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The Last Years

Judge Robert W. Winston, well known author and jurist of this state celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary on last Thursday.

He has spent several summers in Waynesville and has a number of friends of many years standing here.

Judge Winston claims that the last years of a man's life are his best years, and that no man can say he has properly lived unless he dies properly.

There is much food for thought in the Judge's ideas. For certainly experience should give us courage to face life and should give us a philosophy of the finer things of the spirit that makes us get the right value of things.

If we have lived with the right attitude toward work, play and our fellow man, that sentiment that "the best of life is yet to be," naturally follows.

Judge Winston attributes his long life to good diet, the proper use of rest and quiet, and the ability to look at life pleasantly.

Here and There

By HILDA WAY GWYN

OPEN LETTER TO THE STATE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION—TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—This is to voice a complaint with your department—we have had occasion during the past summer to observe the license plates of cars from states all over the country...

Everybody Contributes

A lot of times people who do not own property and do not visit the tax collectors office get the idea that they do not pay taxes.

The following taken from a bulletin of the Texas Manufacturers Association, after a survey had been made in this field in a typical small Middle Western town will give some idea of how we all pay taxes.

Taxes take 15 cents of every dollar spent for new automobiles.

Taxes take 13 cents of every dollar spent for furniture.

Taxes take 25 cents of every dollar spent for rent.

Taxes take 10 cents of every dollar spent for wall paper.

Taxes take 12 cents of every dollar spent for movie tickets.

Taxes take 3 cents of every dollar spent for insurance.

Taxes take 10 cents of every dollar spent for women's clothing.

Taxes take 12 cents of every dollar spent for men's clothing.

Taxes take 7 cents for every dollar spent for shoes.

Taxes take 12 cents of every dollar spent for electricity, 15 cents for every dollar spent for gas.

Taxes take 6 cents of every dollar spent for bus fare.

Taxes take eight cents of every dollar spent for meat, 18 cents of every dollar spent for sugar, 13 cents of every dollar spent for matches, five cents of every dollar spent for soap, 34 cents of every dollar spent for beer, nine cents of every dollar spent for vegetables, eight cents of every dollar spent for canned goods.

Taxes take 20 cents of every dollar spent for proprietary medicines, beauty preparations, or shaving cream.

Taxes take 15 cents of every dollar spent for bread.

Taxes take 11 cents of every dollar spent for railroad fare.

Taxes take 15 cents of every dollar paid on telephone bills.

Taxes take 10 cents of every dollar spent for milk and dairy products.

Taxes take 37 cents of every dollar spent for automobile upkeep.

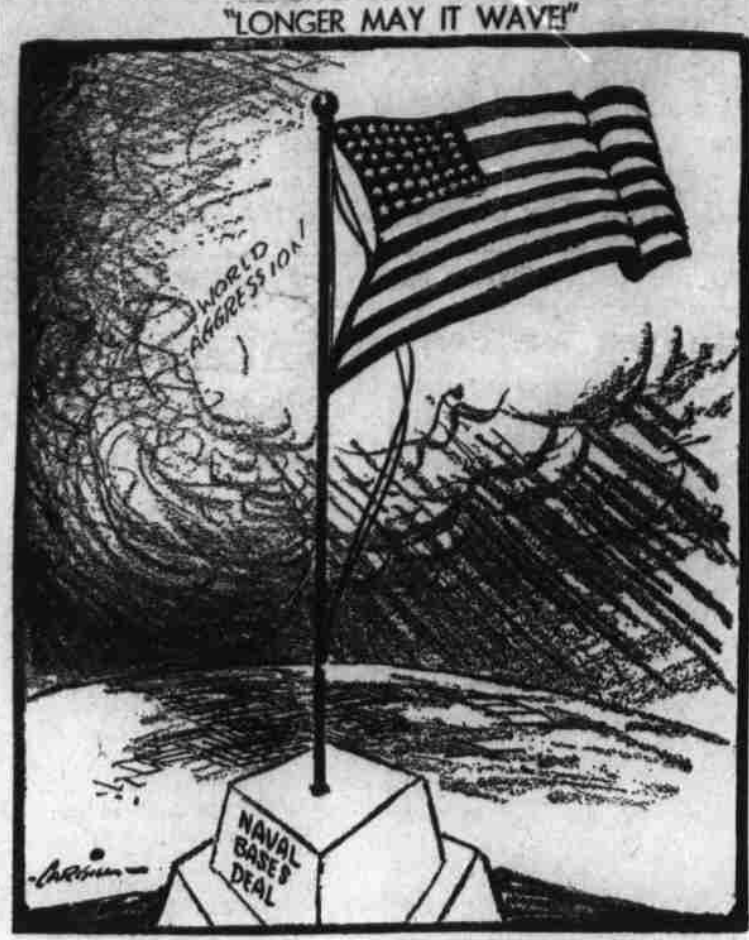
Art Of Carving

Most of us have either been under the strain of trying to carve or watch others so that we can appreciate the sentiments of Louis Graves, recently expressed in his paper, "The Chapel Hill Weekly":

"I believe that when the world becomes really civilized, perhaps the word should be if, not when, to ask a man to carve a fowl at the dining room table will be considered just as unsuitable as to ask him to clean the fish, peel the potatoes, or wash the sand out of the celery. The carving of a fowl is distinctly something that should be done in advance of the meal.

