

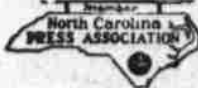
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The Red Cross At Home

Last summer Western North Carolina saw first hand, some of the activities of the American Red Cross. In the flood stricken areas of our mountain section, the Red Cross moved in and extended a helping hand to those whose worldly possessions had been demolished or swept away by swollen and raging mountain streams.

Perhaps one of the hardest hit sections of all the mountain area was Cullowhee. There the Red Cross has spent more than \$60,000 in helping families get "on their feet" after the muddy waters subsided.

Civic leaders in the Cullowhee community started to figure the return on their investment made to the Red Cross, and taking an average of their annual contributions for the past ten years, it was estimated that at the same rate, it would take the community 300 years to contribute \$60,000 to the Red Cross. This, of course, is from the mathematical standpoint, which the Red Cross does not consider. They go where they are needed, regardless.

Many times we think of Red Cross activities as being confined for the most part on the battle fields of Europe, but that is not wholly the case. Those who suffer from disaster in America will find the Red Cross among the first to enter the field to bring about normal living conditions.

Today marks the opening of the annual roll call in Haywood County, and we believe, that in view of the increased demands on the Red Cross, that this chapter will again over-subscribe their quota.

A Helping Hand

It is doubtful if the city fathers of Waynesville and Hazelwood realized when they worked out a mutual agreement, that provided a second fire truck for the community, that the local fire department would be called on to render valuable aid to a sister town.

When fire broke out in Franklin's business district Sunday, the local department sent over a truck and some spare equipment. With the help of firemen and equipment from other towns, the blaze was confined to several buildings, and the town was saved.

Well does Waynesville remember when the heart of her business district was ablaze, and it was firemen and equipment from neighboring towns which added the final crushing blow to the red fire fingers of destruction.

Such co-operation, and a spirit of being of service is the very foundation upon which this civilization is built. We are glad we live in a community that is in a position to render such aid—and it was brought about by Waynesville and Hazelwood getting together and working for the mutual good of not only ourselves, but the section at large.

United We Stand

The election is over and it is gratifying to note how quickly the heat of the recent campaign has subsided and the country returned to a normal pursuit of business. It was a hard fought battle and at times harsh things were said and feeling ran high, but now that it is over the country accepts the results with true American sportsmanship.

There has been no gloating on the part of the victors, no bitterness on the part of the defeated—on the contrary America is preparing as never before to present a united front to those who would destroy the freedom of our country and the principles of Democracy.

A philosopher is a fellow who kids himself into thinking it is a blessing to be poor.

Senatorial Elections

Most political observers, and students of political science agree that the presidential campaign just closed was one of the most unusual, as well as one of the hardest fought races in the history of the nation.

Such campaigns bring before the people, as nothing else can, their right and duty in helping select those who are to direct the affairs of our nation. We are glad that the American people took such an interest in the campaign, and turned out in millions to cast their ballots for their presidential candidate.

We wonder if such enthusiasm can be worked up when we go to elect a senator in North Carolina?

Our senators are supposed to be our direct representatives in Washington, yet too often we have taken the senatorial races with a grain of salt and listened to ballyhoo and not always considered the real qualifications of the candidates. This sometimes applies to electing congressmen. Of course in this state, such elections are over in the Democratic primary, and usually there are several cross currents, which enter into the picture that sometimes prevents voters from voting their convictions.

Now that we have shown we can get really "het up" over an election, we look forward to the next senatorial election when some of the same type of steam and enthusiasm will be shown.

Haywood Farm Women

Rural life in Haywood county has undergone vast changes during the past few years. There have been great improvements along agricultural and livestock lines.

The standards of living have been raised. The farm lands have undergone extensive improvements, as well as the barns and homes. The need for cash crops has opened a field of new developments undreamed of a few years ago.

Credit is generally given to the farmers for their progressiveness, and they well deserve the recognition, but their wives should also have a big hand for their cooperation. The annual Achievement Day program, with its exhibits of the Home Demonstration Clubs, the latter totaling nearly 500 members, the largest organized group of women in the county, gave evidence of how much assistance the men have had in carrying forward the great agricultural crusade in Haywood.

Along with better farming practices has gone better home making. The reports of the various clubs at the annual meeting on last Thursday held here in the court house indicates that the men have had exceptionally fine partners in farming.

Beat The War Jitters

"We all know," says Robert E. Sherwood, the playwright, "the movies are reluctant to express a vigorous opinion. They come out boldly for love, but they avoid taking a stand on any other current problems." This may be bad. But there are some of us—maybe some millions of us—who are glad there is one place where we can rest not only our feet but our brains. Vigorous stands are necessary in this world but there is certainly no lack of them at this time. Indeed, some of the stands are so vigorous that they take the form of blitzkriegs and bomb flights. Americans cannot afford to disregard them. But there is still room in a noisy, vigorous even ruthless world for one place of refuge. If the movies provide that they may not help solve the problems of the world but they perform a necessary function nevertheless.—Raleigh News and Observer.

