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#### Soco Gap Road

The announcement that the new survey of the Soco Gap Road, that is from the present terminus, to Cherokee, had been authorized, and would soon be let to contract, will be received by the people of Haywood County with a great deal of satisfaction.

This marks the end of a long struggle involving negotiations with the Cherokee Indians, with the Department of the Interior, special acts of Congress, and the state highway commission of North Carolina.

Much has been involved and there were many complicated angles that had to be ironed out before this road could be built. To those who have fought this battle continuously through the many tedious and intricate procedures, we offer the sincere thanks and appreciation of the town, community and the

This road means more, perhaps, to Waynesville and Haywood County, than the completion of the Parkway itself, since it offers a shorter and more direct route into the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, than any other existing or proposed highway.

It will enable tourists to enter the Park quickly from Asheville over U. S. 19 to Waynesville, then to Dellwood and Soco Gap, or circling the Pisgah range to Wagon Road Gap and there pick up 284 to Waynesville, or following 284 from the South by way of Brevard into the Park.

#### Military Training

Future security of the United States is a grave problem. It is the topic of conversation wherever you go. Regardless of the powerful implements of modern warfare, manpower is still the main spring of a country's defense,

The great need that faces America today is trained manpower. Whether or not we wish to emphasize the idea of militarism in the training of our youth has nothing to do with the question now. The urgent need is the issue.

Many views of universal compulsory military training have been put forward. They all deserve careful consideration, for out of each idea may be some point that could well be included in the program for training that will eventually be worked out.

We do not wish to get hysterical on the subject but simply take up the matter as a necessary means of defense brought about by outside circumstances. If the United States had had a system of universal military training there would today be available several million trained reserves. The necessity now is to get the citizen reserve as quickly

The only way to meet the need is to have Congress adopt some form of compulsory training in connection with the war department, that will speed up this important action.

It is said that there are around 30,000,000 men between 21 and 45 in this country, which shows the possibility of manpower, if it had

While the system of drafting men for training is worked out, there might be inaugurated some form of volunteer service, that could start groups training at once.

This does not mean that we are getting ready to fight, but that we will be prepared to in the case of emergency. We would like the movement initiated with the idea that the men are being called for immediate military training, only as a means of being ready, and not to foster the thought that come what may the United States is determined to fight.

We read that a man is no bigger than the things that make him mad. That would put a lot of us in the chigger class.

## Another Farm Tour

We are gratified to learn that the county farm agents are planning another out-of-thestate farm tour. There is nothing that gives greater inspiration than to find out first hand how the other fellow is doing the same thing we are.

The progress that has been made in better farming practices in Haywood County during "Sixteen regain sight at Blind the past few years is steadily going forward.

The man engaged in scientific methods is convincing his doubtful neighbor of the merit | hand . . . had accomplished miraby the results of his methods. His crops are cles . . . the story told of how more luxuriant and his prices and profits are through the growth of cataracts, growing.

We feel sure that at least part of the interest that has been shown during the past year in improving the cattle industry of the afford the services of a specialist county can be attributed to the visits made by the sixty odd farmers who went on the tour last year into Virginia and Tennessee,

On the tour they also found out many advantages of their own section, as compared with other localities, which gave them a realization of the possibilities of Haywood prived of the privilege of sight .

#### Dewey Blows Off

The tirade of Thomas Dewey, which was given a nation-wide broadcast on Friday night, will hardly be received by any patriotic American, with any degree of enthus-

The bitter partisanship which characterized his address has no place at this time in American government. To accuse the present administration, and especially the president of deliberately trying to plunge the United States into war, in order to enhance party prestige, or personal ambition can only be received in a tragic time, which now exists, with disgust and contempt, for the person who gives utterance to such a sentiment.

Unless the people of the United States are willing to condemn President Roosevelt as a traitor to his country which we are far from believing that they are willing to do, all that Mr. Dewey has accomplished in his tirade is to brand himself as a petty politician of the most dangerous type.

Minor issues must be put aside. It is no time for the playing of political games. Purely domestic problems lose their importance as the desperate situation of all world democracies is realized. In national leadership we need more today than apparently Mr. Dewey can give the nation.