"It is not only the carver himself who suffers. If he is inexpert, as most carvers are, the diners adjacent to him may be showered with drops of gravy and fragments of flesh; whether this catastrophe occurs or not, they are in constant fear that it will, which makes them very uncomfortable. There's another bad thing about carving at the table, the delay.

"The gastric juices excited by the picture brought to them through the optic nerves, begin to fume and fret. It calls to mind the late F. Hopkinson Smith's story of the Kentucky colonel who always shut his eyes when his julep was being mixed. 'Looking at it,' the colonel said, 'gets my mouth to waterin' so, I can't taste the whiskey.'"



Voice of The People

What do you consider the greatest sin of modern life?

Rev. W. Herbert Mayers—rector of Grace Episcopal church—"The question is not capable of a direct answer. As I understand it Sin is the exact opposite of morality. Now if one knows what morality is, it might be possible to know what sin is. Morality is the effort of human groups to envision certain principles of right and remain loyal to them. These eternal principles are 'not of today or yesterday, but are ever-living; and nobody knows whence on earth they sprang. (Sophocles.)"

"There is a prevailing spirit in mankind to sacrifice even his life to secure the performance of real (eternal) good... Just as soon as human beings conceive of love and the purpose of love, they will go through agony and crucifixion as testimony to that purpose. Witness the martyrdom of the small European countries standing up against the monstrous forces of might. Sin today (the greatest sin) is the indolence of spirit which sits by and does nothing about immoral actions. Their deliberate refusal to apply eternal principles of right to modern life has made today's civilized people the most sinful people in history."

Rev. F. H. Leatherwood—Moderator Haywood County Baptist Association—"In my opinion the greatest sin of modern life is covetousness. Covetousness is the Brood-Sow or Mother sin of modern life because it fills our minds and hearts with wrong motives and desires. It denies the ownership of God and the stewardship of man; it utterly destroys the principle of sharing with others, or that we are our 'Brother's Keeper.'"

"Covetousness commercializes life and puts it on a competitive basis; it thinks more of hogs than of human souls; it kills the 'Goose that lays the Golden-Egg.' Covetousness is idolatry, it is the Tap-Root of all evil, it is the Brooder of all sin. It blights, de-

grades, damns, and destroys the moral life of every soul."

Father A. F. Rohrbacher—St. John Catholic church—"In view of Christ's statement, that the love of God is the first and great commandment and the love of our neighbor the second commandment like to the first (Matthew 22:38-39) I would conclude, that lack of love of both God and man is the greatest transgression of modern life."

Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr.—pastor First Methodist church—"The secularization of life. Emphasizing the this-worldly and ignoring the other-worldly. The attitude which might be tersely expressed by the title of a modern picture run not so long since in our town (significantly, on Sunday): "Nothing Sacred."

Dr. R. P. Walker—pastor of Waynesville Presbyterian church—"Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power," 2:3,5 Timothy. (The forging was the climax of Paul's list of heinous sins that should characterize the last days.)"

Rev. W. L. Hutchins—superintendent of the Waynesville district of the Methodist church—"I would express it in one word, Greed."

Rev. William H. Neese—pastor of the Crabtree Methodist church—"The underlying sin of this age is the elimination of the idea of God from our thinking. The world has lost its God. Consciousness, and man has become a being, and a force that accepts no God superior to himself. The elimination of the idea of God is at the base of every sin of every age."

Rev. C. O. Newell—pastor Methodist church of Dellwood—"I consider the sin of INDIFFERENCE and PASSIVITY to be the great moral and religious issue (especially war and alcoholic beverages) the most deep-seated menace of our day."

CLIPPINGS

LIVE WORDS

Here, messieurs, are four paragraphs which are packed with all the emphasis that deep conviction can bestow upon words. They are worth this reading, if you missed them on first publication, or a re-reading in any case.

