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## LIFE DAY BY DAY

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### PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION

A great deal of talk is coming out of Congress and elsewhere against what is called "peacetime conscription."

Where is the peacetime? With dictators in Europe and Asia attacking and overrunning other nations, with all resistance down except England, with our own rich poorly defended hemisphere plainly the next in line for attack and invasion, where does anyone get that notion about peacetime? Peacetime? There never was a time in its history when this hemisphere was in more danger than it is now.

Let us wait until we declare war before conscripting an army, is a persistent argument. Shall we wait until the dictators are all ready to attack us? Shall we wait until their Fifth Columns have undermined us and their war fleets are at our shores? Shall we ask the enemy then to wait a year or two while we train an army?—it takes eighteen months to train a soldier.

It will be too late then to do anything but hastily gather together untrained men and throw them against a trained enemy to be slaughtered.

### THE FIFTH COLUMN

Our national indifference toward crime is playing directly into the hands of spies, traitors, saboteurs, propagandists and other members of the Fifth Column who are working in the interests of foreign gangster governments to undermine and overthrow us.

In a statement which he sent to me, J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the G-Men, says, "If we do not accomplish more toward wiping out this crime front, the enemy within our shores will steadily make wider use of its possibilities for the destruction of American institutions. You have seen recently in the constantly changing story of Europe, the vast inroads which have been made in neutral nations by the employment of spies, traitors and saboteurs."

"The representative of gangster governments finds a fertile field for his recruits in the underworld. He sings his hymn of hate in our prisons and penitentiaries. He sulks in the dives of desperate men, there to paint his picture of the glories to come when, to quote a manifesto of the Communist Party, there will be established a 'stern dictatorship. It will confiscate the banks, the factories, the railroads, the mines and the farms of the big corporations."

"Regardless of how meager your possessions," says Mr. Hoover, "some one will want them. If you lose them it makes little difference whether they are taken by an ordinary murderer or an international pirate masquerading as a self-appointed savior of a country whose language he can barely speak."

### STARTLING, ISN'T IT

"Our army of criminals numbers into the millions," declares Mr. Hoover. "It is a fact that today one out of 26 persons in America has been arrested for an offense more serious than traffic violation. Every 21

seconds witnesses the commission of a murder, aggravated assault, burglary, car theft, robbery or larceny. Before this year comes to a close, unfortunately, we may expect that one out of every 17 homes will be a victim of crime."

And what are we going to do about it?

### ROBBERY

A profit of twenty-five million dollars on a job costing ninety-three million dollars with no risk of loss, is a pretty stiff profit to wangle out of your government isn't it? Yet that is exactly what our Federal Department of Justice claims one great steel company made on a World War contract with our Government. The Federal Government is trying to get back some of that huge profit which the courts term "daylight robbery" but which they so far have done nothing about.

One might think that the Federal officials or officials who were a party to that contract were likewise blameworthy. But it should be remembered that when the nation must have armaments and companies combine to hold up prices, the government has no time to argue; it must have armaments.

It has always been Capitalism's inordinate greed which has caused the downfall of Capitalism. Capitalism is its own worst enemy.

### WOULD IT BE FUNNY?

Said a man recently, "I should like to see these folks who are opposing our doing what is necessary to defend ourselves against invasion, squirming about in the grip of Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and Japan. It would be funny!"

But would it be funny? It might be funny if we could stand on the sidelines and look on and yell "We told you so!" But the trouble is we could not stand on the sidelines and look on, for we should all be in it.

### IF ENGLAND WINS

If England is victorious in her gallant fight against Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy we can immediately forget the colossal plans we have made for our own defense against gangster governments. We shall likewise be relieved of the necessity of levying high taxes to provide the billions upon billions of dollars to pay for those defenses.

If England wins, then France, Belgium, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, and Norway will be free and safe again.

The safety and the freedom of the whole civilized world depends on England's winning this fight.

### SHOULD BE IN REVERSE

A grave trouble with many a community is that its leading people are not its best people.

### EMPTY PEWS

There are two kinds of weather which keep folks away from church! The kind that is so bad one wants to stay at home; and the kind that is so good one wants to go motoring. And in between times one gets out of the habit of going to church.

Everyone who is interested in securing electric service or who desires that their community be served, is urged to sign his application for membership and get his friends to sign such an application before September 7.

