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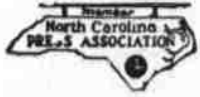
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Traffic Laws

Rigid enforcement of traffic laws in Hazelwood gives this community a united front in protection of life and property.

When Waynesville announced a change in the traffic laws, some citizens promptly said "It can't be done."

Officers have proven that it can, and with no let up.

Hazelwood officials are wise in starting a similar campaign.

The Hazelwood officials, like Waynesville, are not doing it to make more work for officers, or to cause a hardship on any individual or firm, but for the protection of every one who travels on the streets through the town.

We are glad to see the action taken, and the officers at work.

We trust that the arms of the law will bring some of these reckless undesirables of the road to realize the importance of practicing safety when under the wheel.

Haywood Is First

Haywood's gain of 994 farms in the ten years between 1930 and 1940, gave her first place among the 100 North Carolina counties in percentage of gain.

In 1940 Haywood was credited with 3,119 farms, as against the 2,125, in 1930.

A surprising thing about the record of the state as a whole, is that the western counties took top positions in the rank of increases.

While this section is generally known as a tourist area, there are many who are unfamiliar with the area that are overcome when they learn of the vast farming activities that are underway.

The University News Letter, which compiled the figures, stressed the fact that the increase in the state, were chiefly among those diversified counties, and not among those with the so-called one cash-crop.

Needless to say, Haywood has a well balanced agricultural program, which works hand in hand with the industrial and tourist life of our county, all of which makes this "a good place to live."

Comforts For The Enlisted

The United States government is trying its best to please the men and women who are volunteering their services and those who are being drafted. Two positive proofs we noted with interest during the past week.

First, the 4,000 nurses serving in the Army have been complaining, at least the majority, so the story goes, of the unbecoming cut and color of their service uniforms. They have not thought the olive drab was good on their complexion.

In view of this complaint the Army has announced the adoption of new nurse's uniform, and it sounds very attractive. It will include a dark-blue overseas cap and jacket and a medium blue shirt. With such a combination the U. S. Army nurses need not worry, it will be their own fault, if they don't look their best.

The other invocation concerns the soldiers. They have disliked the fact that the popular chocolate bar melted in their pockets. The army has announced that this problem has been solved, a heat-resistant candy bar has been issued. Oat flour will keep the new bar from melting, and the milk solids and vitamin B complex make it extra healthful.

Brevard College

We share with Transylvania County the joy of the decision of the trustees to retain Brevard College at Brevard, instead of moving it as had been proposed.

Brevard College seems like a "home institution" to those of us over the mountain in Haywood, in that so many students from this immediate section attend.

The proposal of moving the college will perhaps bring us to realize and appreciate more than ever the value of the institution in this mountain area.

Weak Spots

According to a study made of the 1940 census there are some surprising shortages in agriculture in North Carolina.

There are 86,604 farms in the State with no hogs; 33,154 without chickens; 98,204 farms where no cows are milked; and 220,581 farms with no wheat planted.

The census shows further that 143,423,605 gallons of milk were produced in the State in 1939. Ordinarily 75 per cent of this milk is used at home, which indicates that only 107,571,000 gallons went for family consumption. While for a proper healthful diet, North Carolina farm families should consume 241,075,000 gallons yearly, but the average family is short by 81 gallons per year.

After reading the foregoing figures we checked with the Haywood county farm agents, and we find that there are 3,119 farms in this county, with 2,687 having cows, leaving 432 farms without cows. The total number of cows on Haywood farms is 7,320.

While the figures show that only 432 farms do not have cows, the county agents estimate that there are over 900 families in Haywood county who do not have a sufficient supply of milk the year around.

With the green and lush pastures of Haywood this is not a pleasant thought, for in that list of 900 families are no doubt many little children, who are suffering from lack of proper food values, and will be handicapped for life by retarded physical development.

Buy Your Winter Supply

The government is urging coal consumers to buy their winter supplies of fuel now. It has been pointed out that the person so doing will accomplish three things, he will cooperate with the government, he will save money, and he will avoid the affect of any coal shortage, which may develop this winter.

