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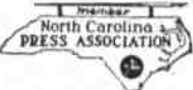
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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1942

Congratulations, Cullowhee

The action taken by the students at Western Carolina Teachers College last week to devote \$1,500 of their own money, normally allotted to athletics, to further training of national reserve organizations is to be commended.

Formerly the students have been paying a flat fee at registration for support of intercollegiate athletics. Now the student body feels that it would like to use its money to make a definite contribution to the military training program rather than to continue participation in competitive football.

With the money to be diverted from sports to war, 30 scholarships of \$50 each have been set up which will be awarded to young men enrolling at Cullowhee for naval reserve training.

Part of the available funds will be allocated to those entering in June and part to those entering the college in September.

C. F. Dodson, head of the science department of the college, has been appointed by the navy department in Washington as its official representative in organizing the training of naval reserve apprentice seamen.

Realizing how important the athletic program of the college of today has become to the students and to the alumni, congratulations should be extended the students at the Western Carolina Teachers College for their patriotic response in meeting the present emergency.

Prospect For Weak Tea

Those who have an appetite for iced, as well as hot tea have a disappointment in store for them. It comes at rather unseasonable time, for with summer just around the corner, the news that Americans will have to cut their average annual tea consumption from 11 to 5 1-2 ounces each will come as a blow to those who think of hot weather and iced tea in the same instant.

The rationing of tea is one of the orders recently made by the war production board. It is the most drastic food action since the government decreed sugar rationing. While no formal set up has yet been put into effect, grocers are asked to limit their sales to each family so that each store's 50 per cent allotment will be distributed evenly among the consumer public and not bought up by hoarders.

Interruptions to shipping from Ceylon, India, and the Netherlands East Indies, where practically all the tea comes from, and the uncertainty of imports in the future, has made the action necessary at this time.

American housewives will have to learn how to brew tea in such a manner as to extract the last bit of flavor from the leaves, and in all probability the tea drinkers will be imbibing a weaker drink than they did this time last year.

The United States is today, as it always has been, the best investment in the world. War Bonds and Stamps offer an opportunity for each citizen to buy a share in America.

A hard day's work isn't half as tiring as a four-hour banquet.

Everybody seems to know enough arithmetic to figure out what's coming to him.

No man wants to talk sense to a pretty girl.

A Tough Job

We were interested in the answers to the recent question carried in the "Voice of the People" in this paper, regarding the most important piece of work for the Chamber of Commerce this season.

We are rather inclined to agree with the person who suggested that the group should be in readiness to meet any emergency that might arise, for some of the plans will have to be more or less tentative.

It will not be an easy season to plan for, as things are changing at such rapid rate. What would have been applicable two months ago, or even one month may be all out of the picture ere the time the season gets underway.

We believe that it is one year when all funds should not be allocated at the beginning of the season, but that expenditures should be carefully planned as time goes on.

Advertising Welcomes Scrutiny

Advertising today is receiving the closest scrutiny it has known that attention comes doubly, from those who advertise and from those to whom the advertising is directed.

Business along with the nation generally is passing through a crisis from which that which measures up will endure, that which does not will go down. Advertising, its power to reduce per unit selling cost demonstrated, welcomes such a testing, and those who direct it should appreciate the added responsibility existing conditions impose.

All of which prefaces our commendation of the Merchants Association which has renewed its committee to study advertising media and promotions that much of the wastage of money for so-called advertising may be accomplished. The proposition is a sound conservation move and one which all worthy media will readily acknowledge and appreciate.—Shelby Daily Star.

How He Does It

For sometime we have marveled at the manner in which President Roosevelt is able to meet the critical events that have crowded one after another during the terms of his administration. Starting with physical handicaps, he apparently keeps a cool head and a steady hand through hard work and often adverse criticism, that would down any ordinary person.

We read during the week of an answer given a friend who had wondered how he had been able to keep his physical equilibrium and the President told him:

"During my waking working hours I give the best I have in me and neglect as little as possible. When time comes for rest and sleep I can reflect that I could not have done better if I had it all to do over again, except for hindsight, which simply does not come at the same time as the problem. There is nothing left for me but to close my eyes and I do it and am asleep. I have no time for worry."

To us the last two sentences are the heart of his secret, and his ability to carry them through is a triumph few can achieve. We have been told that "if you can sleep well, you've got the world licked."

"Awareness Day"

We note with interest, plans for the observance of an "Awareness Day" down in Wilson, to be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. There will be a parade, which will offer a strange sight, as there will be no motor vehicles in it.

Automobiles will be replaced by bicycles, but they will not present a holiday air, for they will bear no decorations, as that would be a wasteful gesture for current times. Crepe paper floating in the breezes is a thing of the past on such occasions.

But the number of pedestrians will be increased to substitute for the former motor cars. They, too, would have been almost unknown groups a few years back for they will include State Guardsmen, air raid policemen and fire wardens and first aid workers of the civilian defense office.

