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Theory Into Practice

A farm tour to some people in Haywood County is merely a visit to certain farms in the county. But to those interested in what is taking place in our rural sections and are cognizant of the development of agriculture, a farm tour is an inspiring and enlightening event.

On the first farm tour there were a number of initial experiments in the making. The novelty of the new fangled ideas about soil held a catch sound. In fact there was a lot of talk about experiment plots and so on.

These methods are no longer new. They have been tested and tried and have been found good and profitable. Theories and ideas have become very definite realities.

We have heard considerable talk about lime and phosphate for the past few years, and their value to the land. And now we see the results of lime and phosphate. The hillsides are getting greener each year in Haywood. The grass on the sloping pastures is getting thicker, and the cattle grazing on these lush carpets of green are getting fatter.

The gospel of purebred bulls has left its mark on the cattle that are now being raised on Haywood farms. They have the shape of better and more beautiful animals, which spells more money in the pockets of the farmers.

There is an increasing evidence of an appreciation of beauty in the homes. Modern conveniences are raising the standards of living.

What would we have thought ten years back of an electrical exhibit at a farm meeting in Haywood County? It would have been an absurd gesture, but at the Fines Creek School where lunch was served at noon on the farm tour the electric dealers of the county had displays. Farmers and their wives looked over the devices that would be labor savers in the near future when the Cruso Mutual Electric lines would be extended over a large part of the county.

A Preacher's Views

There is a 76-year-old preacher and educator in Louisville, Ky., whose ideas will suit the average American a lot better than those of the opponents of the defense program. Declaring that, "we're a nation of softies, spiritually and physically," Dr. John R. Samped, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary says.

"A real man, a real soldier, would want to be in active service for his God and his country.

"We must have conscription; that is the only democratic way. Then we could find the slackers and the fifth columnists. They would say something that would show they didn't want to bear arms for this country.

"We should be ashamed to asked ourselves, 'Can England hold out?' We should be helping her. If Hitler crushes the British Navy, we'll be in a bad fix.

"The United States is just a fat turkey gobbler roosting on a low fence the night before Thanksgiving, with no bulldog on the other side of the fence and no guns within a mile."

And remember what Hitler said, "It will be my duty to fight the next war in such a terrible manner that my enemies cannot endure it. Each country will imagine that it will escape, I shall not even need to destroy them one by one. Selfishness and lack of foresight will prevent each one fighting until it is too late."

Adaptability is now ranked second to ability as a desirable quality in an employee. Getting along with one's neighbor is an asset under any conditions.

Labor Day, 1940

We have never known a more complete Labor Day program for this community, than the one for this year.

Starting with a fitting religious service on Sunday evening and continuing on through Monday night with a constant program of activities that will bring together the people of the community in a holiday spirit, as well as one of a fuller appreciation of the freedom of our country.

As we have said time and time again, this section of the world's greatest nation, is most fortunate. We have everything that one could desire of nature. We have a populace that is congenial and co-operative. We are not torn by either labor or political strife.

There is no new or special message that can be brought this year that has not been stressed many times over, but we do feel, that never before have we been made to fully realize what a blessing it is to live in Western North Carolina of the good old United States.

Disappointment

Along with the deep satisfaction that at last the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is to be officially dedicated is the keen disappointment on the North Carolina side that President Roosevelt will not pass through this state either coming into or going out of the Park area.

Considerable comment has been made that the North Carolina congressmen and senators, as well as local officials in the various towns had not been on their job or it would not have so happened.

We feel sure that every effort has been made to have the President arrange his trip to include this state in his itinerary. These plans were made sometime ago and his visit at this time will include a trip to the TVA central activities and to Lookout Mountain that will necessitate his spending more time in Tennessee.

So we will have to be content and call it our "hard luck." The passing of a president of the United States through a state is no small occasion. For months now we have looked forward to the great day when the park would be dedicated and the president would travel this way. We had formed the habit of thinking of the two events together.

However there should be a lesson from the fact that the president can come to dedicate the park that is a part of North Carolina as well as Tennessee and visit only the latter state. We must get on the job, if we are to have our part of the Park developments.

Perhaps his failure to visit the state on this auspicious occasion will give our representatives some idea of how much effort must be put forth, if we are to have the North Carolina section of the park developed in the manner the other side is being built up.

