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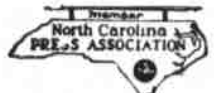
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Clyde H. Ray

More than fifty years ago Clyde H. Ray came to Waynesville and established a mercantile firm.

Always conservative yet progressive and civic minded he was a strong advocate of community improvements.

His retirement a few years ago, took from Main Street a much valued business man.

Frank W. Miller

In the passing of Frank W. Miller, Waynesville, Haywood County and Western North Carolina have lost one of their most loyal and enthusiastic supporters.

As a member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, while having a state wide vision of his duties, he never forgot the wishes of his own district and tried in every way to give each community what they wanted in the matter of good roads.

He has been active in the men civic organizations of the town. His counsel and advice on local affairs will be greatly missed for his views were always constructive with an eye to future needs.

Congratulations With Reservations

The Citizen congratulates Governor Broughton on his appointment of Walter J. Damtoft, Carroll Rogers and Harry Bailey as members of the State Board of Conservation and Development.

But despite these excellent appointments, the new Board of Conservation and Development is sadly weak in one salient respect from the standpoint of this section.

Happily for Western North Carolina, J. L. Home, Jr., has been reappointed to the Board of Conservation and Development.

No comment on the new personnel of the Board of Conservation and Development would be complete if it failed to take account of the competent and active service rendered by a retiring member of the old board, Mr. Charles E. Ray, Jr., of Waynesville.

"Blessings Brighten"

The discontinuance of passenger service on the Murphy Branch was a splendid illustration of the old familiar quotation, "Blessings brighten as they take their flight."

We have been interested in hearing a number of persons say that they had been planning to take the trip to Murphy by train, as they had been told it was a very beautiful and scenic journey.

We would gather that the citizens of Waynesville and surrounding areas appreciated passenger service of the Southern Railway a great deal more than they have either been conscious of, or have indicated by their patronage.

Draft Deferment

The boost in the appropriation for vocational education in North Carolina has brought a problem to the state with the draft taking so many of the young teachers eligible to give instructions in the schools.

The increased funds made available through the last legislature would allow a larger number of teachers, whereas without the additional appropriation it was becoming impossible to supply the demands for more teachers.

A large percentage of the young men who are graduating from college after specializing in vocational education are holders of draft numbers which make their induction into the army within a comparatively short time, a strong probability.

It is said that at least 35 of those so prepared are graduating from State College this spring. Out of this number only ten or less seem likely to be able to teach out the school year, with the others all having numbers which will make their call to the colors come before the spring of 1942.

Director T. E. Browne, of the state department with the approval of Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin is trying to work toward a deferment of young vocational teachers being drafted because of their value in the defense program.

We heartily agree with Director Browne. We would certainly dislike to see the splendid work done by the agriculture teachers in this county stopped. Their work has been far reaching and has had much to do with modernizing farm methods not only among the younger, but the older generations.

Kitchen Priorities

Significant of the degree to which war affects the most intimate details of living is the fact that the first economic measures taken in the United States, even as a non-participant, extend to the pots and pans on the family cookstove.

Priorities are the standard way of putting first things first in a nation's efforts during an emergency. They were applied to a considerable extent during the last war and have formed the backbone of industrial mobilization plans since.

Essentially the priority system means, in this instance, that producers of aluminum or of machine tools must give precedence to orders which the Government has certified as being for defense, and that production for the general market must take second place.

In the case of aluminum the regulations probably will mean somewhat less of the metal for cooking utensils, radio or automobile parts, toothpaste tubes, aluminum foil, and streamlined trains.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Picking up the threads of friendship . . . years after . . . is always a fascinating experience . . . one of the most unusual ones we have heard about in sometime was that of Mrs. Walter Damtoft . . . now of Asheville . . . who, as Dorothy Atkinson . . . used to spend a great deal of time here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Miller . . . for one excellent reason . . . she was very popular and had a lot of friends here . . . recently Dorothy was scanning the New York Times for a book to review at a club meeting . . . she wanted something on current events . . . international affairs . . . then she ran across "Windows on the World" . . . from the name and advertisement it sounded very good . . . just about what she needed . . . then she noted the name of the author . . . Kenneth Gould . . .