It doesn't sound very festive compared with the elaborate decorations this tobacco market has adorned such events with in the past, but we predict that it will be a novel affair, and will make more than one spectator given a second thought to the changing conditions that prompted such a colorless parade.

We long had a premonition that something terrible was going to happen, but we underestimated its magnitude.



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

As we grow older . . . it is a continual surprise how early in life certain traits of human nature . . . common to mankind begin to show . . . and how the eternal feminine instinct of egging the man on crops out at a tender age . . . we happened to be coming up Main Street one day last week . . . when the first graders were leaving school from the Central Elementary . . . a very coo little girl . . . was coming along with a boy her own age . . . they ran and skipped . . . full of energy . . . her shoe string caught and came untied . . . instead of fastening it . . . she loosened it until it looked as if her shoe might drop off at any moment . . . and then she dared him to knock her shoe off . . . what boy, with an ounce of red blood in his veins would take such a dare . . . so the next thing we knew the shoe was flying in the air, landing far down on the sidewalk . . . the little girl was limping on one foot . . . appearing quite angry . . . and then she flew after the small boy . . . with a very sarcastic remark . . . "Now I'll fix you for that" and on she ran after him . . . their feet just flew . . . we couldn't help but smile . . . such is the way of a maid with a man . . . as they grow older, it takes another course . . . but the underlying principles of the tactics remain the same.

The more we consider the way General MacArthur and his family took themselves from the Philippines to Australia . . . despite dangers . . . the more our imagination and admiration for their bravery is fired . . . we are convinced that the perilous journey so beset with danger . . . will stand out in the records of history in the future . . . for there is no doubt that the trip gave just the proper touch of courage needed for our armed forces as well as for the civilian . . . the General risked his all . . . and we fear before this conflict is over . . . we, too, will be called upon to make many more sacrifices than we realize at this stage . . . but one thing we have been disappointed in that more has not been said of Mrs. MacArthur . . . for evidently the General has nothing on her when it comes to steady nerve . . . and ability to "take it."

We are tremendously interested in a new book just off the press . . . "Below the Potomac" . . . by Virginius Dabney . . . editor of the Richmond Times Dispatch . . . the reviews of the book make us want to read it . . . there has been so much written about the South as the nation's "Number one economic problem" . . . and now for the section to be declared the future of this country, brings another side of the story in view . . . and excerpt from the book states that "No President since the Civil War has revealed the understanding of problems that Franklin D. Roosevelt has evidenced" . . . and certainly his most bitter critic could not deny this statement about the President . . . we have seen what has happened in our own county . . . in our own rural sections . . . and the South is rural for the most part . . . here in Haywood . . . during the past few years . . . the WPA . . . AAA . . . TVA . . . and FSA have wrought wonders . . .

We have all been critical of agencies at times . . . and justly so perhaps . . . but none of us can deny that they have made a new county here and a new South . . . they have developed and brought to light our potential advantages . . . they have given us a chance . . . even if those fortunate enough to have the money have had to load up with taxes at times . . . the Virginia editor predicts that

the South will be responsible for building a "grandeur civilization" than storied land has ever known . . . imagination and vision, resourcefulness and daring are essential ingredients of the South which must arise after the Western civilization has been cleansed of the swastika's dark shadows . . . the South, which is to be must have the kinetic force to build for the future . . . and the leisure to enjoy the edifice . . . after it is done . . . it must be wholly an American South . . . a South of liberty . . . and learning of human dignity . . . and devotion to democracy" . . . we hope that Mr. Dabney is right . . . and that the future of this country lies below the Potomac . . .

The following was contributed by Mr. Rudolph E. Heinze . . . formerly of New York State . . . who has decided that Waynesville was a good place to live when he retired . . . he says the lines were written during the First World War . . . but even so, are applicable to Number Two . . .

WHY WORRY

Of two things, one is certain, Either you're drafted, or you're not drafted, If you're not drafted, there is no need to worry, If you are drafted, of two things one is certain, Either you're behind the lines, or you're on the front, If you're on the front, of two things one is certain, Either you're in a safe place or you're exposed to danger, If you're in a safe place there is no need to worry, If you're exposed to danger, of two things one is certain, Either you're wounded or you're not wounded, If you are wounded, of two things one is certain,

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By **WILLIAM RITT**
 Central Press Writer

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sports writer. Looks like that flower-smelling Ferdinand has, after all, started a trend.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By **STANLEY**



Voice OF THE People

Do you think the softball league should attempt to put on their usual summer program?

C. C. Francis—"I think with all the horrors of war we will need something to make us relax from the strenuous times and softball is a good healthy exercise."

H. W. Burnette—"I hardly see why they shouldn't carry on. The games give the people something to do and get their minds off of war."

Earl Ferguson—"I see no reason why the softball league should not have their usual program this summer."