Those in authority claim that it is unnecessary at this stage to hoard food or other necessities, but that when a definite need is pointed out, as in the coal situation by the government, it is best to comply with the request.

The coal shortage is not predicted on any lack except in transportation. Ample means of transportation are now available for coal, and it will seem to be wisdom on the part of the consumers to look ahead for this household necessity and fill their bins during the summer months.

Warns Against Softening

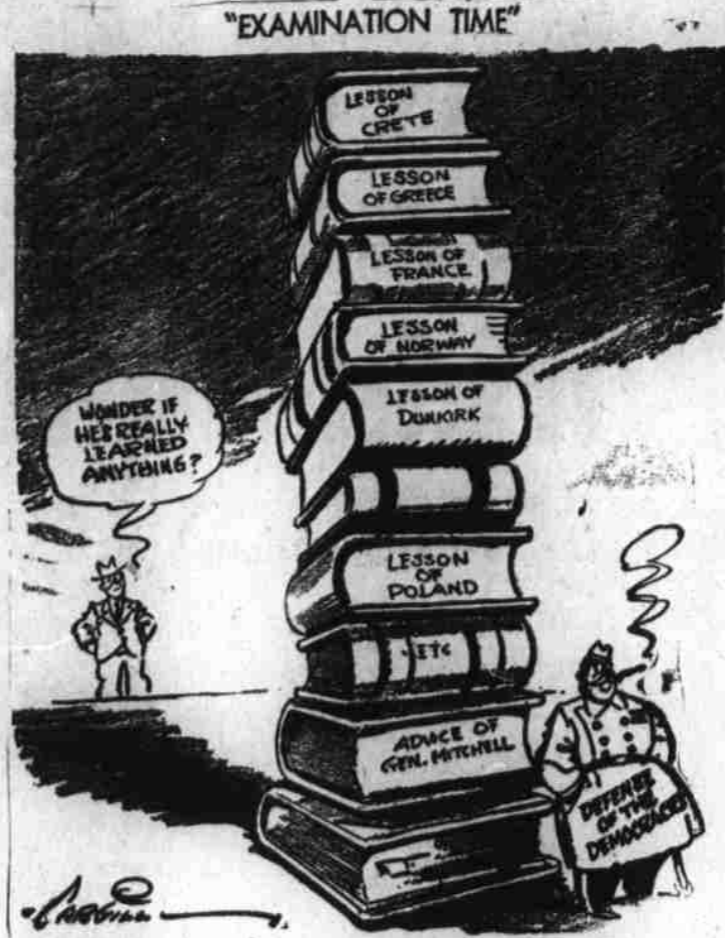
We would liked to have heard Carl Sandburg, famous poet and biographer, when he spoke to the 700 graduates of the University of North Carolina last week. We like the excerpts we read from his message, which seemed to have been full of timely warnings.

He told the young men and women of the class of 1941 that only hard work and self-denial in the present and in the years ahead will save the United States. He plead for effective opposition to the inroads of foreign propaganda and that the country must be ever vigilant against "constant propaganda operating from the continent of Europe."

The day of soft living in this country is over for many years to come. We might as well face the facts. The tremendous load that the government has assumed in our behalf will also become our burden.

We will have to turn back the pages of history and emulate the practices of our forefathers, if we are to keep and preserve the hardwon liberty they have handed down to us.

He also touched the dangers of a higher educational process which sets educated men off from the masses of the people. In a democracy education for leadership must take young men and women closer to the people, not a greater distance from them, was pointed out by Mr. Sandburg.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

"Why don't you publicize the blooming of your native shrubs and the different seasonal beauties in nature in this section in 'The Waynesville Mountaineer'?" ... said Arthur Connell ... landscape architect of the Blue Ridge Parkway to us one day last week ... the subject of how we neglect to see the sights right here at home was forcibly brought home to us ... for there is no denying the fact that we natives have a very careless way of taking for granted the scenic wonders ... and are positively ignorant about answering a lot of questions asked by visitors ... often we not only have "not been there" ... but we cannot intelligently tell another how to make the trip ... but back to Arthur Connell ... he referred to the exquisite beauty of the azaleas near the Cherokee Reservation ... at the height of the blooming season ... and how it was worth a trip there to catch the glory of the flaming color ... then he spoke of a certain area of rhododendron near Beech Gap ... that should be opened to the public and then on to other places of interest that are more beautiful at times than others. ...

