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## Fun At Home

There has recently been a movement started in town to provide a recreation night for the high school age in the community, consisting of an informal evening of amusement in the American Legion home, under supervision that the most careful and protective parent would approve.

We hear the boys and girls are not allowed to leave the hall until the appointed hour of going home. If the child does not arrive on a definite time, it is the child's fault, and the parent and those supervising the recreation period know where the blame should be placed.

The provision of this evening of supervised amusement grew out of the tendency of the young people of the teen age to find fun away from home. We hear a great deal about the tempo of modern living and how it is disrupting our home life. The problem has many angles.

We recognize that in the changing cycle of time living conditions have undergone vast changes. Living quarters in many instances are not as commodious, with the more compact apartment of today, as formerly. Yet there are still many houses left, and in a rural community like this most people are living in individual homes.

We are old-fashioned enough to feel that parents must still maintain a home that is a welcome place to young people, with interests, or they will seek them elsewhere.

By making a home an attractive place, we do not mean an extravagant display but a friendly atmosphere that is felt by those who enter.

We approve of the supervised evening of fun, but it brings up the question: Have we parents failed? Let us "look homeward" and study the situation.

Do we spend more money on cars and gasoline in order that we and our families may leave home, rather than make the place where we stay attractive?

Does it peeve us to give up something we want to do to stay home with the children? Had we rather have the "crowd" at our house, or do we dislike to be disturbed by the noise, similar to the kind we once made, but have completely forgotten that we were ever guilty?

Do we merely tolerate the children of other people whom our children like as friends, or do we make them feel at home and wish to stay in the friendly atmosphere of our presence?

Should we blame the children entirely for this restlessness which seems to be a part of modern living? Or does it reflect to some extent the adult mode of living?

## War And Prosperity

It is difficult to believe, but former Governor Max Gardner who said it is in a position to make the report: "I hear so many voices contending that an early peace would upset business and further defeat prosperity in this country."

If there are those who would prolong the war to promote prosperity, they do not have the sympathy of the rank and file of Americans. The people of this country not only sympathize with the people of all the nations caught in the maelstrom of war; also they know that the longer the war lasts greater grow the chances of their own involvement.

Opposition to an early peace is not even good business, as the former Governor pointed out: "War always is destructive of permanent prosperity. The most bullish, the most hopeful and the most optimistic event that could happen to the peoples of these United States would come from the stacking of arms on the battlefields of Europe. We may be temporarily depressed if the war ends soon. We will be crippled for a generation if the war goes on for a fatalistic four years."

So far the majority of Americans have felt more adverse economic effects from this war than any war prosperity. But if there had to be a choice between peace and prosperity, the people of this country who know the bitterness of depression would be better off with peace in depression than in war with prosperity. War, with the death and plague and driven discipline which attend it, is the worst evil man has ever met on this earth.—Raleigh News and Observer.

A person who would be willing to sit in an automobile and let it be dropped from a ten-story building, would quickly be termed "unbalanced." Yet, engineers tell us that when a car traveling at 60 miles an hour strikes a stationary object the impact is equal to that of being dropped from a ten-story building.

## Here and There

—By—  
HILDA WAY GWYN

Presumptuous as it sounds . . . we have a suggestion to make to the Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church . . . (and for that matter to all other ministers of the town who may be having the same problem to solve) . . . it so happens for obvious reasons we know the trials and tribulations of Mr. Huggin's Methodist flock better than we do the others . . . we have the habit (bad, we admit) of sitting in the "back half" of the church . . . so we do not often get the full benefit of the seating habits of the congregation up in front . . . and have missed the full exposed view of the front pews . . . which we had advantage of on Easter Sunday . . . the church was so crowded . . . our own particular section being occupied . . . that we had the choice of a seat on the very back row . . . or up toward the front . . . far up . . . we found seats on the sixth pew to the front . . . and to our amazement were five completely empty pews in front of us . . . the pastor had to talk over that much "space" . . . before he reached his congregation . . . we had great sympathy for him, as we listened to his impressive lesson of the Easter story.

