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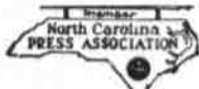
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IT HAPPENED RIGHT HERE

Around four o'clock Saturday afternoon there were sixty persons in the Haywood County jail. Between that time and Sunday morning 13 more were arrested and lodged in jail, making a total of 73 persons spending Saturday night in the local bastille.

Among those arrested were a young boy and girl, brought in together, drunk, driving on the highways. We read of such things and they do not seem so deplorable, when they happen in the other fellow's town, but when they happen right here, the realization of the fact comes home to us.

If an outsider came to town and wrote the situation of a community of this size, having 73 persons in jail over one week-end, and cited the crime committed by each offender, we would headily resent the article, yet the foregoing facts are accurate, it happened right here.

This is a good place in which to live. We readily admit that but when 73 persons are lodged in jail at one time in a community of this size, there is something wrong, and radically wrong in the standards of the community.

Crime conditions are too often blamed on the law enforcing officers. After the crime has been committed is usually deemed the time for the officer to step in and take charge. But the prevention of the crime, which is after all the greatest responsibility, rests on the people in general of the community.

Whose fault is it? Is it to be laid to the parents of the rising generation who have failed to give their children the right conception and values of life? Have they failed to give their children the necessary training for law abiding citizens?

Is it the fault of the community? Have we been too careless about the moral standards in our town? Have we put too low a premium on self respect, and honest pride in decent living?

Have the churches put forth the effort they should have to reach these young people? Have the Christians of the community, stayed aloof and felt that in certain places they should not be seen even "about their Master's business," and passed up their greatest opportunity for reclaiming humanity? Often those in most urgent need of spiritual sustenance are not found within the walls of the churches, but in forgotten places.

There are a great many people, who are conscientious in feeling that they must close their eyes to what goes on beyond "their walk in life." They seem to feel that in their innocence of the true state of affairs there is some superiority of Christianity or spirituality, and in walking the straight and narrow way their duty is well done. They sometimes forget that in His teachings, He reminded us that we are our "brothers keeper." They forgot that from their tower of strength and character they can, without lowering their standards, bow low to help the weak.

We hear the argument that our town is no worse than the others. That is no excuse. The other town is not our responsibility, but this community is our own personal problem.

A REMARKABLE RECORD

We noticed during the past week in "The State," of Columbia, S. C., a most remarkable record made by a business firm of that city.

The company maintains forty trucks in the operation of its business. The driver of each truck was given a medal and the entire group was given a medal "for the best safety record of any such group in the United States."

Twelve of the forty drivers received medals for driving seven years without a traffic accident. This is something that becomes more significant the more it is pondered. Such records are not accidental.

THE NEW MARRIAGE LAW

The law passed by the 1939 General Assembly which calls for physical examination of both parties prior to the issuance of marriage licenses has been in effect now for more than three months.

It was noted that the first few weeks in the office of Chas. C. Francis, register of deeds, that there was a considerable falling off of the sale of licenses. The past few weeks have noticed quite a pick up in the business.

What applies to Haywood County, is prevalent over the state. The longer the law is in effect, the more people seem willing to abide by its requirements, and the more accurate will be seen the comparison between the marriage licenses before and after the passage of the law.

There has been a great deal of criticism of the law, but all innovations for the improvement of society, it has naturally brought forth dissenting voices.

The sale of licenses, while improved, is not yet back to normal, and since the purpose of the law is to prevent persons physically unfit to marry, the number may not reach the figures once recorded in proportion to the population.

WHAT WOULD YOUR ANSWER BE?

The following questions have recently been asked of business men by a Washington information service. The readers of The Mountaineer may find it diverting, if not profitable to check the questions and answer them for their own satisfaction.

1. **Business outlook:** What do you foresee for next six months? What about your business? What about others which you rub up against? What do you see on the horizon which might help business?

2. **Business growth:** Why aren't more businesses expanding, or new businesses starting? Are business men doing all they can do to get business, or make profits, or make jobs?

3. **Labor relations:** Is collective bargaining working well? Is there any change in the attitude of employers? Of organized labor? What's your observation about the working of the wage-hour law?

4. **Public relations:** Are the functions of business understood by the public? By the government, by politicians? If not, why not? And what do you think is the remedy?

5. **Small businesses:** Should banks lend to them more freely? Capital hard to get? Good loans turned down? And what's a "good" loan? Do small businesses suffer more than others? And what should be done?

6. **Spend-Lend:** Which aids or subsidies do you consider good? And which not good? Do you favor sharp cutting of government expenditures? Where begin? And when?

7. **The New Deal:** What are the main things you like about it? And what are the main things you dislike?

8. **Elections:** How do you think next year's elections will go? What's your direct observation about middle-class, middle-income votes?

9. **A program:** What should business itself now be doing? And what should government be doing, to make prosperity and jobs?

10. **The future:** What's your "feeling" about the next five years?

FIRST PLACE AGAIN

For the second time the local Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has brought home the honor of first place among the chapters of the state.