South America

We hear so much about the vital importance of our relations with South America. How necessary it is that we bind the two continents as one. The subject has been presented to us from many angles by reporters and feature writers.

If you are interested we recommend that you read an article in Collier's of November the 9th. It gives an angle not so frankly stressed by reporters. Excerpts follow:

"Before we can sell our goods to South America, we must sell ourselves to them. National propaganda is as vital as national armies. That's why Germany, Italy and Great Britain have done such a smart sales job right in our own back yard while we, the richest nation on earth, spend not one penny to inform the South Americans how good our products and ourselves are. It will pay us to do some advertising.

"The United States, greatest advertising nation in the world is failing to sell itself. South American friendship, cooperation and good will could be ours for the proper asking. But every day we give abundant proof that we do not know how to ask for it."

Here and There

—By—
HILDA WAY GWYN

"We must have enthusiasm for our work . . . when I lose interest in home demonstration work . . . I will resign from my job" . . . said Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent . . . at the annual Achievement Day held by the Haywood county clubs on Thursday . . . and at once . . . in our mind . . . we made a survey of how we felt about our work . . . then of others . . . we started comparisons . . . how different people approach their work . . . Miss Current is right . . . when you lose interest . . . it is time to quit . . . no job is ever worth attempting unless the worker has a vision beyond the cut and dried details of the job . . . (and incidentally the pay check) . . . of course we all have dull and dreary moments . . . "blue Mondays" and such . . . but if we lack that "spark" that drives one on . . . that has nothing to do with time or pay checks . . . it is time to stop . . .

Then we come back to the matter at hand . . . Miss Current's interest in her work is contagious . . . and the splendid reports of what the women are doing in Haywood County made us proud of this section . . . the exhibits of handicrafts . . . showed the growing possibility of new fields opening up . . . for the home maker to add to the cash income of her family . . . beautiful wood carvings . . . hooked rugs . . . hand made spreads . . . unusual and artistic table arrangements . . . canned goods . . . and we must confess the first canned fried chicken we had ever seen . . . and in its crisp brown state, it was a wonderful appetizer for the delicious plate lunch served at noon . . . it was amazing the things that had been made from fertilizer sacks . . . towels with hand drawn work . . . the state agent took one with her as a sample . . . and the display and modeling of dresses costing not over \$3.00 and some less than \$2.00 would be a credit to any group . . . and the response to Jonathan Woody's contest to be sponsored by the First National Bank . . . will, no doubt, bring the roll of contestants even beyond the number set by the First National Bank . . . and we must recognize the six or more youngsters attending with their mothers—not one disturbing sound was heard from them the entire day . . . showing that their mothers are not neglecting their duties in child training . . . while they take part in club work . . .

The newest thing in education we have heard about in sometime . . . is the credit they are offering at Lees-McRae College . . . of course we have always known that "possum hunting was a major sports event in some quarters . . . but never would we have associated such events with academic halls of learning . . . excerpts from a recent news story . . . maybe you saw it . . . "When you see a group of Lees-McRae college students, sticks and sacks in hands . . . following a pack of baying hounds, they're not just hunting 'possums . . . they're in hot pursuit of a college credit . . . for 'possum hunting is now a part of the college curriculum . . . they haven't gotten around yet to the point of awarding the Degree of Doctor of 'Possum Hunting . . . but since all students are required to participate in some sport as a part of their course in physical education, the hunts have become a regular activity . . . in short the students had to take hikes . . . so, why not at night . . . hence the credit . . .

Contributed to this column . . . which coming so recently after an election should be timely . . . "WHAT ONE VOTE WILL DO . . . Is it yours . . . One vote gave Texas to the United States . . . and thus caused war with Mexico . . . One vote made California a part of the Union and turned the tide of immigration westward . . . One vote elected Oliver Cromwell to the famous Long Parliament and sent Charles I, to the scaffold, revolutionizing England and making Great Britain One . . . One vote elected Governor Morton, of Massachusetts, in 1839 . . . thus defeating Edward Everett, the famous orator, statesman, and scholar . . . One vote to the electoral college in 1876 decided who should be President of the United States . . . One vote in Tennessee legislature enfranchised the women of the United States."

Shortly after we had left the movie Sunday night . . . we encountered a young man of the draft age . . . who had just seen Pastor Hall . . . his reaction was interesting . . . and his appearance of this country and its privileges was a refreshing symptom . . . he said . . . "Mrs. Gwyn, as I came out of the Park Theatre . . . I ran into Patrolman Roberts . . . in his uniform . . . I perhaps was more conscious of a uniform . . . after hav-



Voice of The People

Are you in favor of the President's proposal to furnish England with half of our output of airplanes and war munitions?

Dr. Gladys Osborne—"A year ago it would have been a wonderful thing to do, and we should have done it, but I fear now that it is too late."

Lester Bliss—"I am thoroughly in favor of the proposal to furnish England with half of our output of airplanes and war munitions."

J. R. Boyd—"Yes, I approve—in fact I have all along—we should have helped them sooner."

W. H. Burnette—"Yes, I certainly do. I figure that if England doesn't win, we will all be in the war pretty soon."

Mrs. E. B. Camp—"I am in favor of doing anything to help England to fight our battles, I think whatever the president proposes about helping England should be endorsed by everybody."

