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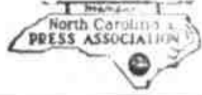
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To The National Guard

We would like to honor the National Guard and the boys who are daily volunteering over this country to bring the companies up to "war-time strength," even before they are drafted.

Our own Company "H" with other such units as well as the Reserve Corps have been called out for a year's service. They will take on military training as an all time job.

In the past they have had brief summer encampments, with semi-weekly gatherings and drills in the armories in their own home towns. Now they are to be called out for a year's intensive training in regular army camps.

The training they are to receive will fit them to defend this country, in the case of war. We have learned by watching the armies of Europe that no longer can a nation carelessly consider its program of defense. Today skilled and well trained soldiers alone can offer resistance to modern methods of warfare.

These men are called now to leave their jobs and take up their duties as soldiers. It is not an easy thing to set aside a well planned life, as will be the case in many instances, when the country is not even at war. In the National Guard are many mature men, who are just at the turning point in their professional and business careers. It will not be easy for them to pick up and leave.

Those of us at home should feel it our sacred duty, as far as possible, to keep jobs open for those who go, and lend our cooperation to their business interests which they leave behind. It is not fair that while we stay and they go, that upon their return they should have "to start life all over again." In the meantime we are enjoying life and privileges, which they are learning to defend for us.

While they march with the steady tread of a soldier in our defense, we should remember that we also have our responsibilities, and in their absence we should rise to the obligations that the times and conditions will place upon us.

So Company "H" and the volunteers, who will swell your number from 80 to 149, we take this occasion to express our appreciation of your services, and pledge you our hearty support "back home."

Education

We recently saw some criticism about children on farms in North Carolina, who knew more about French verbs than dressing a chicken. We thought the cases must be very exceptional.

But here comes the following from a "confession article" written by a school teacher, that shows that the "students" are not the only impractical ones:

"I can solve quadratic equation, but I cannot keep my bank account straight."

"I can name the Kings of England since the War of the Roses, but I do not know the qualifications of the candidates in a state election."

"I know the economic theories of Malthus and Adam Smith, but I cannot live within my income."

"I can explain the principles of hydraulics but I cannot fix a leak in the kitchen faucet."

"I have studied the psychology of James and Titchener, but I cannot control my temper."

A scientist says the flight of time is an illusion. Tell that one to your banker when your note falls due.—Exchange.

The Dedication

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park was dedicated on Monday afternoon. It was a great event for both North Carolina and Tennessee. It was an impressive occasion. The weather, the setting and the arrangements made a perfect combination.

The program from beginning to end went off with ease from the parking of the first car to the last one to make its way from the Gap.

No one could fail to enter into the spirit of the day. Stretching for miles and miles about were the verdant valleys and the tree covered peaks, "weathered in the fragile wisps of mist from which the mountains got their name."

It was an occasion to stir one's patriotism. Appreciation of the beauty and blessings of this country coupled with the thought of current world conditions brought to mind by the speakers, heightened the solemnity of the day.

The 10,000 people gathered, received the president's seriously delivered address in the spirit in which he gave it. There was profound silence for the most part. He was nearly a third way through before the applause came as he set forth the necessity at this time for conscription and for sacrifice by men and women of this country.

He told his audience that to remain free they must steel themselves for sacrifices, achieve absolute national unity, "and prepare in a thousand ways to defend their country and their liberties."

The spirit of the pioneer is needed Mr. Roosevelt said. But he contended that the nation also needs modern arms and trained men. Dangers far more deadly than those the early frontiersman had to face cannot be settled with "pitchforks and squirrel rifles" or even with the training or weapons of the war of 1917 and 1919.

In closing he left this thought, "The winds that blow through the wide sky in these mountains—the winds that sweep from Canada to Mexico, from the Pacific to the Atlantic—have always blown on free men. We are free today. If we join together now—men, women and children—and face the common menace as a united people, we shall be free tomorrow. To the free people of America I dedicate this Park."

A challenge to you and to me, and to every American citizen.

Highway Location

Haywood County has, within less than 30 days, been visited by two disastrous floods. Damages running into several hundred thousand dollars have been done to the farms, crops, and highways in the county.

The crop and soil damages cannot, of course be prevented, but the highway damages could be materially reduced if those in charge of highway location would always take into consideration the possibilities of floods, such as we have just had.

Engineers, especially those who have never seen a mountain stream on a real rampage, are tempted to locate roads too near streams subject to overflow in order to improve grades. Bridges are swung too low and culverts and drains are installed that are too small to carry flood waters. Consequently they choke and the result is more apt to be disastrous.

We have had a long period of but little rain and very little high water, but the past two weeks would clearly demonstrate that what has happened may and will happen again.

It is to be hoped that in the future locating parties will consult more with local authorities who know from experience just what may be expected of certain streams. Certainly any location except one reasonably safe from high water is a waste of Public Road funds.

