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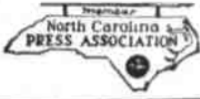
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### RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

In the march of time and the great changes that science has brought to mankind, rural electrification is looming as a large and vital factor, not only to the people who live in the rural communities, but to business for the stimulation that has come, as a result to contracting firms, and electrical supply companies.

Neither the economic nor the values in human happiness and convenience can be summarized in mere words. The picture grows larger as one contemplates all those who profit from the great rural electrification program that is under way over the United States under the Administration in Washington.

The economic wisdom of bringing farm families out of the dark into the light, so to speak, out of stark drudgery into normal effort, out of a past of unnecessary denial into a present of reasonable convenience, has received high praise for its social soundness.

The story of the farmer and his wife out West who were sick and tired of trying to run their farm business with kerosene lamps and smoking lanterns, and who were so disgusted that they threatened to go into the "business of raising lightning bugs," would no doubt find many others in Haywood County with similar sentiments.

But the great rural electrification Administration has been established to help the people, and it is carrying out in a most remarkable manner its original purpose.

Costs of lines have been reduced greatly. This is extremely important, because it brings the service within the economic reach of more farmers, than would have been for generations, had not the government stepped in with assistance.

Improvements in materials and construction methods have been made as project after project has gone into construction. Private enterprise has been stimulated through the purchase of millions of dollars worth of copper wire, aluminum wire, treated cedar and pine poles, hardware, transformers, meters, and other equipment.

On Rural Electrification projects alone more than 100 different contracting firms employing thousands of men have created work in more than 40 states during the past year. More than 200,000 farm homes were wired for electricity in the United States in 1938.

Radios, refrigerators, milk coolers, feed grinders, farm motors, poultry brooders, and other appliances are being delivered every day as new lines are energized throughout this country. Millions of man-hours of labor have been employed during the year. This activity has helped to check some of the "depression" out of the great depression.

The communities also get something besides electricity. They get a new sense of community responsibility and neighborliness. They are more co-operative. They have learned to put over a big project, when they have rural electrification service.

And the job is only begun when the lines are energized. The loan made to the community is a responsibility. The business must be managed well. The government has appointed auditors who will see that expenses are regulated, and help work out any problem that may arise.

So the citizens of Pigeon have accomplished much more than giving themselves a "light to turn on at night." They have illustrated one of the finest things in this county—Community cooperation, in which much can be put over, and without this spirit no community can ever hope to grow.

Pigeon has shown us the way. May all the rural townships in Haywood follow their lead.

### THE CONTAGION OF WAR

War is a contagious thing, and propaganda will be rife in the land, in view of recent events in Europe. We will have to guard against missing the point of things in the weeks ahead. We must think things through and not be lead into battle, because other nations are at each others throats.

"When peace has been broken anywhere," the president said, "peace of all countries everywhere is in danger."

That statement from our President added to his promise to keep us out of war if it is humanly possible, should be added also to the individual determination of every citizen who hopes for peace in the United States.

When war starts, "it runs through the world as violence runs through a mob and only men sure of their own will for peace are free of its horrid contagion."

We feel that the President was very fair in saying that while he hoped the nation would remain neutral, he was not asking that every American citizen remain neutral in thought.

With such freedom expressed by our President, it should make every American who is interested for the safety of the United States, curb his partisanship for nations involved enough to safeguard his reasonable citizenship to his own country's peace.

But regardless of the stand the President takes, war or peace depends on the American people. They have a serious duty in these trying days. We cannot let Hitler dominate Europe. He must be stopped, yet we must do everything in our power to keep the "plague of War" from our shores and our country.

But if the democracy and freedom of the world is again at stake, regardless of our desire for peace, we may in the weeks ahead be torn by necessity from our firm resolution to stay out of the conflict and mind our own business.

Events may shape themselves so that it will be impossible for the United States to remain neutral, but until that time, let us watch and wait with prayers in our hearts, that the sound of "marching feet" may not be heard throughout the land.

### ANOTHER PROPOSAL TO CURB THE PRESS

We were much interested in the recent remarks of Senator Ellender, of Louisiana, in speaking of the press. It would strike one, when the reason is discovered for his effrontery, as very amusing and, to say the least, inconsistent.

With his great shock over the graft scandal in his own state government he came out very bitterly on the faults of the press.

