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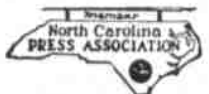
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## A Liberal People

The citizens of this community are a liberal people. Seldom does a worthy call come for funds, but what this county "goes over the top."

Last fall when the Germans invaded Poland, a call was made for money. Local pocketbooks were opened wide and a hearty and immediate response was made.

Several weeks ago the national Red Cross asked for \$300 to aid war-torn France, Norway and Belgium. Again the purse strings of the community were loosened, and more than the quota sought sent to the needy.

A second call from the Red Cross for more funds to meet increasing calls is being met.

Early spring the community was called upon for \$1,800 for band uniforms. Almost overnight the cash was handed to the committee. A few months prior a call for band instruments was instantly met by the constant and loyal givers.

The Chamber of Commerce drive for funds met a responsive chord.

The Boy Scout movement has been well supported, as have other things, such as the sale of Christmas seals for the fight against tuberculosis and the cripple children's work at Easter.

Truly, we are a liberal people. It is a joy to help. It is a misfortune to have to be helped.

## A Lot Of Luck

Haywood's fine record of no fatal traffic accidents during the first four months of 1940, seems to have come to an abrupt and sad end during May.

During the first four months of 1940, North Carolina had a total of 231 deaths from traffic charged against her. The amazing thing about this number was that 80 were pedestrians, seven on bicycles, 18 from trains and 126 from vehicles.

The number of pedestrians killed was two-thirds the number of those killed by all vehicles. This would indicate that both drivers and pedestrians are too careless on the highways.

But such cold facts as these mean little or nothing to the average reader, or even to the pedestrian or driver. What we need most is stricter enforcement of traffic laws, and fewer violations by those who are paid to see that the laws are carried out.

When traffic officers ignore every rule of common-sense safety, it is no wonder that the average driver goes like the wind on either side of the road he chooses—and it is nothing short of a miracle that in four months only 231 were killed and not 2,310.

## Not Guilty

We were shocked to learn recently that seventy North Carolina jails are on the "condemned list of the U. S. Department of Justice Bureau of Prisons," according to W. C. Ezell, director of institutions and corrections of the State Department of Welfare.

We are glad to say that Haywood County is not guilty. We are glad that our county commissioners have provided a decent place in which to keep our prisoners, and we are gratified to have the jail kept in the immaculate order in which it is today.

A visit to the jail, to its cells and kitchen, can reassure any citizen that the offenders of the law have clean and decent lodgings and that they are well treated.

However, we do deplore one fact, that is, that the third floor of the courthouse is entirely too popular. We regret the number of citizens who are guests from time to time of the county.

## We Hope He's Right

"Relations between Mexico and the United States never have been more friendly than they are at present," recently declared Ambassador Josephus Daniels, who is now home on a visit.

Mr. Daniels predicts that any attempt against sovereignty of any nation in this hemisphere would mean that all the 21 American republics would "find ways to stop it." This applies also to any movement to undermine the solidarity either by conquest or by "fifth column" activities, according to Mr. Daniels.

The situation is quite different than that of the World war. At that time the Mexican president, Carranza, was regarded as pro-German. It will be recalled that there was some kind of a publication in which the German foreign minister promised to return to Mexico the states of Texas, California and New Mexico in event of a German victory.

Now, from reports, Mexico wishes as much as the United States to safeguard our relations and be free from European entanglements.

Which is another encouraging sign of the deepening of the ties of the people of the Western hemisphere, which may some day, in fact not in the too distant future, prove of vital importance to this country and to every other country on this side of the globe.

## Sneeze Power

Being a victim of hay fever, we felt from years of experience we knew everything there was to know about sneezing, but it was not until recently that we knew the expulsion of the air was at the rate of 150 feet per second, or about two miles a minute.

Not that we doubt this for a moment, for we have never had the inclination, or the apparatus to measure the speed, even if the average hay fever sneeze could have been controlled long enough to get it harnessed.

The scientist, who seemingly knows his sneezes, describes it as follows:

"The throat (chest) is first filled with air by a deep inspiration. The glottis (mouth of windpipe) is then closed. When a sufficiently high intrapulmonic (lung) pressure is attained, the glottis opens and the sudden change in pressure causes a forcible expulsion of air."

There is more of it, likewise just as technical, leading to the revelation that the "muzzle velocity" of that air expulsion (popularly known as a sneeze) is 150 feet a second. It tends to give the fellow with a cold a considerable respect for the evil potency of his germinous expulsion.

Thus, a little whiff of ragweed sets into motion the process of a sneeze, or the irritating expulsion of air at two miles a minute—ker-choo!