## STANDARDS

### Keeping The Sabbath

By DR. R. L. MOORE

A nation with lost standards is doomed. A life not gauged by high standards will never rise to any worthy heights. One never rises above his ideals. The ship that has no port to which it is headed will drift to ruin just as surely as if it were steered to the rapids. Pleasure as a goal in life means disappointment and disaster at the end, weakness and despair as inevitable results. A life of ease and pleasure does not long satisfy the one who seeks these alone, nor does it give strength or comfort to others.

Our true and worthy standards are found in an old Book, read all too little in these days, taught all too little in our churches and schools, revered and used too little in the homes. Its standards are sure, rejoicing the heart of all who love and accept its truths, restoring the soul and conscience, and enduring forever. The Ten Commandments have stood the test of the ages. Nations whose people have followed them have been prosperous and happy and have endured. When they have forgotten God and his laws they have lost the way and perished. There have been tyrants and dictators through the ages but they have not ruled long over a people who had learned to "do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God." Sooner or later they, like Herod of old, fell down and were eaten by the worms.

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy", comes thundering through the centuries as a truth eternal, and we disregard the command at our peril. One of the signs of decay in our nation is the disregard of the Lord's Day. Is it not possible that here in Madison there are enough Christian people who love righteousness and worship God in sincerity and truth to prevent further encroachments upon the Lord's Day? There are danger signals.

Contrast the spirit and inner peace of two persons who go in divers ways on Sunday. One early finishes the morning chores, finds his way on time to the house of God where the Word is studied and preached, enjoys the fellowship of true worship, has time for reading, social conversation, and meditation as the day draws to a close. The other rises late, hangs out in drug stores or street corners where it is easy to pitch life on a low plane, eats and drinks and drives, or attends a game, and returns home late at night. One on Monday morning is refreshed in body and spirit and faces the tasks of the week with courage and zeal. For the other it is the "morning after", inner resources are depleted, perhaps the memories of yesterday are disturbing, certainly not satisfying if conscience is still alive, and the tasks of the day come as most unwelcome and burdensome.

Truly it is well to "remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

## SCHOOL NEWS

FROM SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Mrs. Julia Wetherington, Division of Instructional Service stated in her letter to Mr. Rhodes, "I have reviewed your Yearbook for Teachers, and I think that you have made some excellent improvements. I think your statements on pages 2 and 3 are very fine. A year book is good when it is so definite as this."

The Superintendent has just received the official rating of the schools. Three schools were standardized under the new requirements. Mrs. Hill was rated 11-A, Walnut was rated 11-B and Marshall was rated 11-C. The improvement for the county was marked EXCELLENT.

Patrolman J. H. Coman stated to the Superintendent of Schools that the Madison County school buses were in the best condition of any buses he had ever inspected.

People often wonder why the State of North Carolina exercises so much authority over the schools of the several counties. The following data gives some light upon this subject: The State pays all the salary of the Superintendent of Schools, all of the clerical assistant except ten dollars per month, all the expenses of the office of the Superintendent of Schools, and all the teachers' salaries. It pays for all of the Instructional supplies. It pays for 98.5 per cent of the fuel—it pays for the water, light and power, janitorial supplies, telephones. It owns the buses and pays for the gas, oil and upkeep. The county pays for the maintenance of plant, aids in general control expenses and pays Debt Service. In the light of who pays the bills, one wonders why anyone should want to "hog" the positions locally, regardless of ability.

The State Department of Education has scheduled a meeting at Waynesville, 8:30 p. m., Sept. 17. It requests the following to be present: The Superintendent of Schools, President Madison County Unit N. C. E. A., the principals of the seven large schools and one teacher from each school in the county.

Riders besides school children are forbidden by law. Driver must run a schedule, never earlier than the scheduled, or later than scheduled, unless it is a necessity. All bus drivers must have a Bus Drivers Certificate from Patrolman J. H. Coman immediately.

Science for Elementary Schools will be our county wide topic for the year. I am asking you and your faculty to make a suggested outline for four county wide meetings upon this topic—see state bulletins, etc.—and have same in this office by Sept. 13.

## BOX SUPPER

Here's something you don't want to miss—a box supper at the Glen Lee (Piney Grove) church Saturday night, Sept. 7, at 8:00 o'clock. There will be plenty of fun, plenty to eat, plenty of good music, and plenty of chances to give your girl a good time. Bring your best friend or friends, a box or a pocketbook. Everybody is cordially invited.

