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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY



AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

ST. PETERSBURG, the old capital of the Czars, never occupied by enemy troops in all her history, is the scene of one of the greatest battles of all time, raging with unabated fury. Here have been employed all the mechanics and machinery of modern warfare, and the old time hand to hand combat with bayonet and clubbed rifles. The army, the navy, the air force of the Russians have all been employed in the defense of this modern Leningrad, and the civilian population of the second city of Russia have also rushed to its defense. Thousands of both men and women of Leningrad are battling beside their soldiers to turn the invaders from the gates of the never-conquered city, while inside the town preparations have been made to fight it out, street by street, house by house, should the Nazis penetrate defenses and enter the city. Barbed wire entanglements, barricades, and embankments have been thrown up. The Russians say that the city has never surrendered and never will. The Nazis, on the other hand hold before the eyes of the people of Leningrad the picture of Warsaw and Rotterdam, promising that if Leningrad is defended to the last, the city will suffer a like fate of being turned into a shambles, and her buildings and streets into worthless rubbish.

RUSSIAN counter attacks south of the Baltic are reported as meeting with reasonable success, as the Germans are being driven back from positions they had captured, and with great losses of men and materials on both sides. Hitler got more than he bargained for when he attacked the land of the Soviets. It won't do to become too optimistic, for the war isn't over. It can't be said to be being won; but it is true that the picture is a little brighter for the time being. While Russia is sending back thousands of dead and wounded to remind the German people of the horrors of the awful holocaust their country has unleashed upon the world, England's fliers are pounding away at the industrial heart of Germany in the Ruhr valley, and are giving the inhabitants of Berlin a taste of what London has had to suffer, and a foretaste of what is to come when the production of planes and munitions in the British Empire and America really reach the stride toward which they are rapidly forging. (That, as The American Legion Magazine remarks, is what is really causing Hitler sleepless nights.)

FRANCE, through the machinations of her government of traitors, may bring about a greater defeat in the diplomatic field than Russia can administer in battle even though she drives every German from Russian territory. The conclusion of a peace between France and Germany, upon German terms, would be a major blow to England and to America, for it would force the United States to seize Martinique, and other French possessions in self-defense, and would give the Germans a base at Dakar, a deadly arrow pointed at the heart of South America.

STARVATION faces the peoples of a great part of Europe this coming winter. The four horsemen of the apocalypse are mounting to ride again, perhaps in greater strength than they have ridden through the continent since the Dark Ages. Germany, after having brought Europe to this pass by her wanton murder, burglary and rapine, sits calmly back and says that it is up to England and America to feed the suffering multitudes. But, should such a thing be attempted, the blockade, England's most powerful weapon against the Huns would be nullified, and the Germans would again take the food from

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WCTC WILL OPEN FOR FALL TERM NEXT TUESDAY

Western Carolina Teachers College will open for the fall term on Tuesday, September 9, when freshman orientation begins. Regular class room work will start on Friday.

A large enrollment is indicated by inquiries that have been made and by reservations that have been received, officials of the college stated yesterday.

However, it is anticipated that there will be a larger preponderance of young women in the student body this year than is usual because of the fact that many young men of college age, who would be students at Western Carolina are in the army, the navy, the flying corps, or other branches of the military or naval service, and still others are engaged in defense work in various parts of the country.

It is believed that the colleges in North Carolina may be hit harder by the emergency conditions than in perhaps any other state, for the reason that there are now more men in the armed forces of the United States from North Carolina than from any state in the Union, regardless of population; and it is believed that many of these young men would be enrolled in the colleges of the State under normal conditions.

Of course all patriotic North Carolinians are proud of the record that the young men have made in this respect, because they are living up to the traditions of North Carolina. Then, it is only the fittest that are accepted by the Army at this time. The weaklings, the morons, the sub-normal are weeded out and only the best are received either through volunteer enlistment or by selection.

CURTIS GETS CONTRACT FOR WATER TANK

Henry O. Curtis, Sylva contractor, was awarded the contract for repairing and making leak-proof, the reservoir of the Town of Sylva, by the Board of Aldermen, at its last meeting.

There were three bids made on the work and material for this project, and Mr. Curtis was low bidder. The work will begin immediately.

The reservoir, which stands atop the hill above the town, was constructed in 1920, when the present water works system was installed. It has not been used for several years, because of the wastage of water through leaks in the concrete tank. Water for the town has been coming direct through the

TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

(An Editorial — By Dan Tompkins)

You are beginning another year of college, a year freighted with magnificent possibilities, with grave dangers, with great opportunities and high devotion. Only men and women who are worthy of the name can stand the test of such parlous times.

Many young men from your ranks are missing from the campus as you begin your school year. They have exchanged the uniform of the football field for the uniform of a mighty and free nation.

Much of the education that has been dosed out during the past quarter of a century has been the wrong kind. It has been the kind that tends not to build men and women of great characters and high devotion, but to produce a nation of weaklings of soul. It was so designated and so intended by those who would see the foundations of the nation shattered, our traditions thrown into the discard, our heroes of the past portrayed as self-seeking adventurers, and our minds so befuddled that we would become an easy prey to those who would enslave us.

The time has come for a renaissance in the schools and colleges of America, a renaissance of Democracy, a renaissance of Freedom, a renewal of straight thinking and clean living, a return to the ancient landmarks that guided our fathers through all the days that went before 1919.

