

The Mountaineer

Published By
THE WAYNESVILLE PRINTING CO.
Main Street Phone 137
Waynesville, North Carolina
The County Seat of Haywood County

W. CURTIS RUSS Editor
MRS. HILDA WAY GWYN Associate Editor
W. Curtis Russ and Marion T. Bridges, Publishers

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
One Year, In Haywood County \$1.75
Six Months, In Haywood County 90c
One Year, Outside Haywood County 2.50
Six Months, Outside Haywood County 1.50
All Subscriptions Payable in Advance

Entered at the post office at Waynesville, N. C., as Second Class Mail Matter, as provided under the Act of March 3, 1879, November 20, 1914.

Obituary notices, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, and all notices of entertainments for profit, will be charged for at the rate of one cent per word.



NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION
1942 Active Member

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1942

Two Points In Favor

As time goes on and the rationing of tires has become a reality two things are rapidly developing as a result one affecting the adults and another the youth.

It is a self evident fact that the older generations are going to spend more time at home. There will be little unnecessary tripping from place to place without any particular objective. There will be no doubt despite the mental strain that present conditions are placing upon people, more time for reading than has been the case in many years. Social life will naturally become more simple.

Youth that has felt that it could not "date" without a car, even go a short distance to the movies will have to learn to walk. Riding in the moonlight will have to be replaced by a "stroll" which we are told was prevalent in the gay nineties. Hiking parties will have to be substituted for long summer rides. They might prove as interesting, and certainly much cheaper.

It looks on deeper consideration that there are a number of bright spots and consolations to this tire rationing, that will have more far reaching effects than most of us realize before the day when it will take only the cold cash to purchase a tire.

Not Even \$21 A Month

In every draft area in the country there was a board of three men appointed by the government to direct the affairs of the selective draft service. These men receive no compensation whatever for their services.

It is doubtful if the public in general has any idea of the extent of those services rendered, or the problems that arise which they must thrash out.

When the family of a man urges that he not be sent to join the armed forces, and while on the face of the appeal it looks reasonable to decide that it is all right for the man to remain at home, there is often no rule to apply to his particular case. The board has little leeway in such instances, for they must adhere to the rules set down by the government.

The local board has spent hours working with the clerk in the office classifying the men, and we wish to take this opportunity to give them credit for their service rendered in this manner.

Backward And Forward

The combination of the annual meeting of the Haywood County Demonstration Farmers and the Achievement Day of the 4-H Club members offers a complete picture of agriculture in the county.

There is something very stimulating about looking backward to the fine accomplishments of the year just passed and hearing the reports of the younger generation as they plan their projects that give promise of reaching eventually higher goals than their elders.

A check on the activities of the Demonstration Farmers would no doubt reveal the greatest period of agricultural development ever known in Haywood county. During the five years since the organization was perfected more progressive methods and practices of farming have been inaugurated than in any other five years previous.

The 4-H Club members who will in time take the places of their parents showed by their records Saturday that they will be well qualified to follow in their footsteps.

The Last To Go

It is rather unusual to find three men associated together in the same work who gave each other finer cooperation or held the confidence of the public to any greater extent than former County Agents J. C. Lynn, Wayne Corpening and John L. Reitzel did in Haywood county.

All three men were reserve officers in the U. S. Army and from the first declaration of war each knew that his days in civilian life were numbered and that they were subject to call at any moment. Even so, they worked to the last day as if they might return to complete their jobs the next day.

Each of the three men rendered an exceptional service to Haywood county and have built a firm foundation for agricultural progress in this section.

The Moving Mountain

"Gigantic war tasks" are keeping Hitler too busy at the rear to permit him to go to the front, announces Dr. Otto Dietrich, nazi press chief.

At the risk of seeming to give aid and comfort to the enemy, we hasten to reassure Dr. Dietrich and his boss. They need not be troubled. The Fuehrer obviously being a far mightier man than Mohammed, the mountain is coming to him. At the rate it is now moving, the front will arrive at the rear almost any day.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

More Sleep

One of the effects of tire rationing will be a chance for Americans to catch up with their sleep.

