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## Congratulations Again

Last week we extended our congratulations to the farm agents and the citizens of Haywood County on their idea of staging a livestock show. This week we want to add congratulations on the merit of the realization of the show.

The exhibits and the general cooperation in the one day showing were beyond the expectations of the most hopeful of the sponsors.

The cooperation of the cattlemen in the county was all that could have been desired, and the keen interest shown by the public in general proved beyond doubt what the place the people of the county give to the importance of fine cattle as an industry.

It was also encouraging to see such a large number of young farmers and even those still in school, who are actively engaged in livestock projects in connection with their agricultural studies.

## Training For Jobs

The recent launching of the national defense program has brought home some startling discrepancies in our educational systems. Locally it should make us appreciate the efforts that are being made now in the District schools along the lines of vocational guidance, for there is a close connection.

Last year there were a million high school graduates. Two thirds of them were prepared to go to college, but only one half of the two thirds who were prepared went to college. More than two-thirds of all those who graduated did not go to college.

Moreover a majority of those who did not go to college were prepared for higher training but for nothing else.

Now with surveys being made of the needs of industry by the Defense Commission, the truth has come to light in a manner not heretofore known. There are too many jobless young people, who either through lack of proper guidance or lack of foresight and ambition on their part, or misdirected energy are not fitted for any practical work. They are untrained now for the jobs that are opening up.

The American Youth Commission figures that at least four million young men and women are out of school in need of jobs, totally unemployed; that there are another million or so marking time in part time jobs, in schools or on farms. But there are not many technical school graduates among this group that could not find jobs.

It has been shown that even in the deepest days of the depression, nine out of every ten graduates who were trained for some special line, went to work when they came out of school.

## Thinking Ahead

For years we have heard each spring that we must have some new postcards of this immediate section, but that it is a little late to take the matter up for the current season. Each year it becomes more important to have attractive postcards, as the number of people who stop not merely for one night, but also the growing number who stop only for gas and to mail a postcard.

It will not be long before the leaves are gone and Mother Nature has donned her bleak winter garments. In the latter season the mountains may have a certain charm, but we all like them in the time of full leaf, and it is certainly then that we wish to publicize the section to the outside world.

We call attention to the Chamber of Commerce that this business of postcards is an urgent step for the fall rather than regret the matter next summer.

## Fire Season

The state forest service has sent out its annual warning to all counties in North Carolina through their county wardens on the regulations and precautions governing control of forest fires.

Warden Mark Hannah through the pages of the Mountaineer last week gave in detail the precautions that landowners should take, as well as those traveling about, and forms of carelessness in general that have brought destruction to our forests in the past.

We recall the fires of last fall that burned over so many acres in the Plott Balsam section. It will take many years for the vegetation to return to its condition prior to the time the raging fires swept through it.

We read with horror of the fires that spread in London from a German bomb, yet a careless smoker in this country, will toss away a half burned lighted cigarette, on a roadside with leaves blowing in all directions, with apparently no thought of the possible result of his action.

The roll of the firefighter is now in the limelight as never before in the history of man. With modern methods of warfare, the fireman now has a major role of military importance, as he often represents the "first line of defense."

## A Knock At Carnivals

This newspaper is yet to hear a single word of criticism of the livestock show. Everything has been of the highest praise, and rightly so.

The show was staged successfully without the ballyhoo of a carnival or the usual show features that one naturally thinks is a part of a county fair.

We seriously question whether or not a county fair with its carnivals would have drawn more people than the livestock show.

This newspaper believes the livestock show proved that such events can be staged successfully as an educational event and without carnivals and side attractions that only tend to distract from the main purpose.

Another noticeable thing about the livestock show, as pointed out in another editorial on this page, was the lack of the usual "riff-raff" that would flock only to such events when a carnival is in progress.

## You Are Right, Judge

Last week Judge John Norwood, of the Federal Trade Commission, of Washington, D. C., as a guest columnist in this paper presented the need for more markers or pointers in this section. We agree with the Judge, they are greatly needed.

As the number of tourists in this section annually increases, and are no longer personally guided to spots of interest as in the early days, there is the necessity for information and direction along the way.

As the Judge suggested it is very disappointing to climb to the top of some outstanding peak in this vicinity and have nothing to read or direct one upon arrival. He was also correct when he spoke of the personal attitude one has in visiting points of interest provided one can learn something of them.