He suggested that each week the local paper give publicity to some point of interest or trip ... thank you Mr. Connell for this splendid idea ... we agree with you ... and suppose you help us inaugurate this service ... by material for an article for next week's edition ... what in your opinion is the most beautiful trip to make from Waynesville during the week of June 19-26? ...

Not long after we met a man who was complaining ... he was a tourist spending only a short time in town ... but he was trying to get some information about the surrounding sections ... and said ... "You people certainly have something here, but you know less about it than any section of the country I have ever visited ... why, I have made inquiries of a half a dozen persons about some points of interest I had read about and the people didn't seem to know anything definite ... they couldn't tell me the names of these peaks around your town ... how high they were ... or how many miles to any point ... now out in my state in California every citizen makes it his business to know all about his section ... for each one feels that it is his responsibility to help "sell" their communities ... it looks as if the time had come when the Chamber of Commerce had better start some courses on "Know your own community" for this must be one of our "weak spots" locally ... as we have heard the criticism many times before. ...

Last year we recall we heard one of the local residents say that he had made a resolution ... to make one trip each week to some point in Western North Carolina ... with weather permitting a good view ... so that he would be informed on what to tell others to see ... we thought it a splendid idea ... we have not checked on him ... but we are inclined to think he knows a lot more from his trips ... than he did from hearsay of others. ...

We were surprised to learn recently that there were more than 1,200,000 social security account numbers on file with the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission ... but when we found out that there are 19,300 Smiths listed ... 15,000 Jones ... and 14,700 Williams ... we wondered how they were ever kept straight ... just imagine out of 875 James Smiths ... including those with

a middle name ... there are 180 cards in the files bearing the name of "James Smith" ALONE ... and there are 235 "James Williams" listed ... with 500 more of the name ... plus a middle name ... looks as if the Smiths, Jones, and Williams were taking the country.

Recently we were in one of the places of business on Main street ... where the "head" of the firm is well known for his graciousness ... he is a man who is always smiling ... and seeing him just makes you feel better all day ... but this time was an exception ... he was good and mad ... he handed us a copy of The Waynesville Mountaineer ... half of it was gone ... and what was left was so abused and in such a de-lapidated state that it could not have been read with much pleasure ... the man said ... "Now, look at that ... we are happy to have our patrons and customers to read our papers ... but when they abuse the privilege of a courtesy like that it makes us mad ... and good and mad ... why can't a person read a paper, then fold it back in place in consideration of the owner of the paper and others who might want to read it ... please don't mention my name, but you can put what I have said in your column ... and maybe it will help some people I know to improve their manners." ...

Finds Married Men More Fit For Army

NEW BRITAIN, Conn.—Married men are in better physical condition than single men, according to findings of the local Selective Service board. Out of 26 potential draftees, 10 men failed to pass the physical examination and they were all unmarried. Of the 16 who passed, 10 were married.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer A FAMED anatomist predicts that some day we Americans will have the facial characteristics of the Indian. What's this? The doom of the corner barber shop? ... Zadok Dumbkopf says the folks at his house observed Dad's Day by giving the dog house a new coat of paint. ... Modern version of the poet's "barefoot boy with coat of tan" is the new life guard at the country club swimming pool. ... Why does Hitler always manage to get the jump on the other fellow?—asks an editorial. Well,

THE OLD HOME TOWN.



Boosters Backing St. Lawrence Plan Take On New Hope

By CHARLES P. ST. Central Press Colum

Voice OF THE People

Generally speaking, which do you think are bigger gossips, men or women?

Mrs. Albert Abel—"There are big gossips among both, and I hate to be against my own sex, but I'll have to admit that women are bigger gossips than men."