"The press of the nation is losing the confidence of the people by its underhand tactics and I would not be a bit surprised if in a few years Congress took measures to curb it," said the Senator in part.

The astonished reporters at once came to the rescue in defense, and pointed out to the Senator that the Louisiana press had done what was generally considered an outstanding job in helping expose conditions in the state government. Then the question arises, did the Senator mean that he opposed the reporters for revealing the wholesale graft of the state?

Then it seems the Senator back tracked, and said he was only "talking about" columnists who assassinated the character of the people in public and who create hysteria by forever preaching the rapid approach of war and things like that.

But down to the facts of the case, it was the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" whose authors had been able to confirm in Washington certain rumors which the newspapers in New Orleans had not been able to prove true, that was the root of the whole trouble.

In other words it is hard to avoid believing that Senator Ellender meant just what he indicated at first, he is down on the press for breaking up the playhouse of the Louisiana politicians. We admit that the Senator was in a position, hard for him to get a correct view of the true situation. He had to turn on somebody.

### TO RETURN

We are glad that the Duke of Windsor is to return to England. We held no grudge against the English people for the stand that they took about our fair American. They had a right to their own views in the matter.

But we read with pleasure that the British government had a "duty" in mind for the Duke. He had been seriously interested in his people, before he abdicated the throne, "for the woman he loved," and in such days of stress when England needs every man, it is well to recall him and give him work to do.

We have an idea that the Duke will be overjoyed to be at home again, and with work to do will enter upon his duties with earnestness and a great desire to serve England.

### Here and There

—By—

HILDA WAY GWYN

It is amazing how dark the war clouds hanging over Europe loom even at this distance . . . for aside from arousing our sympathies for mankind . . . we know that those clouds may change their position at any moment . . . within the twinkling of an eye . . . we may hear in ominous tones that our own country has been forced into the seething turmoil . . . we wonder if it has the same effect on you that it does on us . . . we find our mind utterly demoralized . . . when we contemplate the subject . . . for it is so stupendous . . . that no man knoweth the end . . . we remember the World War . . . and we know that this . . . in view of the vast changes . . . will be even more devastating . . . we find it hard to concentrate . . . so many things that were of vital importance yesterday . . . today have a tendency to diminish . . . and by tomorrow we may throw them away as non essentials . . . perhaps it was our imagination but we thought the boys of the National Guard looked mighty serious . . . in the Labor Day Parade . . . on Monday . . .

While on the parade . . . we are reminded of the Spruce Pine School band . . . and how proud we are that the Waynesville High is to have a band . . . it will be something that the entire community will enjoy and be an asset to the towns of Hazelwood and Waynesville . . . it seemed an opportune time to bring a high school band to town . . . on the eve of our newly organized group . . . for we have heard a dozen or more of the members of the new Waynesville band boasting that next year "they won't have to import a band . . . we'll furnish the music right here at home." Which is just the spirit we like to hear expressed . . . and is often the result of seeing what the other fellow can do . . . and then knowing that you might be able to do the same . . . we congratulate the school . . . and long may the band prosper and "furnish music right here" at home . . .

Once a year we like to call attention to the gardens of Mr. W. T. Shelton . . . known to a lot of us as "Uncle Will" . . . from now until Jack Frost lays his white frosty hand on the land . . . his dahlias are at their best . . . of late years he has gone in for glads . . . and row upon row of these tall stately flowers have added greatly to the attraction of his garden . . . his new idea of cutting quantities of blooms and having them arranged as an exhibit in a flower show has been a beautiful addition to a visit to his gardens . . . Also we want to comment here while on the subject of gardens on Donald Dunham's usual touch of beauty on Main Street . . . the town is indebted to him as in years gone by . . . in the colorful garden that lends itself to our main thoroughfare . . .

We were interested in a story told of a well known movie star recently . . . because you don't have to be a star to have her kind of charity . . . we have all seen the same brand even among our friends . . . they are afraid that the world will not know . . . of any good deed they might do along the way . . . it seems the star offers her swimming pool on "any day but Saturday and Sunday" to not more than a dozen boys from the House of Nazareth, Hollywood's version of Father Flanagan's Boys Town . . . her instructions to her press agent . . . reads something like this . . . "arrange tomorrow for six orphans and four photographers . . ."