For the second time a Haywood County boy has had the honor of winning first place among the individual members.

To the teacher, J. Colvin Brown, under whose leadership all four honors have been won, we take this opportunity to extend our congratulations. We also wish to congratulate a community fortunate in having such a high type of instructor in the schools.

To James Francis, the winner of the title of first place among the boys, of having the most creditable record, with the most points of achievement of any "Future Farmer" in the state we offer our best wishes for his continued success through maturity and trust that he will become a leader in agriculture in Haywood County.

It is also inspiring that the entire group made first place, for the foundation work of better farming and citizenship as laid down by Mr. Brown, will show a far reaching influence on the future agricultural interests in Haywood County.

A tour through Haywood County is proof enough that a better day in farming has arrived, and each year marks a noticeable improvement, not only in farming practices, but in the homes and standards of living. It is no doubt true that the teaching of vocational agriculture in our county schools has had its part in bringing about this desired reformation.

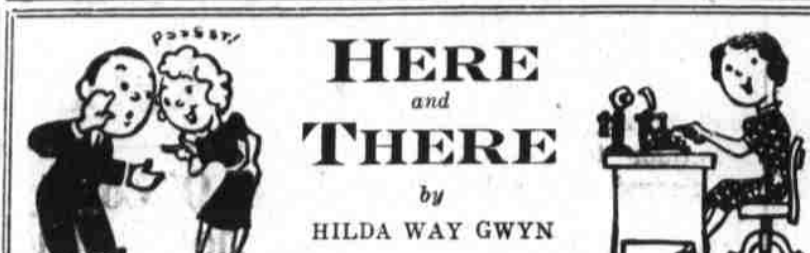
All our life we've been hearing that the world is just on the verge of falling to pieces and every morning we get up and look out the window and there it is.—Omaha World-Herald.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



WRENCH STILSON ON THE JOB



HERE and THERE
 by
HILDA WAY GWYN

"It's a rather strange sensation to be a foreigner . . . when the American women on board the 'SS Queen Mary' going to England . . . arrived . . . everyone went off the ship . . . but as foreigners . . . we were detained before we could enter the country . . . for some unaccountable reason, the 275 American women were forgotten . . . and the gang plank was lifted . . . when the captain of the ship realized that the group had not been allowed to land . . . you should have seen how mad some of the women were" . . . said Mary Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent, in describing her recent trip to London to attend the triennial conference of the Farm Women of the World . . . Miss Smith has the most comprehensive outline . . . scrap book . . . or travelogue . . . or whatever you want to call it of her trip . . . She has about one hundred pages of cardboard on which are attractively arranged everything pertaining to her voyage, the conference, and points of interest visited in Europe after the conference . . . including all programs . . . menus of the meals on board the ship . . . booklets of interest about the conference . . . impressive invitations . . . to say nothing of the results of her shopping . . . a Paris hat . . . linens . . . and most fascinating to the writer . . . clippings of the meeting from the London papers . . . but more of them later. . . .

The United States had the largest delegation . . . 275 strong . . . with New Zealand coming second with 52 women . . . who had traveled 17,000 miles to the conference . . . one of the best sports among the New Zealanders being a woman of 76, mother of 17 children . . . they were all very friendly to the American women . . . and said they could understand their "English," better than that spoken by the English . . . no group was so well organized as the American women . . . two meetings . . . and lectures a plenty, were held each day on ship board . . . with various instructions . . . on how to get acquainted on a boat . . . practically all women traveled third class . . . and on Sunday night . . . the captain set aside precedent and came down to talk to them . . . which Miss Smith says was an unheard of thing . . . also among the souvenirs are illustrated booklets of the luxurious "Queen Mary" . . . copies of the "Ocean Times" . . . giving the ship news. . . .

Then to the conference . . . which was impressively opened by the King's Herald . . . then the prologue "The Epic of the Country Women" . . . which was dramatic and thrilling . . . an inspiration . . . a glorification of the rural women . . . something to remember after a busy hard day on the farm . . . all the women in their native dress bringing greetings in their native tongue . . . the women from Germany closing their greetings with the Nazi salute . . . But war was not mentioned in all the proceedings of the conference . . . but every turn peace was

stressed . . . World Peace . . . between the nations of the earth . . . Invitations for the next conference . . . from Switzerland . . . four corners of the globe . . . Australia . . . South Africa . . . Switzerland . . . Germany . . . but none were accepted . . . a lot can happen today in three years . . . the date to be settled later . . . The Americans stayed at the Imperial Hotel in London . . . the maid on the floor said she worked on twenty-hour duty . . . yet we speak of labor laws . . . and working hours . . . yet had to sign up for a bath . . . The American women attending the memorial services for the officers and men of the U. S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps . . . who are buried in the British Isles . . . the regal invitation from the Lord Mayor of London . . . who is more of a personage than we are want to think in America . . . even King George and Queen Elizabeth notified him they were back in England . . . and custom required they knock at his door. . . .