So while the collection was being taken . . . we worked it all out for Mr. Huggin (without being asked) . . . how he could remedy that long stretch between the pulpit and his flock . . . Now we understand when you acquire the habit of a certain pew you simply feel unnatural anywhere else . . . and then you become accustomed to the people sitting near you . . . so after a time you do not feel at home in the church except in your own "corner" . . . now this is the suggestion . . . to Mr. Huggin . . . On next Sunday he might ask the congregation to move up one row . . . everybody in the church . . . they will still have their "section associates" near them . . . and will feel perfectly at home . . . then continue the move until the "space" is covered . . . one row each Sunday . . . by this method he could gradually get his timid flock to the point where he would not have to preach to them from "long distance" . . .

By a reader, to prove that big things have been done by the young, has been contributed the following list of people who have achieved a place in history and died before they were forty . . . Alexander the Great, 33; . . . Gustavus Adolphus, 38; . . . Raphael 37; . . . Schubert, 31; . . . Charles XII. of Sweden 36; . . . Joan of Arc, 19; . . . Mozart, 35; . . . Catullus, 33; . . . Cleopatra, 39; . . . Keats, 26; . . . Shelley, 30; . . . Nell Gwyn, 37; . . . Anne Boleyn, 29; . . . Pocahontas, 32; . . . Shelley 30; . . . Robespierre, 36; . . . and Nero, 31 . . . which of course, is argument that much is accomplished in the earlier years. . . .

If you belong to an older generation you may find a bit of humor in the following contribution . . . and certainly the very young will find vindication in the rhyme. . . . "When called to scold the younger set, Please, angry parent don't forget The turkey trot and bunny hug; Were kindred to the jitterbug.

And, though you didn't draw a wreck, At sixty per and try to neck, Remember when you used to slip The lines around the buggy whp?

Oh, styles are foolish, we admit, But think before you have a fit Of hobble skirts you used to wear Of rats and switches in your hair.

The clever pranks you used to play Once turned your own dear parents gray; But still we oldsters rant and shout And hope that youth won't find us out."

The Junior Scholastic . . . published in Dayton, Ohio . . . during every school week of the year from September through May . . . with the exception of holidays . . . and has on its exchange hundreds of school papers . . . in the March number it pays tribute to the excellent paper . . . "The Junior High School News" of Waynesville . . . and congratulates Editor Billy Ray for its smart headlines . . . and its good jokes . . . reporting several of the latter in the paper . . . More power to your writing career Billy . . . if there is anything to heredity, it is not surprising that you can write. . . .

Pedestrians should always walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Wear something white on your clothing if you walk on the highway at night.

Regardless of what the speed limit is, adjust your speed to existing conditions.

## THE PROFESSIONAL MOURNERS



## Voice of The People

Does the effort in the Boy Scout movement in this community justify the time and money devoted to it, and if so why?

Mrs. W. F. Swift—"I don't think the value of the Boy Scout movement could be estimated in terms of this generation, because its movement will be felt for years to come."

E. B. McClure—"Yes, I certainly think so. I feel that it develops real manhood in the boys."

L. E. Hudson—"Yes. The more I learn of the movement, the more I approve of it. I think it is the greatest organization for young boys that I know of."

Mrs. Frank Ferguson—"I certainly think it does in every way. It trains the boys to become more efficient citizens."

H. C. Lindsley—"Yes, I approve of the Boy Scout movement gen-

erally, and from what I hear, the work locally is coming along fine."

Mrs. Jack Elwood—"I think any time or effort spent in Scouting, even if it kept only one boy busy in the right direction, is worth the time and effort."

L. M. Killian—"Yes, it certainly does. It gives the boys something to live up to, and means a lot to both the boys and the community."

E. C. Moody—"I think the Boy Scout movement a good and worthwhile cause. I feel that it is helping the boys in this community."

Chrest George—"Yes, I approve of every dollar and every hour spent for the Boy Scout work. I think it one of the best things in this community, and I am one hundred per cent for the Boy Scouts."

Mrs. James Toy—"It is justified in the building of character and all the fine things that mothers hope for their sons."

## IN LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

### General Haywood

GETS A FEW THINGS OF COUNTY-WIDE INTEREST OFF HIS MIND WITH LETTERS

Would-Be Easter Paraders:— You have taken your defeat with a stout heart, and an uplifted chin. Although the weatherman won the bout, your head is unbowed, and you're ready for another round next Sunday.

I know you were disappointed, yet on the other hand, the cold weather right at this time will probably mean a much better fruit crop than if it had continued warm.