The following was contributed this week to this column by a reader . . . the National Cotton Council has grown lyrical in its expression of complaint and fear about the cotton situation . . . and the declining cotton market . . .

"There's a cabin in the cotton, But no cotton in the cabin; Aunt Jemina's gettin' supper In a dress of acetate.

Uncle Peter in a polo shirt And pants of rayon yarn, Wears a tie of purple silk spun While he's milking in the barn.

Sara Manth's a-peelin' taters In her brand new celanese; Arabella, in her bemborg 'S on the doorstep shellin' peas.

Baby Ned and little Eva, Crawlin' round the cabin floor, Have on little latex rompers From the five and ten cent store.

Oh, the cabin's in the cotton still, Just like in verse and song, But with no cotton in the cabin, will It be there very long?"

Boasting is probably not so much an effort to impress others as it is an attempt to help the morale of the boaster.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN

Approved by S. Foster Officer By STANLEY



### Voice of The People

In view of the fact that the social security program offers aid to a large number of persons who normally would be placed in almshouses—Do you think it advisable to work toward eventually abolishing the Haywood County Home?

C. B. Atkinson—"I most positively would not consider disposing of that institution."

Mrs. J. J. Brown—"I feel that it will be a long time before we can do without the county home, because there are too many people who cannot care for themselves, even though given money, they will still need the protection of a home."

Mrs. G. F. Boston—"No, I do not approve of ever abolishing the Haywood County home. I feel that it will be needed as long as we have handicapped citizens."

G. C. Ferguson—"I feel that there will always be some people who will need the care of a home in a county of this size, regardless of a social security program."

Mrs. R. N. Barber—"I would not abolish the county home, because the inmates are more comfortable and happier, than they would be in the homes of poor relatives. "The 'alabaster box' of the New Deal for the poor and infirmed may not always be with us, but according to the Holy Writ, 'Ye will have the poor with ye always.'"

W. T. Lee—"I doubt if this county is ready to abolish a county home. I doubt, however, if the county and state are doing all they could to take care, and probably should do for the old age pensioners. I fear that there are too many people in the county home, who would not be protected by social security or old age pensions, at this time."

Shorty Ketter—Farmers Exchange—"There are so many angles to consider this problem, that it is hard to condense what you might have to say on the subject in a few words. Personally I come in contact with cases, that prove to me that there is a great need for the county home. As I see it it would be impossible to abolish the institution any time soon, if ever. We have too many types who need some one else to assume the responsibility of the management of a home for them."

L. M. Richeson—Superintendent England-Walton Company—Hazelwood—"While I thoroughly approve in every way of Social Security for the aged, I am not so sure that it would be the proper thing to abolish the county poor house for the reason that I do not believe we should lean too heavily on the Federal government in carrying out the responsibilities of the local government. It seems to me that there is too much tendency today to look to Uncle Sam for all requirements and in so doing I am wondering if we are not getting away from the Democratic principles of government, and centralizing too much authority in Washington. The individual must not become entirely subordinated to the state because in so doing it leads to a totalitarian form of government which is a part of the cause of the present European situation."

W. G. Byers—Clerk of the Superior Court—"In view of the fact that the State and Federal Governments, together with the counties, are providing assistance for old people and aid for dependent children, it is my opinion that the need for a county home is very much less than formally, and if the program of Social Security continues to be enlarged and expanded, then I think it entirely possible to do away with the county home."



### JAY BIRD COMES BACK

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The next morning after the cubs got the ducking from the flying kite, Blackie was loafing around on the porch, doing nothing in particular, while the others were out in front of the house playing leap frog and other frolicking games. Blackie was wondering what in the world had happened to Jay Bird, for he was sure there had been plenty of time for him to go to Bear Creek and come back, even with the wind against him.

Bettie came out and asked Blackie what he was looking so worried about, and he told her he was worried about Jay Bird, and was afraid that Mr. Man or Uncle Joe had found out that he was Blackie's friend, and had killed him. Bettie told Blackie that he must remember that the day before had been awfully windy, and she doubted if Jay Bird had even tried to fly on such a day. Blackie tried to think that maybe that was the reason, but he couldn't help feeling uneasy, and he wished Jay Bird would come back.