If we are to take care of the increased thousands who are to visit this section, we must gradually get ready for them, and we will have to learn from other sections how to do. From areas that have pioneered in the tourist business, and who know how it should be done, we must seek instructions.

Bring the question home to yourself, if there is a place of interest in a community in which you are traveling and upon visiting it you find all the desired information on a marker, you are much more impressed than visiting a spot unmarked.

## Brevard Editor Agrees -

The editor of The Transylvania Times, Brevard, in his personal editorial column this past week, made the following comment:

"By The Mountaineer I see that there is a feeling of disgust over a malady, infection, or maybe it was a scourge, of carnival-ites. . . lously shows the hometown paper there says, and drained the pocketbooks of hundreds, stole from many more, and withal left a dirty brown taste in most everyone's mouth. . . it usually happens. . . has happened here. . . and I'm glad to have another newspaper backing The Times idea of where such outfits should be—well, rather hot climate."

Minnesota surgeon is considering the possibility of removing human vanity by means of an operation. Removal of big heads would be a boon to society, but it would result in too much slaughter. — Louisville Courier-Journal.

Eventually we may discover that the embalmers lobby kept grade crossings on the map.—Louisville Times.

## Here and There

—By—  
**HILDA WAY GWYN**

Though days have passed since Company "H" of the National Guard left town . . . the memory of the departure from the station has lingered with us . . . for deep in every person . . . whether they say much about it or not . . . is respect for the man who put himself in the front line of defense . . . If the defense of our nation is to be held . . . it will take also the courage and support of the folks back at home as well . . . as the men who have just left . . . On that Sunday morning . . . there was so much left unsaid . . . with the crowd that came so early in the morning to wish the boys . . . a "happy return" . . . for there was in everybody's mind . . . the same thought . . . It is just a year, we are told . . . but what after that? . . . will they come home, or will they be sent on for active duty . . . we saw one mother kiss her son good-bye . . . somebody yelled for the boy to cry in his hat . . . and he came back with . . . "I have already . . . and filled it three times" . . . and he said it with a large smile . . . but there was a suspicious moisture about his eyes . . . as he released his mother from a good-bye embrace . . . then we saw a youngster . . . he couldn't have been over five . . . who had come to tell his "big brother" good-bye . . . and it was so very hard to part with him . . . but he tried to be brave . . . as his brother and his mother were . . . but we won't soon forget his look of adoration and regret . . . as the train pulled out . . .

We hear so much about the crude and abominable manners of the youth of today . . . how they selfishly run rough shod over everything in sight . . . just merely thinking of themselves . . . so it is with pleasure that we tell you of an incident that came under our observation at the livestock show last week . . . a group of Bethel agricultural boys had inspected the new chapter house of the FFA boys . . . at the high school . . . they had left the building and were traveling over the newly laid walk . . . one boy inadvertently side stepped over beyond the walk . . . the ground looked as if it might have been spaded up for some purpose . . . someone in the crowd called out at once . . . "Get off there . . . they may have something planted there" . . . it is a pleasure to know boys who respect public property in that manner . . . we at once asked them what school they attended . . .

As the summer activities are on the wane . . . and fall sets in with longer evenings . . . we recommend to you some form of Red Cross work . . . volunteer your services to the production committee, headed by Mrs. S. P. Gay . . . already the Waynesville chapter has sent off three quotas . . . but the last, the largest of them all must be shipped by December the 15th . . . one needs only to read and view the pictorial stories of the ravages of the war ridden countries to realize how great the need will be in the cold winter months ahead . . . making a bed garment for some soldier . . . or knitting him a sweater . . . or making a dress for some woman or child . . . or tiny clothes for some baby who will first open its eyes on a war stricken homeland . . . will be very satisfying . . . it is a splendid outlet for one's patriotism . . . just at this time, as well as showing our colors for the Allies . . . it is also a practical way of making a "thank offering" . . . which should appeal very strongly to us just now . . .