The women of the entire conference seem to stand in awe of the American women . . . booklets of the work of home demonstration clubs in North Carolina distributed among the women . . . but the English press was no respecter of persons . . . and the American women held no awe to them . . . one headline . . . much resented . . . by the American women . . . "Mrs. Wild West Comes to town" . . . there were many clever bits in the papers about how Mama had saved up to take a trip and had left Papa and the boys to run the farm and keep house while she was galavanting off to London. . . .

But while peace was stressed war preparations were alarming . . . England ready to send the children to the country on a minute's notice . . . Lady Astor has signed up to take care of 100 in case of an emergency . . . In Holland . . . trenches are being built all over the water fronts . . . prepared to flood the country in a few hours . . . rather than be invaded by the enemy . . . in France preparations to move the government offices under ground . . . only persons useful to war to be protected in Paris . . . the flowers of Europe past description . . . the American beauty roses in Paris . . . exquisite rose buds in Begium begging to be bought for 10c a dozen . . . bargains in gloves . . . laces in Brussels . . . many of the young county demonstration agents buying wedding veils . . . to use some day . . . the women intensely interested in the bed on which were born (publicly) the children of Marie Antoinette . . . making the rounds of the night clubs of Paris . . . in fact the country women really "went to town" according to Miss Smith. . . .

Then headed back home . . . to the farm and their families . . . and to the land of the free . . . when they caught sight of the Statue of Liberty many of the women had tears in their eyes . . . for after all . . . there was nothing like home and America. . . .



A DOG, A DEER AND HOME
 Story 46
 Last night, we left Blackie laying his plans for getting a deer and a dog. When he was sure the deer and dog were coming right to the camp, Blackie got mighty busy fixing to

get them both. And this is the way he gave his orders: "Jocko, you take the gun, and go up that big tree so you can see away up the creek, and if a deer comes down here don't shoot till he gets most under you, and then shoot both barrels, and be sure you

LETTERS to the Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE:—Letters to the Editor will be accepted for publication on condition that the author's name and address be given, and that the author is not receiving any remuneration for the same.

Editor The Mountaineer:
 The Chamber of Commerce approves your editorial with the further improvement Highway No. 284 as being highly and to the point.

It is important that it be completed between Waynesville and Wagon Road Gap in the future.

It is important that it be completed in accordance with high standards that have been on the Transylvania section road.

It may be stated that this is important with respect to local traffic, (2) through the south traffic, (3) traffic with the Blue Ridge Parkway, traffic with relation to the National Forest.

It is important to Waynesville a trade territory because the Valley is practically cut off by the present road.

While not discussing this in this communication, we point that it is important that way 284 should be completed the Pigeon toward Newport. The Chamber of Commerce working unceasingly on 284, vites the co-operation of our Commissioners, and of every of Haywood County. We united we can convince our commission of the urgent for this improvement.

Cordially
 Road Committee, of the of Commerce.

don't miss him. And Doctor you are used to most killing anyway, and then letting them work for you the balance lives to pay you for killing you take that long rope on wagon—I think it's a dog for Mrs. Man—and make a and then go up that other That dog isn't going to be hind the deer, and he ought about to your tree by the deer gets down to Jocko's tree he passes under your tree, just that loop over his head and up. That will mean that we've somebody to run rabbits."

All this time the barking getting closer and closer, and time Jocko and Doctor took their trees, and Blackie and Possum were hid in the bushes could hear the "splash, splash," as the deer came with his long down the creek. Another "pow-pow" went Jocko's gun then a heavy splash in the water there lay a great big dog's horns on his head that looked brush-beap. And then they shout up the creek, and a grating like somebody was killing "I've got him," shouted Doctor and he came running down and led the dog to Blackie's others where the deer lay creek. He was a mighty big deer, and they had a time him loaded in the wagon; he got him in after a while. He tied the dog on behind the and started on up the mountain.

They got to Blackie's house as the sun went down, and of surprised people you ever saw life, Bettie Bear would head She had given up all hopes seeing her husband again, for sure somebody had killed him, she drove him about a mighty home, and made him wash and do lots of other things he want to do, she loved him, was mighty glad to see him, out and gave him a sure enough hug, and so did Grandma and Grandpa Bear. Then came Bear and Jenny Bear—the who were scarcely bigger than tens when Blackie went away were great big children now, and hopped and skipped and ran as happy as could be.

The Blackie introduced his friends to the family, and he had a time unloading the wagon of things that Mr. Man had good as to buy for them. He loaded the deer and such other as they wanted for supper, and the rest in the wagon till As soon as the dog saw the instead of trying to kill them, he went to his tail and grin and he held out his paw like he ed to say "howdy." When Blackie him do that, he asked him name was, and if he would him and be good if he would the rope off of him, and let around like the rest of them. "My name is Hound Dog," the dog, "and I want to live with I can catch all the rabbits you and I'll let those cubs ride back if they won't be too. That settled it, and so both and Jenny jumped on his back, he ran around to the kitchen. (To be continued.)