and south and laid plans for a world family of democratic nations to "banish the scourge and terror of war for many generations".

"No power on earth can prevent our destroying the German armies by land, their U-boats by sea, and their war plants from the air," the "big three" stated. "Our attacks will be relentless and increasing."

They also asserted that complete agreement had been reached as "to the scope and timing of operations", but of course gave no hint as to details. It is believed, however, that England and the United States will open a second front on the continent of Europe this winter.

As to the peace, they declared that "we are sure our concord will make it an enduring peace and we shall seek the cooperation and active participation of all nations, large and small, whose peoples in heart and mind are dedicated, as are our own peoples, to the elimination of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance".

GETTING UP STEAM FOR THE 1944 CAMPAIGN!



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS By PAUL MALLON

Washington, Dec. 1 — It is time today the truth were known that the Chinese and British have been getting along with far less friendship during this war than the Americans and Chinese.

The feeling has cropped up in several little ways. At the time Madame Chiang Kai-Shek was here she was invited to go to London, but declined, a fact which was not divulged at the time for fear it might be given its proper diplomatic interpretation.

Fundamentally, the Chinese have blamed Britain for leadership in instituting the war strategy which concentrated American efforts on Germany. The Chinese have always thought they were neglected.

In initial war settlement discussions, they have made no secret of their desire to reclaim Hong Kong. Churchill gave them the answer publicly in speeches implying he had no intention of giving up the British hold there.

Then, too, there has been the Indian question, the Chinese being both commercially and racially close to the Indian struggle for independence from Britain.

The British financial stake in China has always been very much greater than ours, the amount of their investment running upwards of \$540,000,000 as compared with our stake of \$46,136,000 in 1940. Their interest is therefore more than ten times ours.

From the beginning, Mr. Roosevelt has attempted to act as peacemaker between the two, being rather in the position of a neutral moderator.

While at the time of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's visit, the Chinese expressed dissatisfaction with the extent of our help, the friendly situation was exhibited by the fact that Mr. Roosevelt invited Madame Chiang into his own press conference to let her express her critical views, and she was invited to make an address to a joint session of congress.

The underlying difficulties with our relation with Russia, on the other hand, have been discussed more openly.

A report which Donald Nelson made to the government upon his return from Moscow, outlined the economic situation which, of course, is a fundamental corollary of the political and military agreements, and perhaps the most important in the long run. Mr. Nelson is understood to have reported that Stalin (with whom he had a conference of one and one-half hours) en-

visaged a 20-year redevelopment and construction program for Russia for the post-war period.

For this, large quantities of American manufactured goods would be needed. He told Nelson he preferred our products to those of the British, or the Germans, some of which he received in his agreements with the Nazis before the war, and much of which his troops have captured on the fields of battle since.

Also he is supposed to have said Russia would offer no serious competition to the United States in selling consumer goods, but that she could offer us certain raw materials in which we are lacking, such as manganese, tungsten, etc.

How these extremely difficult matters will work out in the final settlement when they get down to details of course, cannot even be guessed now, but there is an exceptionally hopeful and friendly attitude toward Russia by the business element of the new deal, such as Nelson ably represents, men who do not deal with the political aspects.

You're Telling Me By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

WITH ALMOST EVERYTHING else being frozen King Victor Emmanuel no doubt wishes somebody would kindly freeze him to that Italian throne.

Grandpappy Jenkins says he never thought he'd see the day when coal was so precious it seemed a waste to throw it into the furnace.

With the issue of those wafelike ration tokens at last we will have poker chips worth more than money.

The American Army is utilizing to good advantage many German

breeds of dogs. To Herr Goebbels this is, of course, the rankest sort of treason.

A New York hen laid 351 eggs in 357 days. Guess we'll just have to charge off those six blank days to absenteeism.

The roller canary, according to Factographs, sings with its beak tightly shut. That's no canary—that's a ventriloquist.

Card of Thanks: We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness offered us at the death of our husband and father, and for the many beautiful flowers. Mrs. J. H. Conner and Children.

QUEBEC NEWS

By T. C. HENDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and son, Cecil, recently attended the funeral of Mrs. Robinson's sister, Mrs. Mary Holt, at Anderson, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher moved last week from the Paul Fisher house here to a house in Franklin Park, Brevard.

Loonie Banther has been suffering for some time with a severe case of blood poisoning.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robinson on Friday, Nov. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reid moved from here to Tuxedo last Monday in order that Mr. Reid might be at home nights and also be close to his work. He is section foreman of the Asheville-Spartanburg division of the Southern Railway.

A group of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fisher last Saturday evening to enjoy together a social hour and, as some one expressed it, to celebrate several birthdays. There were about 30 young people present, some of whom are expecting to be called into the armed service soon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Chappell on Saturday, December 4, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Miller celebrated with a chicken dinner Sunday, entertaining a number of relatives and friends. Their son, Lee Miller, is to leave for Fort Jackson on December 9, entering the army.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness offered us at the death of our husband and father, and for the many beautiful flowers. Mrs. J. H. Conner and Children.

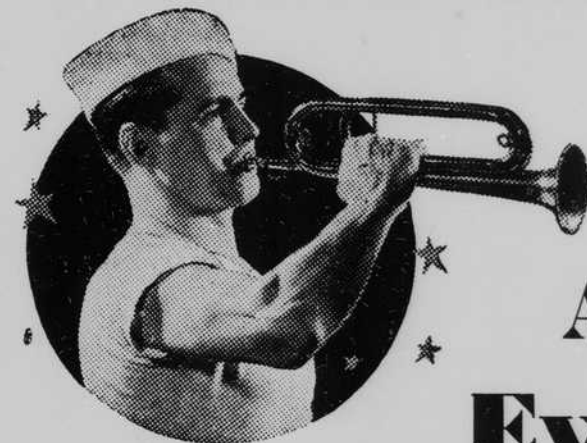
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The Gospel Singers are well known to music lovers in this area. They sang during Religious Emphasis last year at Brevard college and have filled a number of engagements in Asheville. The Junior Chamber feels that those who attend this function will enjoy the program immensely.

Tickets may be purchased at the local drug stores or from any member of the Junior Chamber.

The Singers' portion of the proceeds from this program will be used to defray a part of the cost of installing a heating system in the Bethel A Baptist church.

Seats reserved in balcony for colored people.

GUN SHELLS

We have been allotted 20 boxes of 12 gauge shotgun shells and starting Saturday morning we will sell these shells to the first customers who come in and will allot them in quantities of 6 shells per customer.

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