It's all very well to talk about the delights of walking, but few people will take a feminine stroll to a whoopee joint and then also have to walk back. There is going to be less gadding about, practically none, when the tires now on cars are finished.

One of our foremost national habits—racing nowhere to do nothing—may be cured. But, just as many will have to learn to walk again, others must learn to sleep.—The Atlanta Journal.

The Warlike South

In Birmingham, Ala., John Temple Graves, editor of the Age-Herald, conducted a symposium to learn why the South was more warlike and more interventionist than any other section. Carter Glass replied: "Because of superior character and exceptional understanding of the problem involved." Stark Young thought it was because Nazi methods of invasion and destruction reminded the South of Sherman's march to the sea.

Clark Howell, of the Atlanta Constitution, said: "We have once been invaded and defeated, and have learned just what this means."

Jonathan Daniels' theory is that the South, as the country's poorest region, has more have-nots and that have-not people are quicker to fight than have people.—From The Dixie Gulf Coast Guide.

'The Mountains Are Here'

Under conditions plainly within the sphere of things feasible, Asheville and this section of North Carolina might become a part of any extended war zone.

The emphasis is to be placed, of course, on that which is theoretically possible; yet the history of the war proves that the unexpected possible is repeatedly coming to pass.

Turning from this to the consideration of things most probable, here is an editorial suggestion from The Winston-Salem Journal which no doubt will find much consideration from spring and summer vacationists this year. The Journal says:

A local news story informs us that Pacific vacation spots are "definitely out for the duration."

Maybe so, but that's no reason why the tired office or factory or shop worker seeking a bit of time out for relaxation after long months of helping to "keep 'em flying" should forego the opportunity to view magnificent mountain scenery, enjoy a few games of golf and tennis, go horseback riding, bathing, and so on. The North Carolina mountains are still here. And they lie outside the 300-mile zone!

Maybe the school teachers can learn the art of honeyed words in their application of the rationing rules for sugar.

When you're in the dark over paying a bill, it's usually from the light company.

"COMING EVENTS—!"



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

As we have said before, hobbies have a keen fascination for us . . . we so much approve an interest in one life's separate and apart from one's regular work . . . they are so absorbing and relaxing . . . but we must confess that we found a rather startling hobby this week . . . that seemed very strange to us . . . that of collecting gestures of famous men . . . which is the hobby of Francis Haynes . . . professor of romance languages at Guilford College . . . who was recently asked to appear on the program of the National Hobby Lobby broadcast in New York . . . when you begin to consider the subject . . . we all have mannerisms . . . and gestures . . . and the habit is certainly not confined to the great men alone . . . and the funny thing about them is that we so often are unconscious of them ourselves . . . we recall a certain teacher we had once . . . who had a way of bringing her fingers together when she reached the climax in her story would stretch out her hand and spread out her fingers . . . to emphasize her remarks . . . the girls were so taken with it, that it became a regular pastime to mimic her . . . several times she saw the girls . . . and finally asked one of them why she did it . . . and when told, was much surprised . . . for she said she never had realized before that she made the gesture . . . but somehow as a hobby we would rather settle on something more tangible . . .

We wonder if you are having as much trouble as we are in getting the right stride in which to take the World War Number Two . . . we think that we have our attitude all placed . . . and then something happens . . . and we are in a great dilemma . . . on all sides we hear we must keep cool . . . on the other, if a person acts normal . . . they are accused of not taking in the situation . . . in fact it has reached the stage that if you show control . . . you are either heartless or dumb . . . and if you face facts . . . and discuss them with proper gravity . . . you are either a pessimist or on the verge of hysteria . . . but we have about come to the conclusion that it is going to be impossible for a patriotic American citizen to take this thing without a great deal of emotional reaction . . . in the first place, too much is at stake for the country at large . . . and in the next place . . . that growing army of khaki clad boys and men have left too many vacant places back home . . . recently the expressman brought us the civilian clothes of a volunteer in the U. S. Army . . . to keep for the duration . . . as we packed those bags away . . . and tried to protect the garments against the ravages of possible moths . . . we wondered . . . how long . . . and when the owner would need them . . . such things are being done in millions of American homes today . . . one may not get utterly panicky over such experiences . . . but one cannot be complacent . . .

