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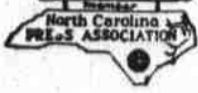
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Go On the Farm Tour

Country folks often come into town and they have a pretty good idea about how the people in the communities live. Much more than the people who live in the towns do about the rural folk.

A farm tour of Haywood county offers not only an interesting experience, a beautiful drive over some of the out of the way roads off the beaten path, but real instruction as to what is taking place in the rural sections.

You may have been on the annual farm tour, but even so there will be something new this year. There always is, from year to year. The Haywood county farmer no longer relies on the methods handed down to him by his father and grandfather. He is looking ahead. He has learned through experience that scientific farming pays. He has learned that he gets returns from new methods, sufficiently so that he is annually improving his farm and his property.

The farm woman is just as interested as you who live in the villages in the most attractive way to plan her curtains. She no doubt has given more thought to her kitchen than you have. You might be surprised to find out how many interests you have in common.

We know of no finer way for the town people and the country to get acquainted than through the farm tour. Take the day off and join the tour and see for yourself the great transformation that is taking place right here in Haywood county.

A Popular Suggestion

We read with keen interest that President Roosevelt in his suggestions regarding the tax bill made a plea for simplifying taxes on incomes so that the reports could be made out at the local postoffice and sworn to before the postmaster.

One writer insists that the reform is long overdue and should apply not only to those whom President Roosevelt proposes to tax for the first time by lowering exemptions, but also to those now paying income taxes in the lower brackets on even to the top.

It was pointed out that there is no reason for the average taxpayer being required to employ assistance or spend hours of his own time filling out an income tax return on an average income and there is still less reason for an average taxpayer not being sure after his return has been filed that he has been altogether fair either to the government or to himself.

It has been suggested that it might be well for Congress to pass an income tax law which members of Congress themselves could observe without obtaining assistance.

With life daily becoming more complicated by the increasing problems we sincerely hope that Congress will see that the President's suggestion is written into the new tax bill in plain language leaving no doubt as to its simplicity, so that the citizens may be relieved of this annual "pain in the neck" at the income tax return season.

Need For Organization

It was necessary to have a peace time draft to increase the men in the army and navy to bring both branches of the service up to the needed number in an emergency defense movement. The citizens of this country as a whole were not over enthusiastic in the beginning, but now it is taken as a matter of fact that a necessary measure

to meet the present critical situation be enacted.

The trend of the economic battle front looks as if it might need the same kind of treatment. It looks now that it might be necessary to draft some rules and regulations and not depend upon a voluntary system to meet the crisis.

Prices are soaring and in some cases there seems to be no legitimate reason for it. The price control legislation now before Congress should not be delayed in taking action.

People after all are only human, but we have noticed that in this country if directed properly the American citizen arises to meet the demands made upon him and gives aid in working out current problems.

We feel confident that if Congress will work out the economic problems now facing this country and present the situation within reason to the people, that they will fall in line and give it their support. A delay may prove disastrous, so we urge quick action.

Not Yet

A total of 48 counties has made plans to join in the State aid program to libraries which was established by the last session of the General Assembly.

The realization of what a county library means has gradually been growing in North Carolina. Back in 1931 there were only 10 counties that were appropriating money for the support of libraries as compared to the 48 today.

With the interest shown in the bookmobile brought here for a couple of seasons by the Waynesville Public Library in cooperation with the WPA and the county we had hoped that the county might feel inclined to put up the required amount to participate in the fund.

We understand that our neighbors out in Clay, Graham and Cherokee have taken this important step and are pooling their funds for a mobile library unit. We look forward to the day when Haywood county can count among its many advantages a public county library. We believe if the "powers that be" would take time off and study the records of the local institution and its circulations each month, that they would be able to find a niche in the budget for this service.

Food

The information given in a story released by the management of the Hazelwood Mutual Cannery last week was proof of the necessity for conserving food, perhaps more convincing than any government bulletin has been.

In the beginning of the year the county farm agents and the county home demonstration agent urged the people of the county to plant and can in larger quantities than they had ever done before to meet the inevitable emergency.

Many situations are entering into the increasing need for conservation of foodstuffs. The government comes into the markets as an old buyer, who wants more food than in years gone by. There is the matter of supplying England with food. There is cost of distribution which is gradually rising.