Captain W. F. Swift—"I think men and women are both big gossips, but generally speaking, women have more opportunity to get together and exercise their talents along this line."

Mrs. Oliver Shelton—"Men. They think women are bigger gossips than they are, but men are the guilty ones."

Felix Stovall—"Women, and I don't say it just because it is the opposite sex, but because I honestly believe it is the truth."

Betsy Lane Quinlan—"Women."

Walter T. Crawford—"In my experience as a lawyer, I'd say that honors are equally divided."

Mrs. James B. Neal—"Women. Their gossip take a more malicious turn whereas a man just states facts."

Rev. Frank Leatherwood—"Women. They have more time for gossiping."

Mrs. W. H. Liner—"I think it is fifty-fifty, but when a man is a gossip he goes the limit."

Noble Garrett—"As a rule I'd say women talk more than men."

OPINIONS And COMMENTS OF OTHER EDITORS

CONCERNING ANATOMY (Shelby Star.)

An executive in an association of credit men thinks that the middle class will pay most of the defense tax bill. He calls that class the backbone of the nation. It is also the pocketbook of the nation.

It is used to paying, to minding its own business and making its own living, no matter what the ups and downs to work and save something. It supports the churches, holds up the government, bathes frequently and considers high character a real asset. It indulges in no mock heroics, doesn't go in for breast-beating and self-complications. It frequents libraries instead of speakeasies, and never sees a night club or indulges in "cafe society" or police court. It drives a car but not while drunk.

Backbone of the nation? It is practically the entire anatomy that holds the nation together.

After the War—

When today's war ceases, world's going to be in awfully no matter who wins it. of it isn't going to be more Uncle Samuel. What he'll do is to concentrate on American development, as a generation ago, when Wild West to devote our to making 'us pretty ind of overseas countries. No is such a realm to be turn into and make the Why, it's Canada. That and power development is thing to tie those Canada They'll be the same thing trans-Mississippi region Well, the Pope said the war, "thickly inhabitable will be relieved and the ples will acquire new foreign countries. Emigre gravitate to habitable abandoned to wild nature. These lands will acquirable, industrious citizens."

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WHO'D have thought ers for St. Lawrence w power development wo argument in favor of the ject in Pope Pius XII's rcast from Vatican Ci recent anniversary of XIII's celebrated social "Rerum Novarum"?

They've found it, at least they've done so in their own interpretation graph or two in the co "Holiness" talk on the coferred to.

The St. Lawrence started off originally w intention that a navigabl for big boats, from the of the Great Lakes do water and across it, w unloading and reloading a great thing as an out enormous American fan and a considerable spre industrial production. It would be vastly more e said the scheme's propo water transportation's a er than rail shipments, more, attention was call power potentialities:

But a good many were raised. The railro like the idea. Lake cities falo, doing a big busine loading cargoes from l and reloading 'em into cars, didn't like it eit other cities as New York that they'd be defeated a since shipments from wo would go right out thro Lawrence Gulf and on a ocean, ignoring the ent power generating conce at the power item.

Not Two-Thirds The enthusiasts ne cooked up a treaty with indorsing the project. however, has to be app two-thirds of our senat enthusiasts couldn't get a majority. Licked, they for awhile.

Then along came the war, whereupon they t again.

In the first place, they St. Lawrence facilities ar tively needed to rush western stuff to Britain. second place, we've got yards equipped to turn o ly required ocean craft, it could get 'em out of through the river and ovelantic. Also Chairman Olds of our Federal Po mission has served notie heap more electricity is our home defense and hel mocracies activities. An Lawrence can generate o it if effectively harnessed.

The enthusiasts made of all this reasoning. The nents came back at 'em with a hard problem to fi sver to. It can't but is remarked irrefutably, seve to do the necessary St. harnessing. What good eral years hence be to em current immediate em Besides, tinkering with Lawrence will divert a man power that's in fero mand for more pressing w

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WEDDING OF AN ATLANTA—Ada New friends and relatives in motion pictures brought a Hawaiian trip. The first scene was bet to Martin Stalheim, abo none of the spectators until they saw the picture