Our neighbor up the way . . . Carolina Miller Ray . . . who has made a reputation for serving delectable food during her residence here . . . can make the most delicious green tomato pickles . . . we have ever eaten . . . it is good to the last bit and then lingers in memory . . . we asked for the recipe . . . if you can find some green tomatoes protected by the recent frosts, we advise you to try your hand at them . . . to be used only on "special occasions" . . . that come to every household . . . here is how you make them . . . 7 pounds of sliced green tomatoes . . . 5 pounds of sugar . . . 3 pints of vinegar . . . one teaspoon each of ginger, allspice, celery seed . . . mace and cinnamon . . . soak tomatoes 24 hours in water . . . in which 3 cups of lime have been sprinkled . . . stir several times . . . then soak 4 hours in clear water . . . changing water every hour . . . drain, mix vinegar, sugar and spices . . . bring to a boil . . . pour over tomatoes and let stand overnight . . . then boil one hour and seal . . . and they are worth every bit of the trouble . . .

"Raleigh's Eden" . . . by Mrs. Inglis Fletcher . . . native born of Illinois . . . now residing in California . . . who has spent much time in North Carolina . . . collecting data for the historical novel . . . just two weeks off the press . . . seems to have brought up some argument in the state . . . by the author's picturing of colonial N. C. as a "land of large estates centered with fine mansions all complete, with mahogany doors and east gardens, west terraces . . . and such . . . while our more recent historians paint quite another picture of the days before the Revolution . . . reminds us of the time when Dr. Gudger took down the "State magazine" story about the "rosewood melodeon" carried into the wilds of East Fork of Pigeon . . . we do like our historical novels consistent . . . but at any rate we hope to read Mrs. Fletcher's book in the near future . . . she says . . . "there's material in North Carolina for any number of yet unwritten historical novels" . . . we would like to see one written of the West . . . for while the earliest state history is naturally around the coast . . . there is equally as much drama about those who braved the wilderness to push on toward the West . . .



## Voice of The People

Since this is National Newspaper Week, the editors of The Mountaineer thought it would be fitting to get expressions from the staff for this week's column. The question put to everyone on the force:

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT NEWSPAPER WORK?

W. Curtis Russ—Editor-Manager  
 "The satisfaction of serving the public, by providing for them news and features which we consider they want to read. Perhaps from a selfish point of view I enjoy the work because it keeps me on my toes day and night, and I'm just geared up for constant moving. Newspaper work requires one to work under lots of pressure, at times, and that is when I can produce the most work."

Marion T. Bridges—Co-publisher and head of the mechanical department—"Being mechanically minded, there is nothing I like better than to see a clean and well printed paper come off the press, and a well balanced edition both as to news and advertising. I always enjoy working in the atmosphere about our office and shop, for we have been fortunate in having at all times one hundred per cent cooperation from our employees."

Hilda Way Gwyn—Associate Editor—"I enjoy the human element in my work on the newspaper. There are no dull moments, and there is always variety. You touch all phases of community life. You get to know people as they really are in a surprisingly clear manner. They usually tell the reporter the truth about themselves, often unconsciously. You learn that there is much more good about people than bad. I get a big kick out of the excitement of 'going to press,' and the last minute rush to get copy in, never fails, regardless of how tired I might be, to give a thrill."

Corinne Wagenfeld—Bookkeeper and proof reader—"I'm the error chaser—better know as proof reader, plus bookkeeping, and in charge of the front office. And between those three jobs there is the satisfaction of knowing that I have yet to lose a battle with a printer for marking a proof sheet wrong."

J. T. Bridges—Linotype operator—"I like to set type when 'Old Maud' (his linotype machine) is in a working humor, but when she mules up, I have to stop and give her an overhauling."

Roy Blackwell—Composer—"I enjoy the setting of nice looking advertisements that are easy to read and make the paper more attractive. I like for my ads to please the business man who ad-

vertises in this paper. I enjoy making an effort to set them up and improve my work."

Robt. McLean—Pressman—"I enjoy the hours spent on job work more than anything. I like to turn out nice looking neat printed work, and taking pains to suit the public we are serving."

Winston Davis—Circulation—"It is a joy to me to see The Mountaineer go into over 2,500 homes within a brief few hours after they roll from the press. The carrier boys working under me show so much interest and enthusiasm, that I absorb a lot of it."

Ralph Price—Stereotyper—Pressman—"I like to set ads, and run the press. Working on a newspaper sharpens up your mind, and makes you think more clearly. You have to or you couldn't hold your job. In working on a paper it is a satisfaction to know that people are depending on you for news."

Pinkney Turbyfill—Janitor and stereotyper—"I enjoy cleaning up and stereotyping. If you can stereotype, you have something. For you can be far away from home without money, and land you some work in a printing office."