Take the industrial centers in the defense production areas, where large quantities of food are needed. Take the farmer himself, he feels the higher cost of production, as well as the effect of higher taxes.

So what you can't eat in your garden this summer put in cans for the winter. You will feel well repaid next January for the hot hours spent over the canner processing food.

We Feel It

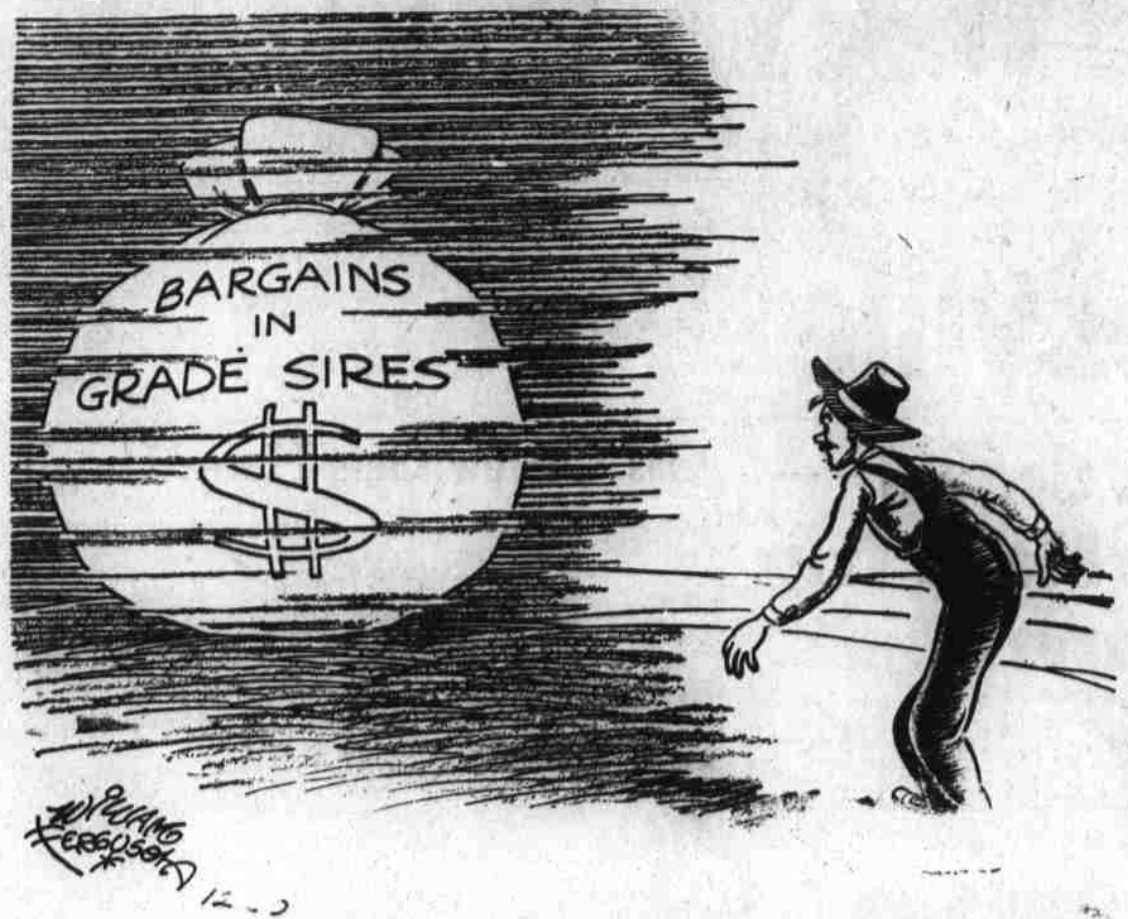
We may be far removed from the areas that are booming from the defense projects, but we feel it nevertheless. The casual survey made of local business conditions last week revealed that the reverberations have been felt.

We trust that it is not all due to this as there have been new industries and new business established in our community that will keep the general uplift on a permanent basis.

This country has been slow in developing, but now that it has been discovered by the outside world and the goods roads have made us accessible, we have faith enough in the advantages we have to offer here to hope that it is the beginning of a development long cherished.

Many people would have more faith in some of the leading isolationists if they had not been so strongly partisan in favor of Hitler and his Nazi gangsters and so hostile toward England two years ago and four years ago.

