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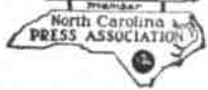
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Hospitality

There has been a lot said at meetings of Chambers of Commerce in this state and particularly in this immediate section, about how to treat the tourist. We have all heard discussions on individual responsibility toward the "stranger within our gates." We have been told many times, that we must not only make the tourist comfortable, but we must want to make him return.

We were interested during the week in an editorial which appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer on the subject. Excerpts are as follows:

"The discovery of the Department of Conservation and Development that the tourists who are attracted to North Carolina by its big advertising program do not all go away as advertisers of North Carolina is important. It places emphasis on the fact that while advertising will bring customers to a state or a store or a product once, only money's worth will keep them coming back.

"North Carolina's trouble with the disappointed comes not from lack of nature wonders, climate or variety, but in the opinion of John C. Baskerville, executive secretary of the Governor's hospitality committee, from greasy food and uncomfortable beds. It is undoubtedly difficult to get a decent meal in many places in North Carolina. Decent sleeping quarters are not much more readily available. But bad food and poor beds do not complete the list of tourist's troubles. Everywhere in public places there is more evidence tending to convict North Carolina of slovenliness and dirtiness than there ought to be."

This matter should be taken very seriously in this community, where so many people contact the tourists. As in all business, "a satisfied customer" is always good.

Control Of News

The recent announcement by "Editor and Publisher" newspaper trade magazine, that aides of President Roosevelt are "moving in utmost secrecy", and have proposed a government publicity program "to begin to function if danger of involvement in the conflict becomes more pronounced," will find both advocates and opponents.

Now we all realize that it is best that the rank and file of the people not be told every detail of national defense at a time like this, least a contagious form of hysteria possess the land from one end to the other, but such a program as that now proposed at this stage of the game seems much too "controlling" for the average American's idea of freedom.

It has its good points. For a wide publicity at times like this in governmental affairs certainly informs the outside world as well as the folks at home, conditions that might often be kept under cover.

The magazine has this to say: "with the program would come a complete clamp upon information from bureaus and agencies, requiring all Federal news to clear through the single office. As commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy, it is within the power of the President to subordinate the publicity bureaus of the armed service to the central distributing agency and an order effecting that shift is intended."

Nothing spoken or written of the Germans in the last war was more truthfully descriptive of them, or could be in the present war, than these words of Professor Josiah Royce, "Submarines these people may understand, certainly not souls."—Ex.

Perhaps when all this is over the enlightened races will send another wave of missionaries into the jungles and the South Seas to apologize.

Cost Of Defense

We began to feel the defeat of the Allies in Waynesville on the first of July. Because the Germans have marched into France and conquered her we are going to have to pay increased taxes. We will have something very personal against Hitler.

Yet in view of the facts we doubt that there will be much kick from the average American citizen when they find that they will have to pay about \$10 a year more in hidden taxes as a result of the new billion dollar defense tax bill.

Next spring there will be far heavier income taxes. Many persons who have not paid income taxes heretofore will have to pay now. For, in addition to higher rates, exemptions have been reduced. If you are single you'll have to pay income tax on all you earn in excess of \$800 a year instead of \$1,000. If you are married and the head of a family, your exemption will be only \$2,000 instead of \$2,500.

Statistics have been compiled by the living costs division of the Labor Department on the average family. It is composed of four persons—parents and two children—and has an annual income of \$1,524.

But the great majority of Americans are not desirous of entering the surging conflict that is sweeping Europe. We feel safe that the average family who has howled considerably in years gone by, as well as the capitalists, will have little complaint to make over the new tax bill for defense.

Some of the increases for the average family with an income of \$1,524 based on the consumption of goods which the taxes have augmented include: \$7.45 more for cigarettes; \$1.66 more for movies, sports and other admissions; 15 cents more for gasoline, four cents more for toilet preparations; and 39 per cent more per gallon of alcoholic beverages (for which it now spends \$5.40).