## Madison Singing Convention

The Madison Singing Convention will be held first Sunday in Sept. (Sept. 1), at 2 p. m. at Locust Grove Baptist church. We cordially invite the public to come and enjoy the singing with us. Anyone who wishes to bring a choir or quartet, we will be happy to have you sing for us. C. R. CORN, Chairman

**Singing Convention**  
\*Sunday At Seminary  
There will be a singing convention at the Madison Seminary next Sunday, Sept. 1st. The convention will start at two o'clock. All quartets, choirs, etc., are urged to be present.  
JOHN FAULKNER, President

## "RED TORNADO" HOLDS FIRST PRACTICE LAST TUESDAY

### 30 Candidates Report

Thirty candidates reported to Coach W. C. (Red) Ramsey for the year's first football practice last Tuesday afternoon. Only four of these were lettermen, so Coach Ramsey and his aides are faced with the task of building a team out of inexperienced material. However, Coach Ramsey expressed himself as being satisfied with the first week's work-out, which consisted of calisthenics, wind sprints, and ball handling. "We are faced with a hard schedule to play, and the squad is composed mostly of green men. But I feel sure that we will have a fighting ball club that will give a good account of itself in all of its games," was the way he expressed it.

### CHEER LEADERS ELECTED

Ruth Shelton, Shirley Bowman, Jeanie Thomas, Frances Burnett, Helen Cook, Managers elected were: Junior Wilson and Lee Crow.

**THE SQUAD**  
CENTERS—Craig Rudisill, Jack Reitor.  
GUARDS—Frank Roberts, Wendell Ward, Harry Ramsey, Charles Wallin, Hal Crossman.  
TACKLES—Garfield Treadway, Dan Tweed, Willie Treadway, Clay Fisher, Goforth and Eller.  
ENDS—Hunter, Caldwell, McHone, West, Nix, and Holcombe.  
BACKS—B. Haynie, B. Roberts, Robinson, Worley, Ball, S. Haynie, Sawyer, Lisenba, Jimmie Chandler and Fleet Nix.

**THE SCHEDULE**  
Sept. 13. Hot Springs, here.  
Sept. 20. Black Mountain, there.  
Sept. 27. Canton, Asheville.  
Oct. 4. Open.  
Oct. 11. Waynesville, here.  
Oct. 18. Waynesville, here.  
Oct. 25. Reeward, here.  
Nov. 1. Blount, here.  
Nov. 8. Blount, here.  
Nov. 15. Stots, tentative.  
Nov. 22. Mars Hill, there.

## Our Defense

### The Army of the United States

THE CAVALRY  
Yes, there still is Cavalry. The Cavalry is very explicit on that subject. The Cavalry is usually what gets to the fight first. They may come on horses, as there are some territories where a horse is still the best means of going places. But a lot larger number gallop up in armored cars and in combat cars, that look, and if you are on the receiving end—feel just like tanks. In fact they are tanks. Tucked away in the Cavalry are even men mounted on motorcycles. The Cavalry is still the fastest moving ground-fighting arm.

KEEPING THE CAVALRY ROLLING  
Now to keep all the rolling stock of a cavalry division able to roll takes considerable organization. There have to be men able to make a gasoline or diesel motor purr when the motor may want to quit. There have to be others who know where the proper supplies of fuel are located and how to get that fuel into the gas tanks no matter where those gas tanks happen to be. And that's no easy job when you realize that mechanized cavalry can get up in the morning, break camp, eat a hearty breakfast, get moving, and by nightfall be some three hundred miles and several thousand gallons of fuel away. And if the boys are to the rear of the enemy, the enemy undoubtedly will persuade the local filling stations not to sell them fuel. The fuel has got to go with the force. Also the supply service must be ready to fix flat tires, tired tanks, jammed guns, and give relief to the soldiers whose brains have been jarred into a splitting headache after rattling around inside a tank.

### MECHANIZED CAVALRY

A mechanized cavalry regiment is made up of four combat car troops of about 100 men each. These are the striking power of the mechanized cavalry. Many of these may be transferred to the new Armored Force. There is a service troop which provides for transportation and maintenance. The reconnaissance troop is used by the regimental commander to find out where the enemy is at any given moment. Like the combat cars, all the command cars are equipped with machine guns, and 2-way radios so that the commanders are set up to give orders to their units whether they are moving or waiting to move. So it is that every part of a mechanized cavalry regiment is able to roll, and it has a tremendous fire power, which makes it hell-on-wheels.