Mirage



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

There was something so eternally feminine about the mad rush for silk stockings . . . after the black-out was declared on hosiery . . . for the same women who stamped the hosiery counters will be among the first to wear "the new cotton stockings" . . . if it should come to that . . . just a pair of silk stockings seem so utterly insignificant . . . in the face of the gravity behind it all . . . but not to a woman . . . such is her everlasting inconsistency . . . it is said that there was a supply of stockings on hand in the shops that would have lasted an average five months . . . but not now . . . after the women all over the country elbowed their way to the hosiery counters to lay up stockings against the day when the dainty sheers might be unattainable . . . at least things are looking up for cotton . . . we heard one sensible girl say . . . "No I haven't bought a single pair of stockings . . . and I'm not going to . . . until I really need a pair . . . I'm just going to let things rock along . . . who knows I may save money by it . . . if we can't get silk . . . we'll no doubt wear cotton . . . and think how much cheaper they'll be." . . .

One of the brightest suggestions we have heard . . . to solve the situation is to start a drive . . . as was done for old aluminum . . . and gather up all the discarded silk stockings . . . tucked away in bureau drawers . . . useless for anything but "home wear" . . . because of those condemning runs . . . in fact, other silk garments might be included . . . we are told that it takes about ten pounds of silk to make a pilot's parachute . . . nearly twenty pounds for the "chutes" used by parachute troops . . . surely science could convert the discarded silk hose and garments into some kind of twist that could be utilized for these patriotic purposes. . . .

Perhaps one should not be concerned over the misfortunes of the enemy . . . but the news of the death of Mussolini's son was very depressing to us . . . he had known nothing but war . . . as his father had expressed it . . . he "had lived dangerously all his life." . . . his first flight in an airplane was made at the age of 9 years . . . at 22 he was a pilot of distinction . . . having fought in three wars . . . he must have been gallant, brave and courageous . . . qualities we respect whether they be held by friend or foe . . . and underneath the mask of Napoleonic resemblance . . . we feel sure that the Italian leader is at heart a father . . . who greatly mourns the loss of his son. . . .

A recent incident from the hospital for Britain maintained by Americans 50 miles from London . . . shows that even in the great crisis . . . the English still have their "slow sense of humor" . . . all types of patients from the bombed areas are sent to the hospital . . . one day a radio message came . . . from London . . . to have everything in readiness for 50 patients . . . all emergency cases . . . the doctors and nurses rushed to make room for the fifty . . . expecting shattered and bomb shocked persons . . . aviators . . . and other war victims . . . but when the fifty arrived there was not one among the type they had planned for . . . instead there arrived 50 smiling expectant mothers . . . gathered from all over the city of London . . . sent to a safe place "to go down into the valley of the shadow of death" . . . to bring back a new life for England. . . . the story stated that the mothers

appreciated the joke with the hospital staff. . . .

We would like to honor a person this week . . . whose modesty is equaled only by her good works . . . Lida Smathers Holtzclaw . . . Mrs. Holtzclaw is continually trying to help somebody . . . spiritually . . . physically, and financially . . . by the merest accident we heard much of her kindness to others . . . not from her . . . but from those who have benefited by her thoughtfulness and generosity . . . ask her neighbors up in Balsam . . . ask the churches in that section . . . and you will get part of the story. . . .

Briefs . . . Miss Mary Margaret Smith . . . county home demonstration agent . . . sighing over the fact that her Haywood county women lacked less than one person to make them winners of the gravel for largest attendance at the State Farm and Home Week in Raleigh . . . congratulations to Captain E. C. Wagenfeld and her Girl Scouts for the whole-hearted way they operated the dime board for the ambulance for Britain . . . Mrs. William Dale, of Columbia, Tenn. . . . the former Caperton Bowles, of Waynesville . . . seems to have no acquaintance with Father Time . . . town hall bustling with activity . . . Monday morning when Treasurer G. C. Ferguson in with all his books . . . and

Power Control Fight Sees Ickes Bow To Knudsen

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist.

OPM Director William S. Knudsen won an important battle in his fight with Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes when he knocked out the latter's drive for total control of the country's hydro-electric power. It remains to be seen how successful he will be in his struggle to defeat Leon Henderson's effort to add production regulation to his Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply's authority over the amount of cash we have to pay for life's necessities.