C. N. Allen—"I think it should be. We are not going to be able to drive around this summer and we have to have something to do."

J. E. Jones—"I think they should carry on. A lot of fellows who play softball, work hard all day and it is their only exercise. It's also a nice way for people to get together and forget they are tired."

Miss Mattie Moody—"I would like to see the league carry on as usual, as there is nothing I enjoy more, but if those in authority feel that it is too great an expense at this time, I am willing to forego the pleasure."

H. O. Champion—"Sure. People need recreation now as well as at any other time."

Miss Almarie Robinson—"We can't stop everything because we are at war, and softball is a good wholesome recreation, good for those who play and those who watch the games."

Joe Jack Atkins—"I think they should have the games this year. The morale of the people of the community has to be kept up. We can't think of the war all the time."

Walter Crawford—"I think the league should carry through the summer, because even if we are in war, we have to have a little recreation."

Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:—Your editorial in the last issue of "The Mountaineer" complimenting my work in Scouting was totally unexpected, and very much appreciated.

Under the capable leadership of M. H. Bowles, I am sure that you and the many other fine citizens of this section will continue to co-

operate with me. Either you are wounded seriously, or you are wounded slightly, If you are wounded slightly, there is no need to worry, If you are wounded seriously, of two things one is certain, Either you recover, or you die. If you recover, there is no need to worry, If you die . . . YOU CAN'T WORRY.

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It's Speed Today And Not Price On War Production

By **CHARLES P. STEWART**
 Central Press Columnist.

PRODUCERS of stuff for government compete with each other as strenuously as ever they did, but it's a new kind of competition, as to all sorts of war supplies, which Uncle Sam naturally is buying now at about 1,000 times the rate of anything else he's buying.

Before the world conflict started, whenever he needed goods of some sort he called for bids and prices from all available sources and the lowest bidder got the contract, provided he gave satisfactory assurance that his merchandise would come up to specifications. Today price isn't the main consideration in connection with order the government is in a time hurry to have filled in time. The present question is "Who'll make the quickest job of it?"

Production Manager Donald Nelson changed the rule, on reasonable ground that speed's the main item in an emergency like this. Existing one, even if it costs a little more.

The new system works out, rather unexpectedly, to the advantage of small industries, concerning whose fate there's been so much worrying.

Price competition had the effect in the pre-war era, of guarding against any favoritism in awarding of contracts. A political pet of some Washington official department or bureau could make juicy bargains in his or her particular interest, because untested rivals could underbid the favorite, and get away with it.

Plenty of Orders
 Now, though, there not only enough orders to go around, there a congestion of them. That's a speed is so essential in the matter of getting them executed.

But the benefits of the Donald Nelson system to small business. Well, a huge industry is apt to be able to produce more economically, to itself, than a peewee. Consequently it can make better terms to its customers. A peewee, because of its geography or some such thing, may be able to beat its own against the monsters, in immediate neighborhood, but the latter can easily outsell it to vast buyers as the government.

On top of that, government contract makers prefer deals with mass producers. It's more convenient for them to make wholesale arrangements with a single big concern than to negotiate, separately, with a lot of teeny-weenies.

The result was, for a while, that the whales were scooping off all government's orders and the minnows were threatened with being starved to death.

There's a limit, though, to even mass industry's productive capacity. The corking big outfits presently become so loaded up with Uncle Sam's contracts that they began to delay deliveries, unavoidably.

And, there, simultaneously, the little ones, sitting on the sidelines, in danger of going into bankruptcy, for lack of something to keep them busy.

Hence Don Nelson's inspiration to get them at it.

Essentially he wanted their output, but undoubtedly he also had in mind the long-run desirability of preventing them from bursting with all of the ultimately disastrous economic consequences.

Inconvenience Overlooked
 So he gave his orders to war production's personnel — to "remember some slight inconvenience of dicker with so many different small units," but "to go ahead and give them contracts," getting the into action in Uncle Sam's behalf and saving their own lives, incidentally.

Individually they are little, but collectively they can more than hold their own in the BIG industry.

The trouble is that a little industry generally hasn't the financial resources to readjust its equipment from peacetime to wartime production. It simply CANNOT do it without charging more than the big fellows.

"O. K.," agrees Donald. "I'll give them a bit extra, for getting a war job."

Whether or not we'll ever get back to a stem of figuring on price, rather than on speed, remains to be seen.

Some economists surmise that the post-war public will switch to the governmental production philosophy rather than back to the old one. Their hope is that we'll so hard up for everything wanted at the war's end that we'll continue to reckon in terms of time rather than price. I'd scarcely think so myself, but it would be a real guy who'd forecast what this war will lead up to.

operate to give our boys, and those with whom they come in contact, the benefits of the scout program.

It is my earnest hope that we will very soon obtain a just and lasting peace, and that I may be permitted to return to my friends in Haywood.

Sincerely,
CARLTON PEYTON
 Canton, N. C.