Time swiftly rolled back . . . to the days of the First World War . . . she had known quite well one Kenneth Gold . . . he had been a patient at the U. S. Government Hospital located here at the Haywood White Sulphur Springs Hotel . . . she recalled his pleasing voice . . . and his talent and interest in music . . . at any rate she ordered the book . . . and when it came found it to be all the title indicated . . . then she decided to write the author . . . just to satisfy her curiosity . . . she asked him if he had ever been in Waynesville . . . and so on . . . recalling instances of those earlier days . . . among other things she told him a bit about herself and that she now had a son at Yale . . . in answer he wrote that he was the same soldier she had known . . . at the hospital . . . and had appreciated all the news of his associations here . . . and strange to relate, he also had a son, who was now a student at Yale . . . which brings to mind that while many will remember Kenneth Gould . . . for he was stationed here sometime . . . perhaps more people will recall the girl he married . . . Helen . . . Helen Rue . . . the Y. M. C. A. secretary . . . who was located here for many months . . . and who . . . during the flu epidemic nursed in many of the isolated homes in the county . . . giving her services to anyone who needed her in those trying days . . .

We often have the hardships and bravery of our pioneer ancestors held up to us as a test that the modern woman could not meet . . . the other day we had our attention called to the fact that someone should take up for the moderns and champion their cause . . . for contrary to the accepted theory . . . the girls of today work just as hard and are just as brave as their grandmothers . . . all in a different way . . . the present era demands a different kind of courage to carry one . . . and we began to consider the subject from this angle . . . and it was amazing how easy to convince ourselves that we moderns are actually in the class with grandma . . . It's true nobody cards spins and weaves today, except for art's sake . . . and we often buy our daily bread . . . but when you put our lives along side of the tranquil . . . (though we grant, busy and filled with back breaking grind of other generations) . . . we believe that the modern gal can hold her own . . . now for instance while grandma worked she had some real rest . . . she may have arisen from her feathered bed in the dusk of early morn . . . but she went back to it by the setting of the sun and she had a decent night's rest . . . and then time for her was not such a definite thing . . . there was no premium on hours and minutes . . .

as there is for her granddaughter. Take the modern married career girl . . . who cooks her husband's breakfast before they start out to work . . . leaves her home ready to receive possible guest upon her return . . . her clothes must be neat . . . her job requires it . . . and then take the home maker . . . if she's really modern . . . she has no time left from the complicated calls of family home and life about her . . . No, when you seriously consider it . . . Grandma had nothing on us when it comes to work . . . in place of her drudgery . . . we will stack the strenuous "every hour accounted for life" of the modern . . . who has learned from sad experience, that if she fails to keep on regular schedule she finds herself hopelessly in a "jam" . . .

And speaking of the girls of today we reprint the following contribution handed to us . . . (clipped from the Enka Voice.) . . . "Believe me, if all those adhering young charms, Which I view with admiring dismay, Are going to rub off on the shoulders and arms Of this suit which was cleaned just today, Thou wilt still be adored with my usual zeal, My sweetheart, my loved one, my own; But I'll sternly suppress the emotions I feel And love you, but leave you alone. It is not that the beauty is any the less. Nor thy cheeks unaccustomedly gay; They are lovely indeed, as I gladly confess, And I think I should leave them that way, For the bloom of your youth isn't on very tight, And the powder rubs off of your nose, So my love is platonic, my dear for tonight, Since these are my very best clothes."