"North Carolina wishes me to pledge her 3,500,000 people in unbroken solidarity to the cause of real Americanism. The people of North Carolina believe in full and complete national defense on land and sea and in the air. They believe in requisitioning the necessary men and means to accomplish the desired end of maintaining our own freedom and independence and saving our land from the blight of war and the destruction

British are not a very impressive people... as raw material for diabolical art of Goebbels, who is used to dealing with a rather neurotic people, our folk are quite hopeless... but if there is another deeper reason why our people are rising and not descending in spirit and this may be difficult for some intellectuals to understand... the English, as several foreign philosophers and observers have pointed out more than once... are at heart a very religious people... I don't mean that they have a passion for religious observance and ritual... because they haven't... but they have a profound faith in the moral order of the universe... as a man put in a letter to me... 'Their position is not so much that God is on our side, but that we are on God's side.'

of the American way of life. In order to achieve this result, they are willing to travel the pathway of sacrifice.

"North Carolina also believes that we have temporized with disloyal elements too long already. My personal view is that the time has come when the Congress of the United States ought to outlaw the Communist Party, the Nazi Bund, and every other organization which seeks the overthrow of our Government. I believe in free speech, but that freedom should not extend to organizations which admittedly owe first allegiance to a foreign power and seek the destruction of the government under which they claim protection.

"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 preparation for national defense.

"I covet 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.—Clyde Hoey, Governor of North Carolina, preceding the President at the exercises Monday to dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.—The Charlotte News.

MAY USE RADIO ON DISEASE

CLEVELAND—Short radio waves may now be used to clear up gingivitis, the wide-spread disorder indicated by bleeding gums, said Dr. Dirsael Kobak, of Chicago, in an address prepared for delivery today before the American Congress of Physical Therapy.

Topics Of The Day

By Judge Frank Smathe

Editor of Mountaineer:—"A New Deal National debt... billion is a national calamity... ceeded only by a military... by Germany," so says the Senator of North Carolina.

By every innuendo and cation, that statement was in and is, an indictment and tion that the Roosevelt admion has about wrecked the nomic structure of America.

Many of the Senator's ad will take exception to that ation—for the reason that national debt does not preon tional bankruptcy or a cal nor is it just or fair to attrib plight of the national ho Mr Roosevelt's admion alone.

The national debt of A cannot be accurately and ju praised except in the light "word picture" of which it an integral part. World is so sensitive and so inte that what hurts one part all parts.

America, taken singly, Senator does, and viewed of the light of its own past, tional debt naturally seems ing and ruinously dispropr. But when studied and val the light of world conditions comparison with other natio the world, then we have just to pat our own chests with and rejoicing — as the fol facts and figures will show.

America's national debt of is "chicken feed" compared of all the larger nations of E most of which are admitt hopelessly bankrupt.

If America is broke, the big nations have long "expired in a debtors priam."

1. America's debt burden greater in 1940 than in 1910 cause the interest rate has reduced one half.

2. The government's credit never better nor stronger the day, as evidenced by the fact every time the government rows money it is oversub twenty times.

3. America's per capita de far less than that of Englan any other belligerent or nati nation.

4. Before the fall of France was pouring over forty billion nually into her war machine —60 per cent of her nation come. England was even pouring more into her war machine, over 50 per cent of her income. It must be far now. Russia, Germany, Jap pouring still more into their machines.

5. The merchant marine and colonies of Denmark, Hol Belgium, et al, are all absorber by Germany.

6. Europe's economic life trade is distorted beyond all ognition.

7. All nations have adopted clud control of exports and imp and rationing all internal resources.

8. England is already employ two foreign currencies—the p and the Black Roubles. Ger is employing the barter and ed currency exclusively. All men of Europe are liquidated, ed out, except England, and it looks inevitable—with all at dizzy heights and worse y come.

9. With all the world at fighting for life and existenc all labor, capital, trade, ind agriculture and currency of State and national control; bankruptcy and unbalanced gets universal; with millions and starvation stalking the str with more than 50 million in Europe, making munition with the gold and hard money terms of free trade and free open struggle or "gone with the wind;" with the money in for the moving of goods and ploying of men, superced by governmental incentive to en idle men and machines and the starving, regardless of cost profit—it seems strange that wealthy nation like America, blessed, unbleeding and unbo should become so alarmed over unbalanced budget; especially it costs little Switzerland 300 lion a year to stay out of war were in her shoes, we'd be spending proportionately 15 billion nually instead of 9 billion, wh includes all New Deal "equa ing" for relief, public works, ersons, home owners, bankers, roads, and other big business on now grumbling about taxes, an unbalanced budget.

Owing to world conditions Hoover started the march of spending. Mr. Roosevelt has to continue it as world condio got worse, instead of bett through no fault of his or Hoover. Yet, Senator Bailey w leave the impression with the Democrats of this state, that Roosevelt's management of the tion's finances is a national mity, exceeded only by a Ger invasion.