While Blackie thought lots of all his friends, away down in his heart he loved Jay Bird best, for it was Jay Bird that first welcomed him to Bear Creek and showed him the nice house; it was Jay Bird who had gone for Doctor Coon when Blackie was sick, and it was Jay Bird who let him out of that awful circus cage. No wonder he loved Jay Bird, and he just couldn't bear the thought of anything bad happening to him, so he kept on laughing about, and to welcome

walking up and down the porch. Every now and then he would go out and climb up to the top of the big gate post, and look as far as he could down the mountain, and when he saw nothing of Jay Bird he would look awfully disappointed, and would come back and light his pipe again.

Away long towards dinner time, when Bettie was rattling her pans in the kitchen, Blackie sat down on the steps and put his head down on his paws, and looked mighty lonesome. He just couldn't keep from thinking about Mr. Man's gun and how sure he would be to use it if he ever got an idea that the good old bird was a friend of Blackie Bear's. No, sir; nothing bad must ever happen to Jay Bird—it just MUSTN'T.

And then you should have seen that lonesome look drop off of his face when he heard somebody "Ha-ha-ha" just like he couldn't stop. And again "Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha." It certainly was Jay Bird, but Blackie had never heard him laugh like that before. Then out of the big chestnut tree came Jay Bird with a swoop, and lit on the shelf right at Blackie's head.

Blackie had handed out a lot howdy to folks, before, but never had his hand carried any that had more welcome in it than the pat that he gave to Jay Bird's back when he settled down by the big chair. And then Jay Bird had another fit of laughing, and he laughed so loud that all the others who were playing down by the lake came running up to see what he was laughing about, and to welcome

### In Looking Over The Co General Haywood

GETS A FEW THINGS OF YOUR WIDE INTEREST AND WITH LETTERS

(Continued from page 1)

bridge, yet I do know of cars that have been stolen. Won't you give me a line as far along you have gotten new bridge there?

And while on the subject, to thank you for straggling several bad drives in that diate area of our heavily highway.

Yours truly,  
 GENERAL HAYWOOD

Mr. L. M. Richeson, manager England-Walton Tannery, Hazelwood, N. C.

Dear "Rich"—

It is most unusual that the outstanding beauty spot community should be found front yard of a large plant. While strolling around other day, I was much surprised find such a flower garden in front of a home.

The way you have beautified creek bank through your grounds would be an envy to a gardener.

I notice, too, that your spreading into nearby yard that flowers are in evidence most every yard near you. You have started something is much needed, and is worthwhile.

I am taking the liberty ing folks to go by and see flowered plant yard.

Yours truly,  
 GENERAL HAYWOOD

Mr. Hugh and Jim Massie, Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Brothers—

Your free 50-car parking an asset of distinction at this automobile infested city.

Your generosity is appreciated and needless to say, will be freely.

While you have spent considerable cash in making useable, I suggest that to put up several street lights the lot for night use.

If 50 cars are taken of Street, it will tend to reduce congested conditions, and worth it to the town to pay lights.

Yours truly,  
 GENERAL HAYWOOD

Dr. W. A. Lambeth, president Lake Junaluska Assembly, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Dear Dr. Lambeth—

I rejoice with you an associates over the successful on you have just closed.

And now that all eyes are being made for next would like to suggest the boards on the bridge over be bolted down in order the thunderous roar that made when cars pass over.

I believe the cost would than justified in quieting the full environment of Lake Junaluska and lessening the tension of crossing the bridge.

Sincerely,  
 GENERAL HAYWOOD

EDITOR'S NOTE—Not more letters on subjects of interest. This week we're looking things over for letters. He is liable to just one to any one at almost any time.

him home.

It was some time before Bird could stop laughing enough to tell them anything they all asked him to stop ing and tell them what he about. But Jay Bird told that it was a long story, flying so much against him and laughing so much he him awfully tired and and that he would like to some breakfast before he down to tell them all about trip. "But I'll tell you right now," Jay Bird said. "What I have to tell worth waiting a week for think you ought to be dancing before I tell you saw."

"All right," Blackie said, up and finish your breakfast I'll go out on the porch and tice a bit."

(To be continued)

Youth Milks Way To While Earning Ed

Robert N. Langford, Ga., milked his way through college and into a job with Mr. Milton P. Jarnagin, the Animal Husbandry Department, who gave him the Langford's skill with the cows paid his college expenses so won the admiration of Jarnagin, that after Jarnagin gave him the job of director in his department.