What any one family would spend on things would of course vary, and so would the taxes, on the individual items, but the average would be the same.

But in the long run it may prove to be much cheaper than waiting to make defense measures effective. Liberty which comes without effort or sacrifice is apt to conduce moral softness and weakness of spirit.

It may not be much sacrifice to pay double income tax next year. It may not be, compared to the sufferings of the beaten Allies any sacrifice. For everyone should realize each time he pays that he is contributing his share of the cost of making America strong in defense. So strong that she will be able to defy all who would dare to attack her, and that very state of being prepared may turn the tide.

Back To Prohibition

In 1937 the citizens of Johnston County voted to have alcoholic beverage control stores. The vote was 4,081 for and 3,800 against. On last Saturday they voted to repeal the state controlled liquor stores and return to prohibition.

Unofficial returns at the time this is being written reveal the fact that 7,579 persons wanted prohibition and 3,956 wished to keep the retail stores.

Johnston county is the first county in the state to vote to return to prohibition under the county option liquor laws of 1935 and 1937, after having made a trial of the system.

Since the law was passed every county that has voted to have liquor stores, 26 in all, has been watched with close attention by the citizens of other counties in the state. In many cases they were waiting to take action pending the result in the "wide open" counties with ABC stores.

One of the strongest arguments in favor of the retail stores has been the revenue. Gross receipts to date in Johnston county have totaled \$1,000,000. Yet in the face of this the people of Johnston have voted to cut the retail liquor stores. After three years operation the citizens had time to observe both the advantages and the disadvantages.

The action will give much food for thought to many Tar Heels, who have been conscientiously trying to solve the problem of the best way to handle liquor. It will also give confusion, for to many the controlled store has been the best way to beat the bootlegger at his own game. While to another group the controlled store has been the means of increasing the amount of liquor or alcoholic beverages sold, with the legitimate sales offsetting the illegal liquor, which seems to flood the markets everywhere.

It is reported that the pronounced victory has given the dry forces, not only in Johnston county, but throughout the state optimism regarding a definite trend toward the return of prohibition. It is being predicted that other wet counties may soon call referendums.

Here and There

—By—
 HILDA WAY GWYN

The Waynesville High School band is taking life pretty seriously these days . . . in fact it seems that is the only way to stay in the band . . . it is no place for the lazy idler . . . in the beginning of the summer it seemed a question as to how the children would forego the pleasure of a vacation with unrestricted hours . . . and keep regular school month routine . . . and spend the better part of a half day practicing . . . but they have done just that . . . in a remarkably faithful and steady manner . . . a few weeks ago military drilling was added for a couple of hours one afternoon each week . . . now with an invitation to parade on the streets of Canton and give a concert there on Saturday evening at 6:30 . . . they have stepped up a bit more and are drilling each afternoon (and practicing as usual each morning) . . . they tell us that marching and playing at the same time . . . is equivalent to doing "two things at once" . . . and that it takes a surprisingly lot of practice to have perfect step with your feet and time with your instrument . . .

In addition to getting ready for the Canton program . . . they have been hard at work on new numbers to play at their second concert at Lake Junaluska today . . . the children have a committee among themselves . . . to decide on absences and other policies of the group . . . if you wish to take a trip . . . you must convince the committee that the trip is worth while . . . and you must notify them one week in advance to get a "leave of absence" . . . which is all very fine . . . but we grown ups know that unless there is a strong guiding hand behind scenes children are not going to "put out" as the band is doing . . . so let's give a hand to the patience, enthusiasm . . . and excellent teaching of the band director . . . L. T. New, Jr. . . . for we all know that he has done a splendid job since last September . . . when he took over a group with practically no musical training . . . and in a few months has developed a creditable school band of one hundred strong . . .