## Good Losers

The man who loses out in a fight and can take it with a smile has always won the admiration of both opponents and supporters. In the recent primary in this county, the men who lost in the balloting met their defeat in such fine spirit that it has made friends for them, perhaps for another election.

There seems to be none of that rankling backwash that sometimes follows a heated contest, and no one will disagree as to the fact that the recent primary was not a first class political battle.

## Commencement Speakers

This year there was no commencement speaker at the Waynesville Township High School, but instead members of the graduating class gave talks. We notice the custom has been taken up in other towns of the state.

The idea has some fine points. It gives the student a chance to discuss the outlook on the world he is to enter. While adults know that he may not see the picture in its entirety, as only experience and time can give a wide and clear vision, it gives the student an opportunity to "take the first step alone."

However, we hope that the North Carolina schools will not get so enthusiastic in their desire to get away from the prosaic commencement which they might consider a bit dull with a "windy" speaker, that they will resort to the plan of the Purcell High School in Oklahoma. The students elected to stage an American dance pageant.

While papas and mamas beamed, they made merry around an Indian campfire, gyrated through the Virginia reel, waltzes, square dances, the Charleston, and, as a great finale, staged an authentic exhibition of the jitterbug.

## Here and There

—By—  
 HILDA WAY GWYN

An event that has grown out of the current European conflict has aroused our sympathy for both sides . . . is the action of King Leopold, of Belgium . . . who gave up, before he even tried to fight . . . his people have disowned him and have said that his order was "without legal validity and does not bind the country" . . . how do we know . . . to judge him from the sidelines of a democracy? . . . we cannot . . . of course . . . imagine the President of the United States giving up until the last ditch was crossed and the last bit of ammunition was fired . . . but we do not know how we would feel under a different form of government . . . the king no doubt had been suffering for months over the darkness of the future . . . he had seen destruction and desecration of life . . . property . . . culture and material wealth . . . destroyed over night . . . we cannot find it in our hearts . . . to judge him as harshly as his own people have . . . he was bound to know it was only a matter of time . . . until his country would fall in face of Hitler's ruthless methods . . . and it now makes the 6th nation to go down before this fury . . . somehow it does not seem to us cowardice . . . but consideration of his people.

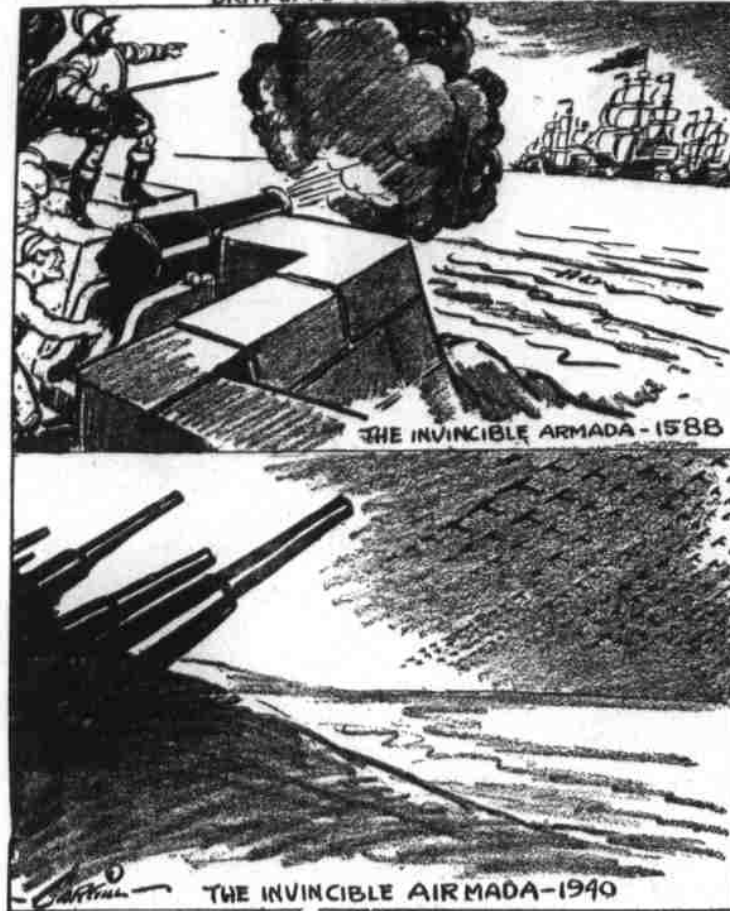
Eating in a cafeteria . . . provided you like people . . . can be very fascinating . . . that is if you live away from crowds . . . and do not have to eat regularly in such noisy places . . . are not in a hurry . . . and your nerves are in a calm state . . . belonging to the army of women who eat lunch at home as a rule . . . eating occasionally in a cafeteria is a novelty . . . and can be an adventure, if you lend your mind to observe what is about you . . . recently we had a perfectly swell time . . . watching people . . . we were not rushed . . . we had gone to Asheville with friends . . . soon we began to appreciate everything within our vision . . . isn't it simply amazing how intent people are about food . . . and watching them make their selections as they passed by the serving tables of a cafeteria also has its points of interest and amusement . . . how hard it seems to be for some to decide what they want . . . while in contrast the business man or woman . . . with habit strong of quick decision . . . goes along with an air of definite purpose . . .