## Abolishing Counties

Governor Leon G. Phillips, of Oklahoma, is trasting yesterday and today that said to nourish an ambition to reduce the ex- might make the youngsters sit up pense of government by consolidating coun- an old man appeared at one of the

Undoubtedly, the governor has logic and efficiency on his side. Practically everybody despite his years , . . he replied in the United States agrees that there are with emphasis . . . . Yes, by grabs too many counties. Originally developed in the era before the horse-and-buggy days, there is no reason for the counties except the days; I was raised on corn bread unwillingness of the average citizen to per- and beans, and the fear of God and mit his county to be merged with another and the ambition of county politicians to continue their terms in office.

Sooner or later, most of the states of the Union will reform their county lines to fit with modern transportation and communication facilities. What used to be an over night trip for citizens in a county is now a matter of a few hours at the most. Regardless of the reason that suggests county consolidation, the chances are that county pride, plus the pressure of county-seat towns and cities, coupled with motives mentioned above, will be strong enough to stave off this desirable reform for many years.-Forest City

#### 39 Days Conquest

Diary of the "thirty-nine days" conquest of

May 10-Germany invaded Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

May 16-Battle of Meuse; open warfare

between Namur and Sedan. May 21-Germans reached Arras and Amiens; Reynaud told France senate of "in-

May 23-Germans encircled allied army; seized Abbeyville; heavy fighting at Boulogne. May 28-Belgian army capitulated on

Leopold's order. June 4-Prime minister revealed 335,000

allied troops rescued from Dunkerque.

June 9-German reconnaissance units with her tears . . , to illustrate how reached outskirts of Rouen.

June 11-Germans reached Seine. June 12-German capture of Rheims. June 14-Germans entered Paris; French

withdrew to save city from destruction. June 17-Marshal Petain announced "France must give up the fight."

## Here and There

—Ву-HILDA WAY GWYN

Sandwiched in between the depressing news of the past week was the following headline School here" . . . (meaning Raleigh) . . . from darkness into light . . the touch of the surgeon's sure blindness had come gradually the dimness of twilight had cut out vision . . how the people were gathered from different sections of the state . . . those who could not of this kind . . . and were brought through the efforts of the state Blind Commission to Raleigh for these delicate operations . . . the unbounded joy of seeing again . . and the reaction of the blind who were made to see, brought vividly . what it means to be dealso in the story was brought out the latest discovery in eye surgery . . the transfer of the cornea from the eye of a dead person to the eye of a live one, whose sight had been destroyed . . . and it seems that a North Carolina doctor is now making a study of this new operation . . . and the thought came . . . suppose the discovery proves successful . . . of the happiness that would come throughout the land to those who are doomed to "see through touch and sound alone, the beauties of this earth."

Which reminded us of the splendid work that is being done right here in Waynesville by the Lions . . . who are making it possible for those who for financial reasons would have no relief from defective sight . . . to have examinations made and glasses fitted . . The Mountaineer office has been designated as a place to reused frames . . . by the . . . and the number that club have brought in show how much interested the public is toward this project of the Lions . . . if the club did nothing else, this one service is sufficient reason for their organization. . .

Shortly after we had heard a spirited conversation about age imits for working . . . and such . when a person should retire . . how age sometimes showed up in one's work . . . and so on . . . and then the other side . . . which included a list of the great who had acquired greatness and held positions of responsibility after the retirement age . . . we were handed the following clipping which shows up the spunk of an oldster in conand take notice . . . "Not old . . eastern intinerant points in search of a job . . . asking if he was still able to a good day's work . .

. . I wasn't raised on popsicles and ice cream cones . . . and soda pop like the young fellows nowasix days' work, and no work on Sunday . . . and I ain't runnin' from no job nor no work yet.' . . we hope he got the job. . . .