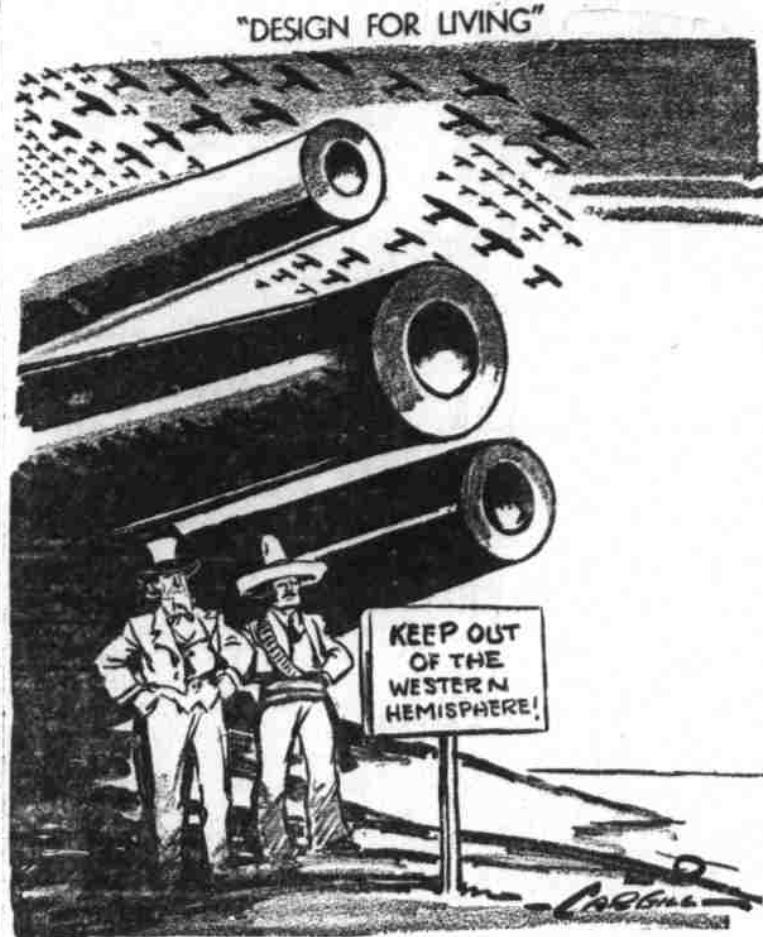
The following contribution to this column . . . should check us all up . . . and make us more diligent about how we express ourselves. . . "No doubt the budding feature writer saw the sign on Depot street and the one on the back of the water truck of the city street department that admonish the public to "Drive Careful." Very little paint and time and effort would be required to add LY-to hearing tourists laugh at our grammar . . . or maybe she saw . . . "It's Healthy" on the advertisement of a certain popular amusement. Surely we know better." . . .

Today marks the 164th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence . . . it should have a very deep meaning to the American citizen who is enjoying the freedom of this country . . . a lot of water has gone under the bridge during those 164 years . . . and from the present outlook a lot will pass under before we observe the 4th again in 1941 . . . what may happen none of us knows . . . we find ourselves again faced with the possibility of fighting to defend our liberty . . . that we have taken for granted so long . . . We can at least show our appreciation of its privileges by not abusing them today . . . let us try to keep it free from death and accident . . . last year in North Carolina alone 3 persons were killed on the streets and highways on the 4th . . . Ronald Hocutt, director of highway safety division makes the following plea . . . "Each year America chooses the 4th of July to stage a jamboree of carelessness. This mass slaughter on Independence Day can be stopped if every one of us uses caution and common sense. The things that cause those tragedies are things we can control—haste, selfishness, thoughtlessness, the desire to show off. I call upon the people to join in a new Declaration of Independence—Independence from annual tribute of many lives needlessly sacrificed. Life is cheap on the battlefields of Europe, but it is still precious in North Carolina. To all who plan holiday trips, the Highway Safety Division addresses this earnest plea: 'Put safety first on the Fourth.'" . . .