Bill Knudsen had some help in his resistance to Secretary Ickes' attempt. Harold had grabbed so much already and has been trying to grab so much more that he'd antagonized a number of departments and agencies besides Bill's OPM and they backed Bill up in his defense.

Harold's pretty potent just as in the auditorium arriving for their routine visit at the same time . . . visit the draft board office . . . and you'll be surprised to find what a busy place it is . . . did you ever see so many tourists in town . . . and we are still being urged by both local people and visitors to agitate the matter of benches . . . one Florida visitor suggested they might lend us some for the summer months if we would ship them back for the winter . . . at least it is something to work toward another year. . . .

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

THE POLES are getting the real tough break in the Russo-German conflict. They are furnishing the battlegrounds, but are unable to collect any rent from either side.

Everybody loves a winner—except, of course, those he plays poker with.

There are 4,000,000 adult Americans who cannot read and (this makes a congressman happier)—write.

A Colorado man went to the barber shop to get a quick hair

cut and had not returned, his wife complained, after 12 years. He must be a first-class listener.

Nero, we read, was fond of a dish resembling ice cream. Just a drug-store cowboy, after all!

Heating the earth electrically promotes plant growth, says a scientist. Hereafter, we may have to shock the fodder twice.

A snake's heart, according to a natural history writer, is located near its head. This dispels an old illusion of ours—that a snake had no heart at all.

THE SHOPLIFTER



Voice OF THE People

What type of motion picture do you prefer these days? I like to see pictures dealing with war or do you prefer to see comedies?

Mrs. R. N. Barber—"I like historical pictures and I prefer to remember the realities."

M. H. Bowles—"When I go to the movies I go for entertainment. I want to laugh. I don't like war pictures."

Mrs. Fred Martin—"I like comedies and I see enough of the war in the newspapers."

Mrs. John E. Barr—"I like war pictures, neither the very silly ones."

Mrs. N. F. Lancaster—"I go to the movies I want entertainment. We see the distorted side in real life."

Miss Bessie Boyd—"I like funny ones, but I do not like war pictures."

J. Yates Bailey—"I like pictures that makes you relax. We have enough of things in life."

Miss Emelyn Haynes—"I like all types of pictures and I enjoy the movies. I don't like war pictures because they stop and think."

Mrs. Ralph Prevost—"I like funny pictures. I don't go to the movies, but when I do to relax. I do not care for pictures."

J. B. Siler—"I prefer to see realities and to be strict and trained."

terior secretary. He has, to say to say about power going through his department of coal and oil production ever, this wasn't enough. He wanted to include hydro energy—to develop it and energy—to develop it and it out. It was a scheme not only by Bill Knudsen, the Federal Power commission, the Tennessee Valley Authority also. He proposed likewise a notion which set the Federal reserve commission by the well as the railroads, bus companies and steamboats. And he sought dominion graph, telephone and radio made the Federal Commission under the What's more, in times of emergency, the war and navy department consider communications among their prerogative. Harold made THEM quite while he's been trying the forestry bureau away from agriculture department, subsequently is angry with him.

Circumventing Ickes Well, what Bill Knudsen to create a power unit, Krug, of the Office of Power Management, to stir up more hydro-electric energy it out, split up between and civilian industries, as best—precisely the job that had desired to become. And Bill's making his system perhaps not so much because popular as because Bill much the other way.

There's gossip in Washington the effect that Harold's been to make such a mess of himself that he'll have to be eventually nominated next so, Bill's thrown a wrench campaign.

Not even Bill disputes Henderson's the country's price fixer. True, the quite generally asked not he can make his price stick. He has had to rely upon exhortations and which have worked fairly not 100 per cent, and it's that his success percentage shrink as the pinch gets. What Leon would like legal authority, so that he inflation down by force.

That's a detail, doesn't concern Bill. It's that Leon would like use, must be cut down to practically instant, that subjects. Leon's idea is that tailment will permit us to switch over to large defense stuff. Bill says alright, but the transition can't be effected so fast—army of worker will be jobs while it's going on. That production management stunt, not Leon's—Leon's fact that Bill's a practical economist. Here's Another Another scheme's suggestion (Continued on page 3)