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Travel Has Started

Right at this time, when everyone is wondering what the coming tourist season holds in store for Western North Carolina, it is interesting to note the heavy travel through the Park from the midwest.

The actual count made by Park officials shows that travel from Illinois, Michigan and Ohio exceeds that of all other states other than North Carolina and Tennessee.

On several occasions before, The Mountaineer has suggested that more stress be given publicity of this area in the midwest. Right now, with defense projects booming in that area, seems the logical time to center a barrage of invitations to come down South and UP in the mountains.

To venture a prediction for the coming season would be a wild guess, but the more conservative business people feel that while we may not enjoy tourists in as large numbers, we can expect those who come will stay longer, and in the end, the money spent will equal that of normal years and perhaps even better.

With travel already started down from the midwest, every effort should be made to "keep 'em rolling."

And certainly no one can deny the fact that "scenic and safe" Western North Carolina is the ideal place to vacation this year.

Right-About-Face

Elsewhere in this newspaper today, are extracts from a seaman's letter to his sister here in Haywood. The general tone of the letter does not show that men in service are grumbling, or dissatisfied—quite to the contrary; but the letter does reflect the sentiment that men in service are far from satisfied with conditions back home.

The indifferent attitude of strikers, and of some other citizens, leads some of our fighting force to believe that the average American does not realize the dangers our armed men are confronting.

It will be well for civilians back home to take time and energy devoted to grumbling and criticism and do something constructive in this period of all-out-defense.

Three Hundred Strong

We are particularly interested in the personal appeal President Roosevelt is making in his mobilization of the 4-H Club members of this country. On this group rests a tremendous responsibility.

The 4-H Club members of today will be our rural leaders of tomorrow, and their contribution to victory will be a distinctive service now and tomorrow in this nation.

In Haywood County there are 300 members, many of whom have accomplished outstanding work as was recently shown in their annual Achievement Day program, and we feel sure they are ready to respond to this call from the President.

Absurdly Incongruous

Senator Robert R. Reynolds has demanded that General MacArthur return to this country to take part in the deliberations of the recently formed Pacific War Council. The idea of a politician of the like of Senator Reynolds, who before Pearl Harbor consistently opposed all preparations for the defense of America, now telling the No. 1 military genius of this country what he ought to do is too absurdly incongruous for words — (Nell Battle Levin—Raleigh News and Observer).

Gratifying

The record breaking attendance at the churches throughout this community and in the county on Easter Sunday should be gratifying not only to the pastors of the various denominations, but also to the public in general.

We need desperately to cling to the significance of Easter today, for we need all the power of our faith to tide us through this dark era when there seems so much to deny that sacrifice on the cross centuries ago.

As spring comes, and with it the Easter season after the dreariness of winter, to awaken nature, so this year we need to be assured that the good will of peace somewhere awaits this stricken world, after the winter of destruction and broken faith.

We trust that the large congregations will continue not only for the duration of the Go-To-Church campaign but for time to come, as we must realize the price paid for peace, and adjust ourselves to the days ahead. We must try to look forward to the time when across the wreckage of the world, which has been brought about by self seeking, a new world of peace and brotherly love awaits us.

Straight Shooting

The American people and the allied nations have shouldered General MacArthur with one of the gravest responsibilities ever recorded by history. They have centered their hopes for victory in his leadership.

We wish that every American citizen could have brought to their attention the following taken from an interview the General had recently with a correspondent in Australia. We, who sit on the sidelines, are so apt, as we watch the game whether it be war or sports, to know more about the rules than those directly involved. Those of us back home should share the responsibility with the armed forces, as the General pointed out when he said:

"My main purpose is not to suppress news, but to get news to you. The reason for efforts by the United States and Australia to inform the public of what is going on is that, if it does not know the truth, its imagination operates, thereby reducing confidence. Silence will begin to react against you. It, therefore, is of prime importance that the public should be told, so it can summon all its confidence and determination of purpose in support of the war effort.