While on the subject of the boys in service . . . we have been thinking for sometime . . . now that our country is actually in the thick of the fight that the men leaving here should have a more impressive send off . . . when they were going to a training camp in preparation of what might happen . . . it seemed a bit different . . . now we know the worst has happened . . . and that those men are definitely leaving for training to fight . . . we think the folks here at home should send them off with more appreciation . . . we do not mean any long program or ceremony . . . but merely the presence of the people of our community . . . in the call leaving here next week will be the largest group yet to leave at one time . . . somewhere between 50 or 60 in all probability . . . before those boys come back to civilian life . . . and some we know will not return . . . in view of the service they are about to render our country . . . cutting short a morning nap seems such a trivial thing . . . we'll meet you at the bus . . . on the morning of March 11th . . . to show the boys how we feel . . . about their going out to win this war for us . . .

One of the good sisters, whose heart and soul are in the Go-To-Church campaign which started last Sunday . . . has given us the following poem and asked that we reprint here in tribute to the laymen who are working so faithfully to make the drive a success . . .

THE LAYMEN

Leave it to the laymen, and soon the church will die.
Leave it to the women-folk—the young will pass it by.
For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper needs the layman on the job.
Now a layman has his business and a layman has his joys,
But he also has the training of his younger girls and boys;
And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here,
And he had to raise his children in a Godless atmosphere.

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,
To teach that way of living from which all that's noble springs;
But the minister can't do it, single-handed and alone,
For the laymen of the country are the church's cornerstone.
When you see a church that's empty, though its doors are opened wide,
It is not the church that's dying.
It's the laymen who have died.
For it's not by song or sermon that the church's work is done,
It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

Merchant Shipping Losses Estimated at 14,000,000

Merchant shipping losses of all nations of the world from the start of the war to Jan. 1, 1942, have been estimated by the chamber of shipping of United Kingdom of England yesterday at approximately 14,000,000 tons.
During the last six months of 1941 Axis air raiders, mines, submarines and surface vessels sank 780,000 tons of the more than 1,000,000 tons for that period.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



It's Fun and Exciting To Walk Along The Top Of The Smokies

Voice OF THE People

How is the rationing of tires affecting you?

W. A. Bradley—"We have had to cut down on delivery and also have cut out using our cars for anything but necessities."

F. L. Leopard—"We have cut out all visiting and running around, and our trips now are purely on business."

Richard N. Barber, Jr.—"We have cut out at least two thirds of the driving from home and are cutting down on trucks for business by planning ahead all trips. I notice that there have not been so many trucks on the highways since Christmas."

Fred Campbell—"We have cut out driving about 50 per cent and feel sure that our tires will last about 18 months with such precaution."

John L. Davis—"So far it has not made any special difference."

Mrs. Henry Francis—"It affects us in many ways both in running our trucks and tractors on the farm. As far as coming into town we can walk, for that is good exercise."

Fred Davis—"We don't feel it yet, but unless there is something done we will be affected in the future."

Chas. D. Ketter—"At present I am not affected by the rationing, but in time I will be."

Mrs. R. R. Campbell—"So far, we are not affected and feel that with good luck we can travel at least a year longer. By then, we hope that the war will be over."

Clyde H. Ray, Jr.—"I haven't felt the rationing yet, but expect to have a blowout any day, then ask me and I can tell you more about it."

What Made News Years Ago

TEN YEARS AGO

Small crowd attends prohibition talk made by Congressman John H. Small at court house here.

Two farm meetings held in county in effort to make 5-10 year farm program a success.

Forty gallon still, claimed by Sheriff Lowe to be one of "pretzlers" even seen in this section, captured near Clyde.