Drafting Wealth

We hear a good deal of argument about the drafting of wealth as a means of national defense. We do not see any difference between the drafting of men and that of wealth.

Why should those who stay at home object to having their material possessions put to use for national defense, when the other fellow is putting up his very life.

Under the draft men will be required to give years out of their lives, so it seems only fair that those who stay at home and profit should make some sacrifice for national security.

It seems the only logical and just thing to do to have incomes subjected to the draft just as rapidly as men are drafted into the service.

It seems not to be a serious mistake to keep Congress in session all summer. Perhaps the members of it should come home long enough to learn what the people they represent are thinking and demanding—Esther Ann Cox, Canton, Ohio.

Here and There

—By—
HILDA WAY GWYN

What a week . . . the past one . . . destructive floods at home . . . Nazi bombs filling the skyline in England . . . and then Monday . . . what a day . . . the best Labor Day celebration we have ever had . . . hats off to L. M. Richeson . . . chairman of arrangements . . . cooperation . . . and good will marked the day . . . the prize winners in the float contests . . . in everything an accentuation of the spirit of patriotism . . . the ranks of the National Guard larger than usual . . . bringing a serious note . . . and the strains of "God Bless America" . . . from the beautiful and significant float of the Tannery . . . the spell of solemnity broken by the amusing dog entries . . . and then Aunt Ida . . . all day the program going off on schedule time . . . the band adding a note of color . . . and its music giving the festive air of a holiday . . . the street dance at Hazelwood closing the night's gally . . .

Then at 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Newfound Gap . . . that long looked for event in Western North Carolina . . . the formal dedication of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park . . . an impressive ceremony . . . in a perfect setting . . . so much . . . that it is hard to put into words . . . the beauty of the blue sky . . . the afternoon blending in with the happy occasion . . . and President Roosevelt . . . dominate and vibrant personality . . . at his best . . . surrounded by dignitaries . . . from North Carolina and Tennessee . . . national and state figures . . . a fitting group for the dedication of such an area . . . "for the people of Americans for generations to come" . . . we were all proud of our governor . . . and the way the secret service men circled in the crowd and kept an eagle eye on things was a fascinating "side show" . . . everyone seemed to appreciate the significance of the event . . . crowds have never been handled with such ease . . . there was no confusion . . . of any kind . . . the only regret . . . was that there were not chairs for everybody . . . even those standing kept their fine spirits and had a bit of fun at the expense of those occupying chairs . . . who would persist from time to time in standing up to get a better view of things . . . there would be the cry from the standers "Sit down, you WPA workers" . . . and they would sit, with a sheepish grin . . . And now that the Park has been formally dedicated . . . we trust that its realization . . . to the local people . . . will mean all they had hoped . . . and for time to come . . . it will furnish to its visitors the inspiration of its beauty and majesty . . .

The following was contributed by Mrs. Whitner Prevost. It was written by one Dessie Mae Wheeler . . . colored . . . daughter of Eliza Wheeler . . . the Prevost maid . . . Dessie Mae was serving as "night nurse" . . . and young Anne Williamson Prevost slept as a well trained baby should . . . straight through . . . Dessie Mae had to have some kind of amusement . . . so she "practiced" letter writing . . . she decided to tell Hitler what she thought of him . . . (Wilda Prevost found the letter the next day . . . written on a paper towel) . . .

While sitting and thinking of you and your plans, I would like to tell you a few things, Mr. Hitler. You can't rule the whole world, so I want to stop this war right away, because if you don't I will have to do without a big brother and a daddy too, and maybe a mother. Even I might have to go to be a Red Cross Nurse. In which there will be only my three little brothers left at home. Now that would be a shame, and also other families the same way. You know that is awful. It is terrible. If you was a little boy about 2 years old, I could kinder e-sympathize you, but as old as you are, you should know better. So, now Mr. Hitler, let's get together on this thing . . . you can't rule the whole world, and I can't neither. So get back over to your own country and be happy, so if you don't agree, all I will do is pray that "God Bless America."

Signed—
DESSIE MAE WHEELER.

Well, Dessie Mae, you might be surprised to know how many people will agree with you . . . we wish that Mr. Hitler could have such letters from everyone . . . maybe they might have some effect . . .