"I want your help without which we cannot get that maximum effort needed to win. I am an old censor myself. What I have said does not mean that what we give out here you have to take and use or that you are limited to canned news. It does not mean that you must abstain from criticisms, but I hope that before you criticize, you will avail yourselves to the facts. If you do, you will find most criticisms disappear.

"When you start to tear down public confidence in military leaders you practically destroy an army.

Eighty-Seven Years Young

One of the most remarkable instances of a civilian drafted for service is that of Dr. Needham Y. Gulley, who at the age of 87, is returning to his post as professor of law at Wake Forest College.

Dr. Gulley founded the law school at Wake Forest in 1894 and was its head from that time to 1936, when he retired from active teaching duties.

Now with two of the law professors called into service Dr. Gulley returns to prepare the future barristers. It is an exceptional tribute to a man of his age, that he is still young enough in his thoughts to deal with the youth of this generation.

Essential

From every department of the state government men are leaving for the service, but it seems that Governor Broughton is holding out that two classes of state employees are essential to the war effort in their present civilian duties. They are the highway patrol and the rehabilitation staff of the vocational education division.

The governor feels that since the patrol is giving half of its time to conveying troops through the state and aiding the FBI, that they are doing more for war effort at that than they might as soldiers.

He likewise feels that those who are engaged in rehabilitating persons rejected for service, and soldiers and sailors incapacitated by war should not be drafted into the armed forces.

"FOR AMERICA—500 PER CENT!"



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

At this season of the year we often wonder if there is any flower grown on this green earth that does for one what the jonquils and the daffodils can do . . . as they come with a splash of gold on the dull winter landscape that is just beginning to show signs of coming to life . . . they give a touch of something hard to describe . . . a lift of spirit . . . that starts a song in one's heart . . . akin to the fragrance of fresh plowed ground . . . to those who love the soil . . . this year . . . with the changes taking place . . . and the shifting of values over night . . . their coming gives one a sensation of security . . . of comfort found in a normal note in a chaotic setting . . . and while on the subject . . . let us pass on a story . . . we recently heard . . . which we like because it sounds so thoroughly American . . . and right now most of us are appreciating what that means more than in the immediate past . . .

Joe and Mabel Gill are natives of Texas . . . who have been temporarily transplanted in the North . . . but who are gradually trekking their way South again . . . and for Joe and his family it means home again after several generations out of the state . . . Joe and Mabel made their first step some years ago when they started their summer here . . . then the last, a much more definite gesture . . . the purchase of a farm on Jonathan Creek (the Thad Howell property) . . . which is to be a regular farm . . . not just a plaything . . . last year they planted some jonquils on their Haywood county place . . . and now they are in bloom . . . the bulbs might well be termed hardy pioneers . . . for we can assure you that no member of the Sons or the Daughters of the American Revolution can give a more authentic family record than they . . .

Back in the 1790s . . . shortly after the Revolution . . . Joe's ancestors . . . the Forts of the Rutherfordton section of North Carolina felt the urge to push farther West . . . as did so many of those early settlers . . . so they moved over to what, later became Franklin, Tenn. . . . but the mother of the family could not leave the old home place without some of her cherished bulbs . . . for their annual sunshine had fed her soul each spring with their beauty . . . so she uprooted a clump . . . and later planted them on Tennessee soil . . . and they continued to flourish in the new surroundings . . . so much so, that year after year . . . to be exact . . . along in 1836 . . . when the call of the West came to younger members of the family . . . to push on toward Texas . . . another home maker felt that life could not be complete without these bulbs flowering in her garden . . . so along with the household effects . . . a goodly number of those precious bulbs were tucked away . . . for that long tedious journey across the Mississippi Valley . . . the family took up land around what is now Texarkana . . . the government offering 4,400 acres to a homesteader . . . with an additional 440 acres each for his wife . . . and every child and slave . . . here the family settled and they and their descendants lived for nearly one hundred years . . . and each Spring the jonquils bloomed . . . then Joe Gill, one of the young descendants and his wife, Mabel . . . felt the call of the East . . . and they went to Florida in 1925 . . . taking with them some of those bulbs that had become a family tradition . . . a few years later they moved North . . . and those bulbs were transplanted from the loamy sand of Florida to New England . . . and now after 150 years bulbs have multiplied and