Isn't it amazing how we consider certain qualities . . . and how circumstances and conditions shape our judgments . . . while it may be a bad disposition and a plain case of temper in the average person . . . it is temperament, merely showing, if you are an artist . what might be called indecent in the average working girl . . . would be termed modern and broadminded in the debutantes whose father owned half the town . . . what is called shrewd business sense in the rich man . . . is often termed crookedness in the small business man. . . we speak of flag waving in times of peace and safety . . but in days when the country is at war . . . we call it patriotism . . if the girl goes after the man she wants and misses him . . . she is said to have "thrown herself at him disgracefully" . . . whereas if she leads him successfully to the altar . . . her efforts are overlook-

In an interview with a traffic cop . . . we read the following story . . . perhaps you did too . . credible mistakes which would be punished." the officer stated that you simply couldn't reason with a female . if you are tough with them they cry and when they cry . . . he claimed that it was "something terrible" . . . which of course any man knows . . . he doesn't have to be a traffic cop to understand the defense that a woman can put on hard it is to get the best of a woman . . . the officer further related . . that once on Park Avenue . .

a matron was stopped for speeding . . and he waved her to pull to the curb . . . when he walked up to her he said very severely, "Where's the fire?" . . . and the matron gave him a regular love could an officer do in a sase like tives around here go on all-fours.

look and said . . . "In your beau- that . . . he asks. . .



# Voice of The People

should remain in Washington con- as set up by the President, and so inuously during the present war capably headed by Messrs, William crisis, or that it should adjourn S. Knudsen and Edward R. Stetupon completion of its regular business and defense measure?

Mrs. W. T. Crawford -"I think Washington. Of course if they have to get off to attend conventions they might leave for a short

Jack Messer-"Under the presbest for Congress to reamain in

John L. Davis-"I think that Congress should remain in session until it can more clearly be seen how events are going to affect this country.'

Jerry Colkitt-"By all means remain in session. World conditions are making such rapid changes that Congress should be in a position to meet the changes and study them immediately."

has passed the necessary defense with events happening so fastmeasures, I think they should ad- their services should be available

Do you think that congress the measures to the defense board tinius. There must not be any political wrangling, if we are to be quickly prepared to meet present

hat members of Congress should defense board should not be hamstay right where they are in pered with politics."

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world chaotic conditions, and the

C. F. Kirkpatrick-"I think Congress should remain in Washington until something is definitely settled. The world is in too much of a turmoil at present for Congress to adjourn.'

Mrs. Jack Elwood-"It seems to me that it is unneccessary for Congress to remain in session after the business at hand is completed, awaiting development of events. If they are needed the President could call them at a moment's notice."

Evander Preston-"I think that Congress should remain in session, in view of current events."

Mrs. S. P. Gay-"I feel that Con-L. M. Richeson-"After Congress gress should remain in session,

## Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:-

tor of "The Fioretti," student Milwaukee.

the knowledge of anyone connected with St. John's School. Sincerely yours,

A. F. Rohrbacher, Superintendent St. John's School CLARIFIED STATEMENT

(By Telegram) Editor The Mountaineer:-

The following statement is ap-

pearing in the forthcoming issue of the Fioretti, of Milwaukee: 'Relative to my story on St. John's School in The Fioretti, of February 2, 1940, I beg to advise our readers that an exaggerated impression may have been created concerning the characteristics of North Carolina, inasmuch as individual cases are made to appear as general. I am impelled to make this statement after representations were made to me by native Western North Carolina folks or people

DOROTHY BARCZAK. Editor The Fioretti, Milwaukee.

WRONG LETTER Editor, The Mountaineer:-

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tiful big blue eyes" . . . and what Milwaukee that many of the na-

ask at the hands of these selfstyled "missionaries" fair and truthful reports-true of life as it is lived here and conditions as they

Yes, our English is often faulty it is true; but "We-uns" here can understand each other very well, The article in "The Fioretti" of and that without having to resort ebruary 2, 1940, reprinted in your to the gangster lingo of the East etter column last week, was writ- side-or Milwaukee, it may be. en by Miss Dorothy Barczak, ed- Will the readers of The Mountaineer please read this aloud: "Her paper of St. Mary's Academy, ain't calling we; us don't belong to she." Now will you agree with The article was written without me in saying that that expression just wasn't heard here, as it was reported to have been by "a certain New York feature writer."

As regards the case of the man who didn't know his age: Well, I dare say that might happen anywhere-even in the "famous" and cultured beer town of Milwaukee. However, we hope the man will not be excommunicated for forgetting his age.