## CLIPPINGS

### DEDICATIONS

It is doubtful if a President of the United States or even a member of Congress at this season of an election year could do any public act without its having political significance. If the motive were not there, it would be read into it. And like apparent effortlessness in acrobatics, the best politics usually is that which shows itself least political.

Thus, although delivered with appropriate and straight restraint, the addresses of President Roosevelt at Chickamauga Dam and Great Smokies National Park could not help but be considered for political effect. When Mr. Roosevelt took his dig at utility companies in saying that the \$500,000,000 investment in TVA involved "no watered stock," he might have recalled that one of the other major offenses charged against some utilities is loss of the investors' money. It remains to be proved by efficiency of operation and scrupulousness of accounting that TVA will return the money of its taxpayers-investors.

At Newfound Gap in the Smokies the President had a less controversial theme. The need of national unity cannot be overstated. The call to work and sacrifice in the interest of defense has been sounded also by Roosevelt's rival, Mr. Wilkie. If critics take exception to the vivid terms in which the President painted America's peril, as they did when he spoke less definitely a year or more ago, they scarcely in the same breath castigate him for failing to warn them.

But it were better for the Nation to keep subdued the political overtones in these and other speeches even of the open campaign. For need exists to keep the higher loyalties in view and to remember qualities in the national character which all parties agree to honor. This they have often done in repeating the words of a speech which springs instantly to thought when dedications are mentioned: "That we here highly resolve . . . that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."—Christian Science Monitor.

## Stewart Says—

Period of Prosperity Forseen for America As Uncle Sam Prepares

By CHARLES F. STEWART  
 Central Press Columnist  
 DR. ISADOR LUBIN, chief of the labor department's bureau of statistics and economic advisor to the national defense commission



Dr. Isador Lubin points, to

ger which may threaten our is an out- ing pers- a mong high auth who spee cedingly of the pr tions U Sam is with to the U States, the army navy's an aviation Dr. Lubin, concerning this can preparedness program, than deprecate the idea that arming with a view to getting any conflict. Emphatically contrary, they explain that perative for us to be enough to scare any overseas awags from attacking us, the volve us in hostilities.

In short, they say, we're for peace; not for war.

I don't believe that anybo a very few ultra-pacifists tions the cogency of such ing. Most of us evidently that we need to be loaded for in order to keep today's ugly siles afraid of us. Some litt has been found with our legislation on the subject, r related to details; it han in principle.

Does It Mean Prosperity? But Dr. Lubin et al don't at contending that our arm activities are necessary as a y defensive proposition.

Their thesis is that our cation, our warship buildin plane construction and ca and ammunition manufac will sop up all our unemploy set our industries a humbl usher in a wonderful per prosperity.

I can remember a time even pro-armorment upo didn't argue so hopefully fr economic angle.

It was shortly before th World war. I was a corres in London. It was obvious clash was imminent bet Britain and Germany. W Churchill already was pro in John Bull's government was clamorous for faster warship building.

"I'm perfectly aware," in an interview I obtained, warship hasn't a bit of ec value. But it's insurance. ance premiums are simply out of pocket if your place burn down, but if it does, insurance money saves you ruin. A battle craft is wor as an investment, but it's able as protection."

### How It Works

I used to be an editor in a where stick-ups were ramp had to get to work in the of the night. At that hou highwaymen were all over where. From the point wh got off my street car to my was about a block and a right where the thugs were est.

So I provided myself with calibre automatic. Getting car, I'd go into Tom Conwa loan, much patronized by stick-up gentry. Calling a drink, I'd lay my gun on the while I consumed my refresh. After that I'd carry the rest of way. I never was molested, thanked the gun for it, but I considered that that gun paid any actual dividends.

### As To Armaments

It's similar with national ments. Countries may have to have out they're of no intrinsic omic worth. The toll that ot to building them is as a nated as leaf-raking. At nant's what economists once Dr. Lubin's theory is, the that we'll get a wonderful p of prosperity out of our defen program.

### POST OFFICE REPORT

(Scribers's Commentator zine)

Bad handwriting costs the eican people approximately \$8,000 a year, according to the letter office of the post office department. That's the sum of waste postage, plus the val the contents, plus the value stationery in the thousands legible letters dropped into letter-boxes every year.

For us, none of the toothy powders, or liquid work out way the announcers tell us will.

Oddity: Men rent expensive fices so people can find them conveniently and then hire series and receptionists to keep out.