The following from "Charity and Children" will be of interest to people in this country . . . as Miss Sally McCracken . . . is a native of Haywood . . . she is the sister of Dr. J. R. McCracken, M. T. McCracken and Mrs. Claude Haynes . . . forty-four years ago she started out as a teacher at the Mills Home . . . the Baptist Orphanage

"... We Hate War, We love Peace" - Governor Hoey



Governor Hoey told the crowd at the Park dedication, and the nation at large, on Labor Day afternoon, "we hate war. We believe in peace and love it. We love peace so well that we are willing to fight to preserve it, if need be. We believe the best security for peace is full and complete preparedness for national defense. I expect for America the moral and spiritual leadership under God for the distracted peoples of the earth and a major share in the task of rebuilding the wrecked civilization of the world." Mrs. Roosevelt with white turban, is sitting next to Secretary Harold Ickes, while President Roosevelt is directly behind Governor Hoey, wearing a white hat. Seated next to the President is his personal aide. This photo made for The Mountaineer by John Topping.

Topics Of The Day

BY
Judge Frank Smathers

"HITLER PRONOUNCES DEMOCRACY'S DEATH SENTENCE"

It is reported that, in the second edition of "Mein Kampf," Hitler has already recorded his reasons for the downfall of Democracy as though it were an accomplished fact. If the Americans are as soft and decadent as Hitler says we are, then it's well and wise that we see ourselves as Hitler sees us.

Voice of The People

In event of war, do you favor compulsory purchases of government securities to raise revenue?

W. T. Lee—"I think there is enough patriotism in this country, to make such a course unnecessary, as I feel there are enough people who would gladly buy bonds and securities, without the necessity of compulsory legislation."

Chas. C. Francis—"I think we should raise the money as we go. If conscription takes the soldiers why not the salaries of the working man left behind?"

Weaver McCracken—"It is a big question. The responsibilities of the wage earner are not always

at Thomasville . . . and is now a kind general manager . . . she has touched the lives of thousands of motherless and homeless children . . . and giving them boundless love, sympathy, and wisdom . . . "Miss Sallie McCracken has gone for a two week's vacation. No one of the Orphanage group is missed as much as Miss Sallie . . . She is the coupling pin that holds everything together. We are always glad when she goes away for a breathing spell. She richly deserves the rest she enjoys when she returns to her town of Waynesville and to her own people."

Mrs. Cameron Lewis—"If it becomes necessary I believe in making the purchase of government securities compulsory."

L. W. Brewer—"Certainly, if the compulsion is based on surplus income above a living wage."

Mrs. Dwight Beatty—"I believe there will be enough volunteers to buy bonds, but in case there should not be, I favor compulsory purchase."

Roy C. Moseman—"I believe patriotism is grounded deep in most of us, that we would buy all that was necessary to keep safe our freedom."

Mrs. C. J. Reece—"I think the matter should be a 'free will purchase.'"

Paul Davis—"I believe in leaving such questions to individual patriotism."



unanimous and undivided and devotion from now on. Battle of Britain and Democracy is won.

Most of us, however, hoping and fear another. We have to finish the fight for democracy this side of the Atlantic. Would it not be vastly better let a volunteer army of advanced their machines to Britain than to force them and other whaler fight the aggressive on shores and without assistance Britain's army or navy?

However, there are more sons for the triumph of Democracy than there are our fears that Democracy will civilization. These I would like to relate in the next article and vote the balance of this one brief summary of Herr Hitler's analysis of our American character.

Assuredly, it can do so to seriously and sincerely his criticism to our character both individually and collectively and profit by whatever truth be found there. (The lies and ignore).

According to Doctor Herr Runschning (a close friend collaborator of Hitler in the days of National Socialism) great Fuehrer possesses, other interesting characteristics the happy faculty of wronging his future schedule and time of national and international events as though they were real realities. In short, he decides a thing should be done is done, at least in his mind. Accordingly, Herr Hitler prophesied the demise of Democracy and the ascension and cession of National Socialism pronounced the death of something in this old world fashion:

"The weakest branch of Democracy is not the executive or judicial, but the legislative. It fuses and fumbles like a college football star, more and intent on individual than the triumph of the nation."

"Democracy died—bravely and unlimited debate. Victory in the Hall of Talk, vanquished in the field of battle! They lost lives and liberties but, thank they saved their precious right endless debate! Long live the wretched legislators and their innumerable rules of procedure which with the assistance of a handful of faithful German chizers, the will of a hundred thirty million people was trampled, and the greatest democracy them all was brought down as easily as little Denmark."

"America, the mighty Democracy of the Western Hemisphere, great and glorious in Peace, impotent in War."

"When she fought the last she was fierce, tough and determined. When she beat the she was brave, scrupulous, rigorous. When at Valley Forge was poor of purse, but unbroken spirit. But—when Socialism, she could not raise an untrained army of 300,000 men, she possessed the wealth of the world and a population of 100,000,000 people to draw upon."

"Reason? Because the reign of the rich was the perpetuation of the plutocracy, power and the exploitation, suppression of the poor, which led to class hatred, disintegration and disunity. "The rich ruling class became soft, selfish, conceited and arrogant, while the poor and oppressed became desperate, rebellious. Such a bound to succumb, more than (Continued on page 3)