Let us turn our disappointment into alertness and effort.

Hitler Hesitates

As this is being written indications are that Hitler has come to the conclusion that transporting an armed force sufficient to take possession of the British Isles, across the Channel is too much of a job for even such a conquerer as a modern Napoleon.

Again, even though we may dislike to admit that the Fuehrer is a very discerning person, we have to hand it to him that he is very wise in hesitating to take this step.

First it would involve large German losses, and imperil all that Nazidom has so far achieved in the war. Failure of an armed invasion of England would seriously weaken Hitler's prestige in the countries he has seized as well as at home in Germany.

It would give Italy and Russia reason to doubt the ultimate success of his plans to dominate all Europe. If Great Britain should be able to repulse an invasion it might carry the war into Germany itself, which they have been smart enough to avoid to date.

At any rate the war is at a critical point, and what Hitler has up his sleeve for his next move is of great concern.

A Silver Lining

The recent floods held "a silver lining" in one spot in North Carolina, and was not destructive to one industry located in flood areas.

The Yadkin river dam at Baden got so full that the Aluminum Company had power to spare in meeting a pile of defense orders.

From having to buy power from other companies, as is often the case, the company was able to produce enough of its own power to achieve the highest daily turnout of aluminum in its history.

Here and There

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

It was the editor's time to cover the farm tour... we had the job last year... but he could not get away... but when we returned... he welcomed us with "Here is your column for next week"... he had thoughtfully taken his scissors in hand and had done some "clipping" in our behalf. The following was written by Nell Craig, who in addition to being the society editor and a columnist on the Greensboro Record, and a well known newspaper woman... is the sister of Ethel Craig, member of the local high school faculty... she was pinch hitting for a friend on vacation... but took advantage of the opportunity to "blow off a lot of pent up steam..." we might not have had the nerve to reprint the copy... but since the editor gave it to us... we use it without "fear or compunction"... here goes....

"Hitler demoralizes his prospective victims with fear... From personal experience I find flattery the devastating propaganda. It dissolves my last ounce of otherwise effective resistance to any form of work. Nothing but the flattery of being asked, coupled maybe, with the weakened condition natural to one just about to take off on vacation, could have been responsible for my agreeing blithely and unhesitatingly, even eagerly, to 'do' a column for Harriet Doar when I came back after two weeks of leisure. Turning out one of my own five days a week becomes sufficient grind to teach a lesson to any but the feeble-minded."

"In that dim and distant moment of surrender, it seemed that given two weeks' vacation the mind would swarm with ideas and clever and witty phrases would automatically bounce from my fingers to the keys of the typewriter. That was three weeks ago, and rest and food have added nothing except two unwanted pounds."

"Well, you promised, so get along, gal."

"This business of doing a column for someone else gives me liberty which is apt to be confused with license. Writing for the payroll and the subscriber puts a curb on even the most outspoken and damps up in one's system a lot of pet peeves which fairly clamor for expression. The bit is apt to be thrown away when it's someone else's pay check and subscribers to be considered. For instance, sometimes when the stentch person says in a wistful voice, and a searching for glamor—look, 'Newspaper work must be so interesting,' instead of giving a sickly smile, and trying to put convincing pep into my feeble affirmation, 'Yes, it is!' I'm apt to blow up and tell the truth about some of my 'interesting' experiences."

"If this were my last day on the job here are a few of the things I'd say and do and write—I'd begin with the woman who calls and started dictating her story, headlines and all, I'd be in such rare form that when she came to the line, 'Now read that back to me, my reply would be unprintable. To the person who demands 'Please see that this gets a good position' I'd say, 'Yes, I'll run right back to it to the composing room and put the type in the form myself in the upper right hand column under a two-column head, despite the fact that it won't make more than an inch of type.'"

"And for the unknown woman who ends her conversation, 'Now give me a nice write up, honey,' I'd write a story that would stop the press—stop until the managing editor could get it snatched out. I would write one wedding story which would put an end to all fictitious and humorous 'True' stories of weddings, I'd enjoy writing about the divorced woman who was now marrying the man of her choice after having rid herself of the one mama had selected. By this time I would be ready to deal properly with Mrs. I Would Be a Snob, who 'never has her parties in the paper. Whoa gal, you might scorch her, but think of the danger of melting the type of the Charlotte News. After the telephone wires had stopped crackling, I'd tackle the persons who will give all details of a party except the guest list, and hold back this sole piece of meat with the explanation, 'I couldn't have all my friends and I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings.' I'd say inelegantly, 'Yeah, your friends wouldn't be so stumb that they wouldn't know they weren't there unless their names failed to appear in a printed guest list.'"