R. V. Erk—"I am in favor of sending munitions to England. In fact I would like to send all of our war munitions and fighting equipment over there and let them finish the war."

Fred Martin—"Yes, I am in favor of the proposal. England is our first fighting line, and when we help them, we help ourselves."

J. P. Dieus—"I am very much in favor of going to England with all we can give them, and I am willing to trust the authorities in Washington as to how far we can safely help them."

Ernest J. Hyatt—"Yes, I am, because of England losses, we will be in 'the thick of the fight.' We should lend England every assistance possible."

Felix E. Alley, Jr.—"I most certainly am in favor of such a proposal."

Topics Of The Day

By Judge Frank Smathers.

To Mr. Russ and Mrs. Hilda Gwyn, Editors of The Waynesville Mountaineer, Waynesville, N. C.

My wife and I are leaving for Tucson, Arizona, for the winter and in the hope that the dry desert climate there, will oil the old squeaky joints.

But I cannot go before breaking down with the frank confession, that, you two fine folks have afforded me the greatest intellectual treat of my entire life.

I was profoundly concerned over our international situation and America's future foreign policy, and truly believe my anxiety and intense interest would have consumed me, had you not so graciously and generously given me the

needed opportunity to mentally air myself and cool off through a full column of your progressive newspaper, (which, by the way, is every day and in every way, resembling more a metropolitan daily, than a town weekly.)

That golden opportunity was not only a life saver, but also an honor and a privilege and a pleasure I shall never cease to treasure and be thankful for.

So, until next summer, I am saying good bye and good luck, I am very sorry.

To those who found either entertainment or enlightenment therein, I say, I am very glad. And to the many who were so kind as to approve and encourage my first feeble newspaper utterings, I am deeply grateful.

So, until we meet again, I am firm in the faith that God will preserve our peace and freedom, only when we think enough of them ourselves to work and to sacrifice, and to die for, if need be.

In the meanwhile, I hope all of you will be spared all sorrow and sickness, and enjoy a greater measure of happiness and success than you have ever experienced before.

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FRANK SMATHERS.

Grain and grass fires, once the scourge of the San Joaquin Valley, are being conquered by motor trucks equipped with scrapers that rapidly cut fire-breaks in the path of the flames.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Stewart Asks

All Signs Point To Coming Boom—but Afterward

By CHARLES P. STEWART
 Central Press Column
 IF BOOMS could be predicted to go on booming indefinitely into the future, the latest from the agriculture department, bureau of economics would be a cheerful prediction.



Charles P. Stewart

like a very moderate estimate have guessed that the figure is larger than the one mentioned. However, that it does mention.

Anyway, it will be fine temporarily, for those present jobs, get back paying positions. Indeed, bureau looks for wage though it admits that it be partially offset by high of living. As for the Well, I'd rather be even than on no pay roll what.

And, adds the bureau, annual outlook report, should conditions become still more "industrial activity would once a yet greater increase."

Not So Cheerful
 The report's a bit gloomy for the farmers. It hints further slump in agricultural ports. "I don't exactly why. I'd think that, with folk so busy fighting, the to buy more farm stuff than ever, to supplement war-reduced domestic supply. I suppose the explanation they simply will have to on their rations, not enough left over, after the lighter expenses, to foot for a normal amount of edibles.

No matter, though. If our find their export market sufficient to absorb our rural surpluses, they can our thriving urban industries be conscripted, if they enough.

Things doubtless with themselves automatically all be busier than a dog bury a bone on a marble unemployment, everything The trouble with a dog burying to bury a bone on floor, is that he isn't realize that he isn't accomplishing anything.

Now, what's being accomplished in a constructive way, by engaged in the production of war supplies? Such a production is in a class with raking. There's a medicine in that, perhaps. Leave the ground, are a nuisance may dry up, get an burning match tossed and start a mean fire. erally speaking, leaf-what's referred to by So what's referred to by So "made work." It's provide just to give somebody a particular value. It's a effect.

As previously remarked raking may prevent a fire. In that sense it is to Far be it from me to national defense preparation insurance against attack abroad. It is, but insurance, us don't buy an asset, my house insured and my life insurance, but my date caught fire up to date haven't died yet. In the I don't get any returns of vestment. It's money down hole. I'm protected but economically benefited.

Corking High Rates
 At the moment Uncle to pay a corking high rate, but we're not getting thing of current use out of We almost certainly will boom while we're forking premiums, but we'll be the harder up later, as the emergency passes. At the we'll cut down, and then will bust.

This may seem editorial. Nevertheless, the agriculture department's economic agrees with it, for it says annual report:

A settlement of some world's present difficulties bring "a let-down in terms decelerate the industrial machine. The bureau's suspicious, in short. Not that fact to the boom, but it dr "deceleration."

Wife Preserver
 Use paper clips instead of fastening a hem in heavy cloth. The clips firmly, and save the trying to force pins through heavy