While the present road is not a fast-traffic boulevard, it is neither a difficult nor an uncomfortable drive. Only during wet weather could it be considered hazardous. While a small toll is now charged this is necessary for upkeep of the road.

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With our children leading normal happy lives . . . enjoying vacations . . . and summer sports . . . the following contribution sent to us this week . . . is calculated to bring a tug at the heart strings of the most hardened and sophisticated . . . "The children are gone from Paris . . . From Paris on the Seine . . . Where are the children of Paris? . . . Will they ever come back again? . . . Schools are closed and silent . . . Playgrounds empty and chill, for the heart of



Voice of The People

What suggestions do you have to improve parking conditions on Main street?

Mary Ashworth Barber—"To run a street back of the buildings on the East side of Main street and make all deliveries compulsory."

Oliver H. Shelton—"Enforce the laws to the last letter, and have all business firms to either leave their cars at home or park off Main street—and give the visitors a chance to park."

Jonathan Woody—"I think the town people should park their cars on the side streets, leave Main street for the out of town visitors and the country people. This will greatly relieve the present situation. Unless the citizens of Waynesville improve the parking condition on Main street we are going to lose the state highway, which will be routed around the town and will be a great loss to Waynesville."

C. B. Russell—"I think the biggest improvement would be to get rid of double parking on Main street. Often there is a one 'lane street' on Main, with double parking on both sides."

Chrest George—"I believe local cars should park on the side streets and give Main street to the visitors. It is not the visitors who park on Main street so long, but the town people."

Donald Dunham—"Strictly enforce the 30 minute parking ordinance on Main street, also ordinance against double parking. Try to have merchants park their cars on the side streets, and leave every 4th parking space for out of town people and enforce the last given in a strict manner."

Linwood Grahl—"Keep the home folks off of Main street, and give the visitors a chance, that is, if we are going to keep them. The town needs a parking lot—at least for the summer season."

Dr. N. M. Medford—"Allow 30 minutes only on Main street, and enforce it. Parking on intersecting streets, one side only. More business men and women should leave their cars at home. They need exercise."

Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Mountaineer:
 I have rediscovered Eagles Nest. This happened as the result of an accidental trip up the mountain. Not that this was my first trip. It wasn't. However, it was the first in four or five years; the first since I have been intensely interested in the Park, the Parkway, and their scenery and facilities.
 Standing on the old hotel site and looking down into Richland Valley, with Waynesville and Hazelwood in the foreground, I was forced to conclude that I had not seen within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park itself a view so warm and colorful; or one so interesting in its detail. Then, by chance I stood there, I overheard a visiting couple compare the view with scenes in Europe. It was their conclusion that the view from Eagles Nest and the trip itself up the mountain compared most favorably with the choice spots of Europe.
 Coming back down the mountain, I resolved to ask to be privileged by the Mountaineer to call to the attention of its readers the wonderful asset we have in Eagles Nest. I felt that if more of the local people would take the time to visit Eagles Nest and would encourage visitors to make the trip, that within the near future, some major development would be stimulated.
 While the present road is not a fast-traffic boulevard, it is neither a difficult nor an uncomfortable drive. Only during wet weather could it be considered hazardous. While a small toll is now charged this is necessary for upkeep of the road.
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TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

(As Recorded to Monday Noon Of This Week)

Beaverdam Township
 J. H. Sexton, et ux, to Joseph Cagle, et ux.
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 A. V. Burnett, et ux, to W. C. Burnett, et ux.
 Isaac Sutton, et ux, to Ra'ph L. Phillips.
 W. A. Sparks, et ux, to Homer Carver, et ux.
 O. S. Rogers, et ux, to C. A. Buchanan, et ux.

Clyde Township
 J. H. Gossett, et ux, to Paul A. Gossett.

Pigeon Township
 Lelia Justice to R. L. Chambers, et ux.