helped make so many homes cheerful . . . have been brought back to Carolina . . . we trust to stay . . . as their owners . . . always . . .

Speaking of shortages . . . we are told that the "date shortage" for girls over twenty is acute . . . that is the steady "pre-war type of dating . . . and that it will even be felt more sharply in the future than at present . . . of course the gals who are lucky enough to live in the vicinity of a camp are having too many dates to suit them . . . in fact we hear that in one section of the state . . . the girls were much thrilled the first part of the duration over such an excess of dates . . . but that patriotism can grow mighty thin over too many blind dates . . . that fail to come up to expectations . . . and that there are too many men now in the service . . . for the uniform to add glamor when "there ain't none" to begin with . . . it is said that the teen age hasn't felt the crimp yet . . . for their friends aren't in the draft age . . . but that within a flip or two of the calendar . . . their boy friends will be marching with the colors . . . and another shortage crop date will be in the making . . . and they can sympathize with their older sisters.

The following was contributed to us for use in this column by Mrs. Mary E. Moore, of Lake Junaluska . . . it was enclosed in a letter to the Rev. J. A. Baylor, from Bishop Paul B. Kern . . . Rev. Baylor . . . a retired Methodist minister . . . retired before the usual age of Methodist preachers . . . to "have time to live a bit leisurely" . . . which is to most of us the ideal way . . . if it could be managed . . .

"Age is a quality of mind; If you have left your dreams behind And hope is cold, And have ceased to look ahead, And your ambitions' fires are dead, Then you are old; But if from life you take the best, And if in life you keep the jest, And love you hold, No difference how the years go by, No difference how the birthdays fly, You are not old.

STILL FIT AT 61

Jersey City. — Rejected by the army on the grounds of age and physical disability, Othel Baxter, former U. S. Army major and veteran of three wars, recently completed a 61-mile walking trip on his 61st birthday in order to satisfy himself that the army authorities erred in disqualifying him.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Rambling Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Bits of this, that and the other picked up here, there and yonder.

Voice OF THE People.

What do you plan to cut down on to meet your increased taxes of next year?

Geo. A. Brown, Jr.—"I hope to work harder and make more so as to meet all necessary expenses and tax load."

Thad Howell—"I am going to cut down on clothes, general living, trips and tobacco."

R. T. Boyd—"I'm going to cut down on food and clothes you buy, and I'll wear more overalls."

Dr. Sam Stringfield—"Nothing in particular, but everything in general."

Mrs. Rufus Siler—"I haven't worked it all out yet, but one thing I am certain about is that I am going to grow more foodstuffs and can more."

Horace Duckett—"For one thing next year I guess I'll walk and save gas and my car, which will be one way I'll save. I guess I'll have plenty of company."

Guy Massie—"I am not expecting to have an increase for I am not expecting to make enough to pay an increase."

Mrs. Hugh A. Love—"I think mine will be a little here and a little there cut down."

Henry Gaddy—"I guess it will be just a little bit on everything, so we can pay for this war."

C. C. Brown—"I expect to cut down on all so called luxuries, such as amusements, clothes and cigarettes."

What Made News Years Ago

FIVE YEARS AGO
1937

Haywood County Hospital receives \$19,473 check from Duke Foundation.

Many improvements are made at the Pet Dairy Products Company. Miss Lillian Wyatt, Hazelwood girl, is honored at Woman's College, University of North Carolina.