But the most amusing is the small child . . . who is simply overcome with the sight of so much food . . . and whose eyes will invariably be bigger than his stomach . . . on this particular day . . . in question we saw an illustration . . . and later heard the mother griping about the uneaten food . . . which she had paid for . . . but Junior was merely having one of his first lessons in meeting "what the world has to offer" . . . with balance of judgment yet to mature . . . there was an out of town family group . . . mother, father, three children . . . two girls and one boy . . . they were evidently on a spree . . . a holiday in the city . . . they had enough food to feed an orphanage . . . and how they did enjoy it . . . then we observed the careful woman . . . who was living on a strict budget . . . just so much for lunch . . . then a boy and girl in the late teens . . . he insisted on her taking something of every item down the line . . . two women . . . we wondered if they were lunching out . . . just to get away from home . . . they were making such a festive and social occasion of eating . . .

As we looked over the general human mixture . . . and then the outlay of food . . . we thought . . . why here is a real picture taken directly from life . . . the food representing what we may have of life . . . and there were the people with their different wants and tastes . . . if only we could vision what is spread out for us in life as easily as we see the array of food . . . for whether we have eyes to see or not . . . it is there for us to choose from . . . the big . . . the little things of life . . . that make up living . . . there is greed . . . with its closed tight fingers . . . some times cheating self in trying to hold fast to things . . . that someday may be worthless . . . there is fame . . . there is play . . . there is glamor . . . contentment . . . happiness . . . gaiety . . . frivolity . . . selfishness . . . and on we might go . . . and from these dishes . . . we must choose . . . so often we do not have the wisdom to take a well balanced meal . . . we get indigestion . . . we have all had it . . . sometimes touches . . . and sometimes acute cases . . . we see people every day who can't digest life . . . or take it . . . yet had they been chosen more wisely from what was offered . . . they would be spiritually nourished . . . and fit to take on "the next meal" . . .

It is interesting to see the in-

## BRITAIN'S HOUR OF PERIL



## Voice of The People

Do you think that daylight saving time would be an advantage to this community?

Clyde H. RAY, Jr.—"Yes, because we can get more done in the early morning and are fresher for work."

Dr. O. T. Alexander—"I doubt if the people in our community would change their habits."

Mrs. Noble Garrett—"Speaking from a personal viewpoint, I don't think it would be any advantage."

Mrs. J. F. DeLacy—"I feel that it would be a form of economy worth practicing in the community."

Ben Colkitt—"No, I do not think it would be an advantage because of the location of Waynesville. The relation of the community's loca-

tion in Eastern Standard Time and its closeness to Central time areas makes the change unnecessary or rather I feel we are already enjoying the advantages without making a change in time.

Dr. J. W. McKay—"Yes, I think it would be an advantage. We would save on electricity and would have the advantage of extra work accomplished."

G. C. Ferguson—"I hardly think in this community it would make any difference."

Jonathan Woody—"I don't believe so, because we live almost at the western border of the division of time. I think it is fine that we have Eastern Time, but owing to our geographical location I don't think that day light saving time would be any advantage."

## YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT  
 Central Press Writer

MAN IS the most generous of creatures. He goes to a lot of trouble staging a picnic, of which the ants get the greatest benefit.

Black snakes, we read, chase roaches out of a house. But, asks Zadok Dumbkopf, will they do the same about relatives?

What became of that kid who knew all the answers in school? Oh, he was on a radio quiz program last night—and flopped terribly.

A person, opines old Grandpappy Jenkins, should always listen to both sides of an argu-

ment. That's why, says G. J., nature has given us two ears.

London is so full of royal refugees these days that, no doubt, when a commoner goes by everyone just naturally stops and stares.

Junior now wants to know if this Trojan horse he has been reading about actually neighs with a foreign accent.

A bear's fur and its claws are always the same color, according to a noted zoologist. We don't know about that but, together, they do represent a lot of wear and tear.

## CLIPPINGS

### NO PLACE TO FIND JOBS

Unfortunately, quite a large number of high school graduates will not be able to finance their way through college. But, as Frank Graham said in an address in this county recently, there is no reason why those youths should not get ahead in this world. He suggested that they keep company with the books in the local libraries, assuring them that many hundreds of young men and women would have been better off had they never attended college.