Citizen's Military Training Camp to open on June 11th, with Capt. Frederick Roberts, of Canton, named county chairman.

Visit to new state prison camp at Hazelwood gives insight into lives of prisoners, where Supt. F. F. Cabel tells how to handle work. Congressman Thatcher delighted with scenery found in park area.

FIVE YEARS AGO MARCH, 1937

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lindsley observe 50th wedding anniversary at home on Pigeon street.

The second snow of winter falls to depth of five inches in county.

L. N. Davis elected president of the local Chamber of Commerce. County board of commissioners vote to have special election on liquor.

All men who have been with Junaluska Tannery four years and longer to be given a week's vacation with pay.

Senator Reynolds urges President Roosevelt to complete park. "Squire" McCracken celebrates 80th birthday anniversary. J. F. Cabel introduced bill to raise

Editor's note—Few people better acquainted with the than the writer of this article, doubt if anyone is more authority on the history of park, and the early life in section than is Mr. Wilburn.

By H. C. Wilburn.

Along the top of the Smokies well as the Balsams and ranges of less importance, generally to be found a trail, or less plainly evident. A few points such as gaps, or joining spur ridges, lateral usually come in. Some of these still in use. Others, seemingly abandoned for many years. This is evidenced by trees, in instances, perhaps a century more old, growing in the middle of the footbeaten path.

As to whose feet, through centuries, have beaten out these trails there may be some conjecture. It is certain, however, deer, bear, panther, and frequent intervals elk and as well as many smaller animals contributed their part toward establishing these threads of passage along lines of least resistance. It is also certain that the Cherokee Indians, as well as their descendants in this area, did toward straightening out and clearing out these trails.

One can easily visualize the Chief Attaculla, Oconostoga, Hop, Old Tassel, Osoconaga, Abram, and Utsali, the subjects of the refugee band of Cherokee among whom Tsali either singly or in groups, in quest of game perhaps, bent solely on pleasure and adventure.

No matter who originated the white people from their first appearance in the area, have made of them. Spanish conquistadors of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries probably "ferreted out" every path in their mad quest for gold. A Frenchman named, Gouture, about 1686, passed by Port St. Louis down the Mississippi, up the Ohio and up the Tennessee to Charles Town. He almost certainly followed Indian trail, either through Slickrock area or through Dutch Gap in the Smokies.

Coming down to more recent times, John Strother and his very party in 1799, undoubtedly followed what they called the "loochee Turnpike," which has been paralleled by highway. This trail was also followed described by Frances Asbury 1810. It is a well known fact that the first settlers in Galtburg, Tenn., followed an Indian trail, crossing the Smokies Indian Gap in their passage to South Carolina.

But I started out to write about the old trail along the top of the Smokies. There is not to express the exhilaration and inspiration to be had by less walking along this height and into the limitless crags of farm lands in the plain Tennessee, or turning east and trying to untangle the knotted ridges and the convoluted ways of Western North Carolina.

I frequently think of the Swiss scientist, Prof. Arnold Guyot, who, following out many of the trails, made extensive explorations in these mountains in the 1850's. What his reaction must have been to these superb exhibitions of tectonic grandeur. He was evidently too much engrossed in making scientific observations to mention in his notes any impressions he may have regarding the considerations.

Prof. Guyot came to match Europe at a period when the startling scientific discoveries almost destroyed belief in revealed religion amongst the thinkers of that time. However, clung persistently to the personal religion of his mother. His later life he devoted to his intellectual efforts to smoothing out the seeming fict of scientific concepts with revealed religion.

Mount Guyot, the second highest peak in the Smokies of Haywood county, it stands as a monument to this intrepid explorer and engineering scientist who perceived creation the hand of God. He dared to unfold the idea of a faith and religion in an age of unbelief among his peers.

R. R. Campbell Accepted Job With Government Airport In Greenville

R. R. Campbell has accepted position with the government port located in Greenville. Mr. Campbell's work will connection with the office.

salary of sheriff of Haywood by from \$1,500 to \$2,400. Water main bursts at Junaluska.