Will G. Ford, 62, farmer and cattle raiser, killed by falling house when chimney fell.

J. W. Killian buys controlling stock in Waynesville Laundry.

William Medford named president of Rotary Club and Rev. H. W. Baucom, secretary-treasurer. \$212,000 spent by WPA in Haywood county during past 13 months.

Congressman Zebulon Weaver denies that he is "asleep at the switch."

Lt. Jack Edwards, graduate of Annapolis, received promotion from President Roosevelt from lieutenant, junior grade, to lieutenant.

TEN YEARS AGO
1932

Plans are being made for erection of building for vocational classes.

Republicans of Haywood county endorse Hoover at Canton meeting and elect delegates to State G. O. P. convention in Charlotte.

Waynesville boys win honors boxing and wrestling. Don Hyatt, Fred Ferguson and Ben Atkins bring home titles from Asheville contest.

R. L. Prevost says now is the time to buy and build homes. Ad-

There are some reasons for serving Easter Monday as a day.

—housewives could make aid from holidays in cleaning egg shells, and paper straws the children's baskets.

—paraders could rest the day after the day-long steady parade in new shoes.

—those who strutted the day in new togs would have an opportunity to restore natural swing of shoulder posture.

—children could bounce normal after a day of hiding finding eggs.

—his sweetheart would time to carefully press his sage in her book of "things member."

—overworked clerks would a day in which to get away anything new and that question: "How do you look?"

—digestive systems would a day of rest from eggs and which one must nibble through the day to get into the spirit.

—time would be afforded check and make sure no egg worked it all out yet, but one thing I am certain about is that I am going to grow more foodstuffs and can more.

—our eyes need and deserve rest after weeks of trying to this with that, and that with for the parade, and then for parade itself.

—perhaps, most of all, we have a day in which to remember the purpose meaning of Easter, void of commercialism. That, with self, would warrant the Monday holiday.

Observing a group of stage a continuous egg hunt day, brought to mind, the several years ago, when an getic young fellow, decided to hide the eggs, and the on the door of his father proved to be the ideal place.

In the excitement of the last three eggs were not. Weeks passed. Then an And one sultry August after the car had been stalled in the broiling sun all day missing Easter eggs were. And what a discovery.

How long has it been since took a third-grader into your fence, and carried on a conversation in their language?

Recently I talked to a third grader, who makes the best of grades, and learned from discussing the world as saw it. Her problem right is trying to master arithmetic and especially division.

Going a little deeper into arithmetic, we talked of addition, traction, and then how to a thousand, five thousand, even a hundred thousand, a puzzled look on her face asked:

"Is there anybody in the who can write a billion like the man on the radio was ing about last night?"

She got an answer that wholly unsatisfactory. A explanation was attempted to give a vague idea of how dreds went into thousands, millions and at last billions. The explanation and answer not suffice.

And after all, she is not self. Who is there that can rately comprehend a million say nothing of a billion?

But this thing could go ever. And if you want to a cheap, and harmless drunk start monkeying with a big figures, away up in the lions, and try to figure out the mate answer. You are sure dizzy.

"GOOD" LEG BROKEN

Los Angeles.—Although Paz, 18, had broken his right at camp he was hobbling the highway on crutches. Thomas Casteneda how badly wanted to get back into the army and "help lick Japs". Along came a special automobile, hit Paz, left him conscious. Army surgeons said that the hit-run driver had Paz's left leg and inflicted head injuries. He will be "action" for some time to come.

vices citizens to invest in a safe investment.

Major J. H. Howell entered for representative. He has Waynesville and county in capacities.

Waynesville debaters of Chapel Hill to compete for Mrs. Woodson Jones will ny the group.

Beef cattle promises better for Haywood county farmers 1932.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, candidate for governor, will speak April 14th.

Waynesville paper, 33 years on display at Mountaineer J. D. Boone, editor, accepts president McKinley on Negro