From what I can learn about fruit trees, the atmosphere determines when a tree buds, and not the warmth of the ground. Experiments have been made by placing blocks of ice around the roots of the fruit trees, and if the air is warm, the buds swelled just the same. So, the chilly air of the week-end will do much towards keeping the sap down, and give more time for settled warm weather.

And while you had to sacrifice the day of days for dame fashion, the weatherman did a kind act for the fruit growers, and all of us can forget the postponed Easter

parade with a few weeks, but a lost fruit crop is not forgotten for years to come.

Yours for a bigger parade later, and a bumper fruit crop.  
GENERAL HAYWOOD.

Business Men:— There seems to be a definite trend to inject more friendliness into business than ever before.

During the days of 1931 and for several years thereafter, when business men took a hard-boiled attitude, and lost sight of the "human touch."

Things are getting back to pre-depression days, and that friendly spirit is beginning to show up in many a former cold business place.

I have been impressed lately with the firms that are calling attention to their friendly service in their advertisements.

Being friendly is an inexpensive thing, yet it pays more dividends than anything that even costs huge sums.

Yours for more business by being friendly.  
GENERAL HAYWOOD.

## YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT  
Central Press Writer

THE MAN at the next desk says he hopes we don't have many more severe winters such as this one was. The polar bears are liable to start coming south each autumn.

True equality cannot be achieved in this world. It's impossible for everybody to have their breakfast served in bed.

One of the better race horses of the current season is a nag known as Wool Wool. Sounds just like a fugitive from a dog track.

Zadok Dumbkopf says a peanut politician is a would-be

statesman who isn't all he's cracked up to be.

Science has discovered a method of extracting the stings from bees. More important would be a method to take away all cannons from human beings.

Two tramps were tossed uninjured into a snowbank when a Canadian train they were riding smashed into another. With their luck, how come they're tramps?

A spider, we read, has 82 eyes. When he's been up late the night before, how can he crowd a bag under each one of them?

Last year in North Carolina, 207 persons were killed in accidents on highway curves. More than 25,000 drivers licenses have been revoked by the Highway Safety Division since 1935.

Although prices of farm products are now slightly higher than in the period before the World War, they are still below parity, reports the Agricultural Marketing Service.

## Forging Ahead

A great many Haywood citizens live so close to their community and county that it is hard for them to see and appreciate all the progressive activities that are going on.

Too often such people are like the man who stood within a few inches of a brick wall and assumed that the wall was made of only one brick. From his viewpoint he was right, because he could only see the surface of one brick. He was too close to see the other thousands that made up the beautiful and impressive side of a skyscraper.

Only last week one Haywood citizen, with a pessimistic outlook, was lamenting the fact that nothing was going on in Haywood. His version of affairs was based, of course, on what he saw. He was so close to the community he failed to get a broad vision of the vast progressive activities that are underway.

This newspaper has said time and time again that to appreciate fully Haywood County one should travel into other parts of the country and see what they have, and with what they have to work, before passing condemnation on Haywood.

Right now something over \$300,000 is being spent improving secondary roads in this county.

Plans are being made to double the output of the cannery.

Manufacturing plants are working full time.

The inlaid wood plants are rushed with orders.

Farmers on every hand are improving their stock and lands. They are getting in a position to make more money than ever. In fact, Haywood farmers have money. This was evidenced only last week, when 32 head of purebred stock were sold for cash to Haywood stockraisers.

Building is more active now than at any time in many years. New homes are going up in almost every section of the county.

Although this county is conservative, it is constantly forging ahead, and, after all, it is steady growth that counts.

This steady growth is proven by the recent 1940 business census, which revealed 57 per cent more businesses in Haywood today than ten years ago.

There is no question about it—Haywood County is moving forward. She is going forward steadily. It is a natural and healthful growth.

## Easter Reflections

Easter, we understand, was not generally observed in Europe, and it seems fitting that such should be the case.

With the greater part of the Old World at one another's throats, and greed, hate and destruction of both life and property the predominating influences today, it is hardly consistent that they should participate in the celebration of a festival so significant of peace and salvation.

Why this state of barbarism should still exist, now almost 2,000 years since that first Easter, we cannot understand nor attempt to explain. We can only be thankful that we live in a country where the occasion can still be observed with reverence and in peace.

## But The Judge Cared

Arrested for kicking his wife on the street in Seattle, Herbert Hayes explained: "You see, judge, it was my wife, and she didn't mind." But the judge did "mind" and sent Herbert to jail for ten days.—The Reidsville Review.

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