"My last day would not be over until the telephone rang for the umpteenth time while I was whirling along at 90 miles an hour through a staggering pile of undecipherable notes before the fast approaching deadline moved re-



Voice of The People

In view of present conditions do you approve selective conscription?

F. R. Worthington—"Yes, positively. I spent fourteen months in service in France during the last World War and I know what we would be up against."

Captain W. F. Swift—"Yes, I do I think it is necessary to raise an army, and that this is the best way to do it, I don't believe in sending untrained men to fight."

Bill Prevost—"I certainly do. I think it is the only efficient way to obtain the desired number of men in the army."

John M. Queen—"Yes, I approve of conscription at this time. It seems the only way. In fact I approve putting all the boys in CCC camps in the army, and also all men of army age now working on WPA."

Guy Massie—"I certainly do approve of conscription. It would give the young men training that would be good for them, and then in case of emergency they would be ready for service."

Rev. Frank Leatherwood—"Yes."

I think it is indispensable facing the situation as it exists today. I would not say I approve of war, but it seems there is no other way to meet the emergency than by conscription or compulsory military training.

Mrs. F. H. Marley—"As the mother of two sons 'the right age' for conscription I am afraid I could not give a fair answer."

Grover C. Davis—"I do and I don't. There are plenty of argument on both sides of the question."

Mrs. Gilbert Reeves—"I certainly do approve, I feel that it is the only fair way to raise an army."

James A. Rose—"Yes, I approve of conscription. Unless there are enough volunteers, it is the only way to raise an army."

Mrs. W. T. Crawford—"I favor not only the conscription of the men but of the money of those who would profit thereby, and I should advise those 'mothers of America' who are making themselves ridiculous around the Capitol in Washington that the best way to evade conscription—either in war or national defense would be to persuade their sons to volunteer."

CLIPPINGS

SMALL TOWN INDUSTRIES

Wendell Wilkie showed his thorough understanding of the situation in thousands of small communities throughout the United States when, at Des Moines, he spoke of the benefits to be gained from decentralization of industry in the United States.

By this the Republican candidate for the Presidency did not mean that all great industries in or adjacent to the various big cities should be broken up and scattered. Obviously this is impossible in many instances, and even if possible would not be expedient. Accessibility to markets or to raw materials still is a primary consideration.

Still, there are thousands of struggling small industries in big cities which, given an opportunity to retain present markets, could greatly benefit both themselves and the communities by moving to small towns. Taxes are usually lower and costs of living likely to be smaller.

Many will agree with Mr. Wilkie. There are hundreds of communities throughout the United States where one or two industries have revolutionized local conditions. Knitting, spinning, or weaving mills, woodworking industries, food processing plants—these and others have brought their people prosperity and well-being and put on a firmer basis the American way of life.—Christian Science Monitor.

IS THIS NECESSARY

A Washington column, given to

lently nearer. This would be Mrs. Ida Criston, phoning for the fourth time to make an inconsequential change is a three-line notice of a meeting of her Sunday school class. It would be the end of perfect day when I could send the receiver crashing through the plastered wall three feet away... With my system purged of all its peevish, I feel so fine by this time that I'm ready to claim the woman's privilege of changing my mind, and agree that newspapering is the most interesting work after all. Why should I take that out on Harriet Doar's readers the bad disposition which I have to hide from my own? I wish now that I had elected to write about some of the really interesting experiences which make up for both humdrum routine that is part of any job."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor Mountaineer:—

Please allow me to congratulate you upon your latest feature addition, "Topics of the Day," contributed by Judge Frank Smathers. His brilliant intellect coupled with his knowledge and clear conception of the world affairs, both here and abroad, make him especially qualified to bring to the readers of The Mountaineer timely and constructive news.

MRS HARRY ROTH.

analysis of the news, finds that WPA rolls are increasing, submitting detailed figures to bear out the assertion. That isn't so good. We all know that the WPA was established to provide work for the jobless, to keep people from starving, but just now the defense program is taking many people back to government and private industrial plants.