Now that the doors are closing on thousands of graduates in this

increasing number of persons whose families located in Haywood County in its early days . . . some before it was cut from Buncombe . . . come back to trace their ancestry . . . in many cases the ancestor felt the lure of the West and pushed on toward the Pacific . . . their descendants trek back East to follow the trails . . . and find the missing links and dates of those journeys made so long ago . . . last week Dr. Merle Randall, of the Department of Chemistry of the University of California . . . called on us . . . his ancestor was John MacFarland, who "bought 640 acres of land on Jonathan Creek from John Strothers in 1799 . . . he was one of those who attended the first organized court of the county held at the home of John Howell . . . we were sorry we could not help him . . . we once tried to find some of the descendants of this same MacFarland . . . Dr. Randall had the history complete after 1815 . . . but a few years after his ancestor left Haywood are disconnected . . . Dr. Randall was en route to Washington, having recently been appointed by the president on his new defense committee . . .

state, it is quite appropriate to point out a few suggestions that time and experience will, no doubt, prove of value. The young man will do well to think that he'll not find a job sitting around the cool drink parlor hour after hour. The young man and the young girl graduate will do well to stop and think that they are fast reaching a turning point in life, that there are other things to think about beside the dance, the good time and the idea that the world owes everyone a living. It is safe to say that the boy who works in the family garden all day long will find a job quicker than the smart little fellow who crouches with propped feet in the soda booth. It is safe to say that the young girl who goes to the aid of a tired mother in the kitchen will find her place in the world quicker, certainly with a degree of assurance for the future, than the little flapper or jitterbug who romps the dance floors all over the end of a big state.

### PAY TEACHERS ENOUGH

So much has been said about the poor pay accorded the teachers of North Carolina that it has become more or less a mooted subject in the press, but the following, which is picked up from the Research Bulletin of the National Educational association, injects something new into the much-discussed

subject.

"Teaching should pay enough to attract young persons of the highest personal and professional qualifications. To hold in teaching those beginning with first-class qualifications to improve through experience, travel, further study.

### Getting Practical

The whole thing is this: It's simmering down to a reality.

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## Stewart Says—

Uncle Sam Satisfied  
 Pan America Prefers  
 To Stay Democratic

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist  
 WASHINGTON is very well satisfied with evidence of the Americas' determination to remain democratic no matter what pens in Europe. All advice to capitals of the southern hemisphere are to the effect that they are to keep their democratic principles in the part of the world which have a strong strength in recent German successes their resolve to keep totalitarianism from gaining a hold in the hemisphere.

If there's a southern hemisphere, try concerning which Washington most confidentially, has been a trifle uneasy, it's Mexico.

Congressman Martin Dies, for instance, has suggested that American propaganda is dangerously prevalent just below the Grande.

However, Josephus Daniels, ambassador in Mexico City, probably is as good a judge as Congressman Dies, says it is the ambassador, temporarily removed from his post on a visit home, that while there's a Mexican Communist party, it isn't as strong as that Naziism is unpopular in the republic. Furthermore, mentions that, if the Dies committee knows anything more of the border than the Mexican government knows, the latter will be glad to be informed. This doesn't sound particularly undemocratic so far as Mexico is concerned.

Of course, Yankee-Mexican relations have been somewhat strained by the oil controversy, but doesn't in the least imply Mexico is totalitarian.

Emphatically Neutral

Argentina, Uruguay and Panama have been quicker than Uncle Sam has been to resent over disregard of American neutrality. They were prompt to take offense at the landing of British French marines in the Dutch Indies. We were disposed to at it. They are almost neutral than we are. They're so neutral that they verge on being neutral to fight for neutrality.

They're for Pan-American solidarity, anyhow. If it does have to be fought for, Uncle Sam will do the fighting—not the Americas in their entirety. They're in favor of it.

Germany's quite strong on South American east coast. A ple of Brazil's southern states nearly wholly German. They're to Nazify the entire country, the very fact that they're so fanatic makes the rest of Brazil hate them. And the anti-Fascist greatly predominate throughout the country elsewhere.

Italians are thick in Argentina. The newspaper with the largest Argentine circulation is an Italian language daily—La Patria Italiana of Buenos Aires. But country's so violently anti-Fascist that I've seen anti-Fascist there, in which hundreds killed. I had to hunt my hole self.

The Latin-American west hasn't so many Germans, or any Russians, to speak of. But there they're afraid of Japanese. Their reasoning is what ours used to be when we were cursing Oriental "labor."

Only, now, they discuss conquest as well as cheap labor.

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