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

A BOMBPROOF cottage has been erected in California in 28 minutes. These troubled times have developed another innovation—the bungalow blitzbuilder. Italian and British troops have advanced and retreated so frequently in Libya that as far as North Africa is concerned the Road of War is a two-lane thoroughfare. The Red sea has been opened to American shipping, but it still is no place for a yachting cruise. Astronomers now say light isn't as fast as they thought it was. It's still plenty fast, according to those who try to go through before the green turns to red. The laugh seems to have gone out of those little Balkan nations which once we might have regarded as comic opera kingdoms. Our eyesight is improving, according to a news item. "About time," growls the baseball fan, glaring at the umpire. Today's Fable: Once upon a time an entire month went by without Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis knocking somebody out.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R.J. SCOTT. Includes illustrations of a lighthouse, a sloth, and a group of Mongolian girls. Text: 'A SLOTH CAN NOT SPREAD HIS TOES FLAT, HENCE THIS IS THE ONLY WAY HE CAN WALK COMFORTABLY.' 'WHEN SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1764, IT STOOD AT THE WATER'S EDGE, BUT NOW IT IS MORE THAN A MILE FROM THE EXTREME TIP OF THE HOOK.'

Greenland Deal Meets Approval On Capitol Hill In Washington

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Voice OF THE People

If Germany starts sinking our ships do you think that the U. S. should declare war at once?

C. F. Kirkpatrick—"We should declare war at once. We could not do otherwise."

Mrs. Roy Phillips—"I think that we should have declared war several months ago."

Mrs. Ernest Akers—"I think that we should wait for some explanation. I remember too well the other World War."

Mrs. G. F. Boston—"I think that we should declare war at once for the sinking of the ships would be only a pretext to get at us, when they had it in their minds to fight us all along."

Geo. Bischoff—"I think that this country should have already declared war. If we are going to 'play at it,' we might as well be in the fight."

F. E. Worthington—"I think we should declare war at once, the sooner the better, because we are going to have to fight Germany anyway."

Thad O. Chafin—"I think if Germany starts sinking our ships, we will have to take an active hand in the war."

W. F. Strange—"We are going to have to get in the fight and I think if any of our ships are sunk we should get in at once."

E. J. Robeson—"If Germany starts sinking our ships, I do not know whether or not we should declare war, but at least we would be thrust into it."

Claud Rogers—"I think that we should give England every possible aid, short of entering the war ourselves, but I do not feel that we are prepared to fight a war in a foreign country. I do feel that we should make every preparation to defend our own country at home."

It was fixed up between Secretary Cordell Hull and de Kuffmann, Danish minister in Washington. Cordell, of course, signed with presidential approval but congress hasn't a word about the dicker, except ally.

Is It Official? Minister de Kauffmann scribbled as having acted "in the name of the king of Denmark" anybody going to believe that king of Denmark, virtually prisoner, subscribed to that pact? He probably felt like could he have had the nerve it, and then answer to Herr Phooey! If not, Henrik must signed on his own responsibility which, unauthorized, isn't good for anything.

In short, it was a deal between Secretary Hull and Minister Kauffmann, personally.

Still, we get our Greenland. Immediately on the heels of the Greenland arrangement came the presidential proclamation signing the Red sea and the Gulf of Aden, right up to Suez.

This wasn't treaty-wise isolation or anything except a lamentation.

We have a law barring sale of American cargoes in American ships to belligerent foreign countries. Ah, these shipping Suez aren't for delivery in a belligerent country. They're for delivery in Egypt. Who get 'em? (Britain's forces in Egypt or Yugoslavia or Greece or Yugoslavia or other democracy) is none of our business. Hence that proclamation perfectly legal. Isolationism on it as kance, though.

Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer—Please find enclosed my letter to The Mountaineer. We are the news from up there and expect to spend July and part of September in Waynesville. To me, there is no place in the world in which I would rather live than Western North Carolina. We have had a wonderful son in West Palm Beach and their should be lots of them your state this summer. Looking forward to seeing you with you good people this summer. West Palm Beach, Fla.