Then there is our primitiveness, Yes, we admit that we belong to a somewhat primitive race, or rather admixture of races; but we are proud of this fact because of the very progressiveness of these And right here we would the mountain folk of Western like to inform our benefactors (?) from Milwaukee that we have a few schools here, too; we had them even in 1830 when the wildwoods around Milwaukee had not yet been wrested from the Indians and was being roamed over by Black who chanced to read my Hawk and his braves. I would also like to inform them that we teach the earth to be round. Some of the other basic principles of our teaching is, that man is a fallible THE WRONG SPIRIT-AND THE being, the separation of church

and state, and the right of selfinterpretation of the Scriptures. I read with both interest and re- Those who would teach otherwise sentment the article in your issue will have to form classes separate. of last week from a Catholic and apart from the public system. school publication in Milwaukee As to many of our people believing And, being one of those unfortun- that the Catholics had hoofs and ate poor whites mentioned in this horns-well, that is a figure of most holy (?) publication, I would speech-the Devil is so representlike to reply. Especially so after ed; and in view of all these slandnoting that this last "blitzkrieg" erous falsehoods, we have yet to of misrepresentation and ridicule see that they are not wholly withwas about the same as former at-out horns. The old man of the mountains simply knew his figures Diogines said: "Of all wild anl- of speech better than the writer mals, the worst is the slanderer." was able to comprehend them. But, Now, we of the Southern highlands granting the "hoof and horn" story do not ask for flattery; but we do to be true, it will no more than match the apparent belief around

No, I am glad to say that, although

Stewart Suggest What's Needed If

National Defense Is To Materialize By CHARLES P. STEWAR Central Press Column

WASHINGTON June 00.

wo words account for the d



cal economy the persons for purposes of prod ourchase or distribution for oint benefit And Webster defines Cour NATE-

"Of the same order or equal in rank or impo narmonious relation or action Between the subtle differe the definitions of these two and divergent interpretation

ernment and industry are Industry is asked to Co-O ATE but shrinks from plan subservient role with all the sponsibility for the possible ure of governmental admi

tion. Industry is quite willing to ORDINATE ("equal in rank or portance: in harmonious re or action"), thus sharing importance and responsibility government for performing a cessful job.

Harshly Treated

Industry feels that it has harshly treated by the New administration that now ass OPERATION, while retaining clusively the co-ordinating p in bringing all the vast together and necessary for cessful production. The truth is that mutual

trust exists between indust the New Deal administration unless it is allayed our defense will be handicapped national defense during the World war suffered to no a tent because the War Into Board proved cumbersome was not until members board including the cabinet ognized the outstanding in perior abilities of Bernard Ba the chairman, that the pri

attained full momentum Our present national program is operating und provisions of the law which the War Industries Board having been no legislation if change the program and for reason it is argued in some ters that possible error and might be avoided by naming other Baruch—in this in probably a Knudsen—to take as production dictator

Henry Ford's Offer Henry Ford may have been ing with some st with more or less modes fered to produce 1,000 plan on a mass basis—but with the ulation that government better Government hands off keep its hands ENTIRELI Henry Ford certainly knowl and is merely spoofing the Deal administration

And the New Deal admin tion, quite consistently nature and politically may be expen-maintain, if it can, the same. trol over industry that has its fundamental policy by President Roosevelt in his lat. side chat emphasized inside maintaining New Deal police

But whether they can be a tained or must be somewhat tered to conform to the engage of national defense remain problem But if in some manner two NATION I can be made to "co-operate and co-ordinate"

satisfactory sense our sal proceed under a full head of some of our people are F long ago—long enough to be several wars before Milwanks even known, among them the for Independence, the Ward and the Mexican War. Se Editor, we insist that it's b fair to place us back in-se Neanderthal age of manof raw flesh and roaming

the woods armed with a The "Sisters" seem to this norance, that many of us had a seen ice and gas-heither

seen the "Sisters" before.

As to the ice, I'll dimiss the simply saying that the state is too ridiculous for replisince when did knowledge d become a criterion or by which to judge the intelled of people?" Here in Hay County we consider \$15-5 all kinds—as being very ches

perhaps all too common. And as to those primitive here who, when they saw the ters, stopped their horses as quired "What be them that

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