The ultimate battle for the preservation of Liberty and Democracy will be fought out in the homes, the shops, the schools, the colleges of the English-speaking world. Berlin knew this, has always known it, and that is the reason for the enervating teachings that have crept into all our educational institutions during the past twenty years. Berlin was preparing the way for the overthrow of Democracy in the hearts of our people, thus making it easy to trick and then enslave us until mankind could again tediously work his way, through blood and tears, out of the second Dark Ages into which we would be plunged.

Study American history—real, true American history. Learn to walk in your thinking with the mighty men of old, from the day the first English stepped ashore on Roanoke Island, until the last gun was fired along the Western Front in 1918. Learn to stand shoulder to shoulder with every man and woman who has held aloft the torch of Freedom, in all the ages, and in every country. Learn to make their high devotion, their humble faith, and their magnificent sacrifices a part of you. Learn that the inestimable liberties that you enjoy were bought and paid for, one by one, through centuries of toil and suffering and blood on the part of those who came before you. Learn that coupled with every privilege you enjoy as an American citizen is a solemn duty of citizenship.

With this in mind, learn to "Carry On". Remember that it is the humble things of this world that are the great things, after all, and that he who holds fast to the faith, regardless of the winds that beat about him, will forever be a freeman in his soul, and will possess that peace that can be purchased in no other way. It is humility, and faith, and the willingness to sacrifice that makes great men and women, and that build mighty civilizations.

These things are the important things of life; and they are doubly important in this crisis that threatens to overwhelm us. All else is but chaff in comparison.

Cherrio O! Carry On! Your country and your civilization are counting on you, young people of America.

PEACHES

Good prices were paid growers of 15 cars of peaches bought recently by the Surplus Marketing Administration in Surry County, reports County Agent R. R. Smithwick of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

County Tax Rate Is Cut Twenty Cents For 1941

Acting upon the increase in valuation of the county, the commissioners have reduced the general tax rate of Jackson County by 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of property, according to a statement made yesterday by T. Walter Ashe, chairman of the board. The old tax rate for the county was \$1.59 on the \$100. The reduction, applicable to 1941 taxes makes the new rate \$1.39.

The only exception to this rate is in Sylva township, where special taxes force the rate to be 10 cents higher, or \$1.49 on the \$100 valuation. The reduction in Sylva township, however, is 7c more than that in the county, as the old rate in Sylva was \$1.76 on the \$100 valuation.

The budget, worked out by the commissioners, can be met with the reduced rate, according to estimates made by them; and Sylva township's special burden of taxation can be cared for with an extra 10c on the \$100 valuation.

The power plant and other property of the Nantahala Power Company in Hamburg, River, and Mountain, and the power lines of the company in Green's Creek, Savannah, Webster, Cullowhee, and other townships, is not included in the increased valuation of the county, for 1941 taxation; but will be added to the general taxable property of the county for 1942. The Nantahala Company will pay this year only on the value of the land that it purchased. However, next year, the total property of the company, including land, and all physical improvements will swell the taxable value of Jackson County by a great sum, it is estimated by observers.

Emory university was the first college for men in Georgia to offer training in journalism.

SCHEDULE GIVEN FOR FOOTBALL SEASON AT WESTERN CAROLINA

The football schedule for Western Carolina for 1941 begins on September 19, when the Catamounts meet Georgia Teachers College at Cullowhee.

Other games are:
September 26, Elon at Elon.
October 11, Appalachian at Boone.

October 18, East Carolina Teachers, at Greenville.

October 25, High Point at Cullowhee.

November 1, Emory and Henry at Cullowhee.

November 14, Lenoir Rhyne at Cullowhee.

November 22, Maryville at Maryville.

The opening practice for the Catamounts began on September 3, when the squad reported to Coach Jim Whatley. Daily work-outs have been in progress since then, as the Catamounts rolled, and tossed, and tackled, and took exercises under a blazing sun on Hunter Field, as Jim Whatley looked them over for his most promising material from which to forge a winning team for the Catamounts in 1941.

Seven of the letter men of 1940 will not be with the Catamounts this year, mostly because the men are in government service, having swapped their football uniforms for those of soldiers, sailors, or marines, or are engaged in vital defense work.

Coach Whatley has, however, eight letter men of backfield material, Wayne Bradburn, Robert Reece, Charles Leagan, Bill Hardy, Bill Smith, Bert Miller, and Jack Roberts.

For the line, seven lettermen reported for duty, Claude Jamison, Roton Barnes, Ray Hunter,

BUILD FOOT LOG ACROSS CREEK

The Town and the Chamber of Commerce are rebuilding the footlog across Scott's Creek, at the end of the lane opposite the community center, as a part of the beautification project on the grounds around the Community House.

Old Timers in Sylva remember the footlog, which was used for many years by pedestrians, and by school children going to the school building, when it stood near the present site of the Community House.

The foot bridge is being constructed of locust posts and logs with oak flooring, and will have attractive hand railings, to prevent children from falling into the creek.

Other improvements on the grounds will be the construction of at least one additional tennis-court, and the providing of grills, tables and other conveniences for tourists who desire to make use of the community center.

N. Y. A. ALLOCATES SCHOOL FUND HERE

A total of \$2,610.00 has been allotted the public schools of Jackson county by the National Youth Administration, State Administrator John A. Lang, announced yesterday. Funds allocated will be used in carrying on the NYA student work program in the local schools during 1941-42.

Franklin Gudger, Clyde Smith, Howard Barnwell, and Layton Deitz.

New material for the backfield include Joe Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, James Barnwell, Carl Taylor, McKinley Hensley, and Harry Goldschlag. New line-men material includes, Wallace Hyde, John Snyder, Elmer Meil, Fred Gaylor, Herbert Howard, Charlie Jones, and Sport Lance.