People should not be allowed to starve by the way, how many people have you seen starving lately? The WPA may be something permanent in our economy. Let's hope not, but it may be here from now on. Still, it doesn't seem reasonable that it should be increasing its rolls just now. It is self-evident that a decline, not an increase, in WPA figures is desirable. This country must find some way to prevent an increase.—Shelby Star.

SAME OLD BOB

Bob Reynolds has changed his tune since he began to be branded general as a Nazi sympathizer with delusions of Fascist grandeur. In the face of this country's overwhelming sympathy for Great Britain and the growing apprehension that our own safety hung on the fate of the British fleet, he commended discreetly to soft-pedal his tirades against this sole survivor of the Allies.

But he is the same old Bob. His tactics, if not his speeches, manifest a willingness to trust to luck and to Hitler's benevolent intentions toward the Western Hemisphere.

Once again Senator Reynolds fails in his duty to the people of North Carolina. They have shown in all ways possible that they are for the raising of an army by conscription, and that as rapidly as may be. They have ceased to listen to any rhetorical arguments to the effect that voluntary enlistment is the more democratic way of raising an army. What they want is

Topics Of The Day

BY
Judge Frank Smathers

WENDEL WILKIE—THE TION AND THE W

When Mr. Wendell Wilkie first nominated, I feared Democrats—I feared Roosevelt, but not for the I thought the Republicans last selected a winner, statesman. I was sure chosen a successful campaign with sufficient personality to attract and persuade the as well as the masses. I was convinced that a real national campaign had been born to the overnight, equipped for agency, fit to fight on all equipped to lead and defend nation, a great people in raked with unrest and revolution.

I continued to think this way about Mr. Wilkie he went back home and he unbosomed himself before folks in Elwood, Indiana, he became quite talkative, revealed his inner thoughts, people were there to see him, more than will ever again.

The speech itself, well, not so hot as the weather. Republicans thought it was were disappointed, but Democrats, save those who walk with Mr. A. Smith, were feely delighted. They lied.

Personally, I was disappointed, and in a mental mood I felt like Mr. Wilkie as follows: "Wilkie: 'Why didn't you and stress 'national defense' the most pressing and vital of the nation? You know is, Why, therefore, didn't you, so, frankly, fearlessly and ically, and urge all your to demand an immediate of the conscription bill to further debate and delay? Mr. Wilkie, why didn't you 'Down with the dictatorial live Democracy, and to the and to this ideal I hereby and dedicate my all, even my

Such a patriotic demonstration on your part Wilkie, would have been an inspiration and encouragement the American youth now lay his life on the altar of dom, and the American about to sacrifice her only life savings in order to Democracy and the cherishes of America.

Instead, Mr. Wilkie, you and discouraged your mirrors by your repeated "Down with the New Deal, to the New Deal, and I am enough to here and now the champion New Deal joint debate."

Moreover, Mr. Wilkie, know there is, at least, the President has done well, and that is the handling our foreign policy. That intelligent and fair-minded freely admit has been made and magnificently done by President in the true American fashion, and with the same tion, courage and wisdom that unated and inspired our great ident of the past: who put safety was in jeopardy. So here and there, Mr. Wilkie, had the excuse and the more patriotic than public acknowledgment for the manner in which our eign affairs have been conducted by our President and your But, instead, you saw fit to be and brusquely rebuke him, belittle and depreciate his most unselfish efforts. You ascribed "unscrupulous" to all his fine official acts in eign affairs.

Therefore, it is any wonder Wilkie, that some of us feel illusioned about your speech and statesmanship? I, however, I have misjudged through your acceptance of the For the sake of the nation, I shall still hope that my first mate of your ability and character was the correct one.

as army, now and they believe conscription is the only way.

Robert is for conscription, quite certainly. This nation told an Associated Press man Washington last week "and city must resort to the service draft."

But he added a reservation, aligned him with all the abolitionist in the Senate, the abolitionists are playing the sorry French politicians. For that we must resort to conscription only if voluntary enlistment failed to provide the needed number of men. In short, must resort to conscription earlier than sometime in the future.—Charlotte News.

Keep your face to the crowd and you cannot see the crowd. Helen Keller.