## MADISON WOMEN TO BE IN FAIR AT HENDERSONVILLE

### ARE ON DIRECTOR'S BOARD

Matters of keen interest to women will occupy a considerable portion of the exhibit space of the first annual Western North Carolina Agricultural and Industrial fair, to be held near Hendersonville September 16-21, and several Madison county women will take an active part in the direction of these matters. Mrs. Guy English, of Marshall, county home demonstration agent; Mrs. Glenn Brooks, president of the Hot Springs Parent-Teacher association; Mrs. Jerry Rice, Mrs. R. S. Ramsey, Mrs. Guy E. Rhodes and Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, of Marshall; and Mrs. Grover L. Angel and Mrs. W. T. Davis, of Hot Springs, are members of the board of associate directors of the fair. Feminine features of the fair will include a dress review staged and sponsored by 4-H girls of the mountain counties, who will model dresses designed and made at home by themselves. In addition, there will be a 4-H club food show, an open clothing exhibit and an open food and canning show. Other domestic arts on display will include one of the fair's most interesting features, an exhibit of the native handicrafts of the mountain country, including pottery, basketry, wood working and braided and woven rugs. There will be no entry fees in the domestic arts classes, premium lists for which will be announced later.

## NYA HOME PRACTICE CENTER

One of the most interesting NYA projects in Madison County is the recently opened Home Practice Center in Marshall. The project, sponsored by the town of Marshall, is located on Main street in the house owned by Mr. T. N. Ramsey. He has had the building repaired and a coat of paint applied to the outside and inside preparatory to occupancy by the National Youth Administration. There are 24 girls assigned to this Home Practice Center. They are being taught the fundamentals of Home Making, including Domestic Art, Interior Decorating, Health, Safety, and Personal Appearance. Since the kitchen equipment has reached the project each girl will assist in planning, preparing, and serving well balanced meals. The girls have a definite schedule to follow and under direct supervision they have a full day's work from 8 a. m. to 4:30 in the afternoon. After the youth completes training on this she is encouraged to make application to an NYA Training Center, where she has the opportunity of taking more advanced subjects and specializing in the subject most desired to make her better prepared for life's work.

NYA Project Supervisors have offered their services to the youths who are interested in NYA Training, but unassigned to any project. Youths who wish to enroll for this training, please report to Mrs. Jack Ramsey, NYA County Supervisor at your earliest convenience so that classes may be organized.

## SHORT TERM AUGUST COURT

Adjourns After Two Days  
Superior Court convened in Marshall Monday, August 26, with Judge Frank M. Armstrong on the bench. In the absence of Solicitor Robert M. Wells, due to illness, the office was filled by Mr. E. L. Loftain, of Asheville and Mr. J. C. Ramsey of Marshall. Mr. A. Emerson Ewe served as court stenographer. No outstanding cases were taken up, such as capital cases. Quite a number of minor cases were continued to the next term of court and quite a number disposed of. Hardly did the grand jury have time to consider all the cases brought before it before court adjourned Tuesday afternoon. Space does not permit of a detailed account of all the cases on the docket tried and continued. The report of the grand jury follows:

**August Grand Jury Report**  
NORTH CAROLINA, MADISON COUNTY. TO THE HONORABLE, Frank M. Armstrong, Judge Presiding:  
We, the Grand Jury duly drawn for the said term of court beg to report to your Honor that we have passed on most of the bills presented to us by the Solicitor and returned (Carried to next page)

## MELVIN F. BURGESS GETS CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, held on August 20, the construction contract was awarded to Melvin F. Burgess, Boone, North Carolina, subject to the approval of the REA Board in Washington. This contract includes the building of all lines in the following sections: Little Pine, Bear Creek, Big and Little Sandy Mush, Walnut Creek, Ammons Branch, Fisher Lane, East Fork of Bull Creek, Brush Creek, Gabriel's Creek, Sprinkle Creek, California Creek, Holcombe Branch, and Upper Laurel.

The construction of the lines is to get under way as soon as possible. The engineers are now in process of surveying and staking out the proposed lines to these communities.

For approximately sixty days the Corporation has been in the process of working up a subsidiary project to serve those communities not reached by the present lines. It is hoped that this project will include Yancey County, the Laurel sections of Madison County, Spring Creek, Big Pine and some additional sections in Surcombe County. Since it is necessary that the applications for funds be submitted to the REA at the earliest possible moment, it is necessary to close the application solicitation on September 7.