Waynesville Township
 Walter Reed, et ux, to W. H. Burgin.
 F. M. Jackson to Katherine R. Atkins.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank the nurses, doctors and all the girls of Haywood County Hospital for being so kind to our beloved son and brother, Lee Grant, during his long term of illness.

THE FAMILY.

Interesting as a new development are a series of trout rearing pools fed by cold springs and located near the highway just before reaching the hotel site. These have been stocked with fish by the Department of Conservation and Development.

From early spring until winter time, the plant life is varied and interesting. Just now, flaming azalia will be found in full bloom, together with many other wild shrubs. Near the hotel site will be found some of the finest specimen of columbine which the writer ever saw.

I do not hesitate to assure every reader of the Mountaineer that they will enjoy a trip to Eagles Nest. I want to express the hope, also, that the civic leaders of the community will consider the many advantages that would accrue to us should the extensive development of this area be undertaken.
 Very truly yours,
 CHAS. E. RAY, JR.

Stewart Says

Uncle Sam Freezes Securities Abroad, Annoying Germans

By CHARLES P. STEWART
 Central Press Columnist
 DANISH, Norwegian, Belgian and Luxembourg securities are reported in dispatches from Berlin to be deeply resented by the Axis powers. The German version is effecting the effect of the American plan to



Charles P. Stewart

ly appreciative of European investments in their enterprises, all they could to entice the ter in.
 And it's a fact that the European neutrals of today a deal of their ready cash concerns, their own countries already overdeveloped and still a land of business opportunity. This financial drift from the neutrals to the United States much accentuated as Old conditions grew increasingly fish, since investors turned and more skeptical of their hemisphere's future prospects while as confident as ever of safety of their ventures here.

Doesn't Make Sense
 This was rather surprising, considering that the neutral had chosen to buy their securities, rather than elsewhere, war merely threatened, it is queer that they didn't demand the safest place for their nest with war actually on.

Our government, as well as financiers, took this view. It is an order "freezing" our securities held by citizens of the neutral countries.
 It was an order which was virtually impossible for a neutral to sell any of his securities for the present, in the United States. He can't get the transaction recognized.

For instance, assume that van Soest, a Dutchman, owns American stocks, for which a chaser is sought, in van Soest's name, in New York. Before a dicker can be concluded, the Treasury has ruled that the post department, the customs and the Federal Reserve bank pronounce it a bona fide deal.
 It isn't disputed that Jan is entitled to sell his stuff, and the party's own record of its shares will show that it belongs to him.

The United States Treasury question is:
 Is this the original Jan Soest, or just a stooge about to act for him—a stooge about to be Jan himself maybe known to a question of identity. If the questioner deliberately to be as hard as possible to convince, quite as easily can be spun itself out for the duration of the war, no matter how war it may be.

No Direct Complaints
 It's a system concerning no complaints are heard, directly from Denmark, Belgium or Luxembourg. The Germans who relay the news to the treasury's theory is that the Germans are the folk it isn't the Danes, Norwegian, or Belgians or Luxembourgians.

The Washington government reasoning is that the Nazis as soon as they gained control of the invaded little kingdoms, doubtfully promptly seized all such evidences of indebtedness those referred to and now are trying to market them, in their own owners' names, in American banks, thus providing themselves with approximately a \$1,000,000,000 advance in "dollar exchange" to off for Yankee goods.

Uncle Sam, by his freezing process, simply, as the treasury is preventing Herr Hitler from posing of his plunder.
 After the war's over, Jan van Soest, et al. will be glad to discover that their investments still are waiting for them, and Uncle Sam's win.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends and relatives for their kind and sympathy during the illness and death of my dear husband.

MRS. O. T. McCRAKEN

Good care of paint brushes by each using will enable one to use the same brush for many jobs. Wash the brush in time to remove all paint, then soak it thoroughly in warm water and soap suds. Rinse in warm water, dry, and then wrap in paper.

The conscience is a thousand witnesses.—(Tavernier)