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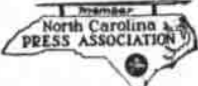
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News And Security

Many people here in Haywood, as well as in other parts of the nation, have the feeling that the government is a little too strict when it comes to keeping back some of the news regarding the war.

On the surface that does not make sense. After hearing two officials from the censorship office in Washington, in an "off the record" discussion of the matter, and explain in detail the necessity of continuing this precaution, we are absolutely satisfied that those charged with sending out such news are correct in their procedure and methods.

We must not forget that we are at war with nations that are smart. They have studied and prepared themselves for every little detail. One little intended innocent word dropped here might make big news in military circles in our enemies' camp.

Dirty Propaganda

Postal laws prevent us from printing our honest opinion of an individual, a community or a state, who deliberately takes undue advantage of the misfortune of others. Because of this feeling, we fail to appreciate the news coming out of towns across the Tennessee border, which on the surface is designed to entertain readers, yet between the lines is injected propaganda to exploit their adequate supply of gasoline and the absence of rationing.

It seems that some Tennessee resort towns are taking an unfair advantage of tourist centers in this state. A lot of ugly rumors from Tennessee about the gasoline situation in North Carolina have made their way across the mountain, but we are hardened enough in news gathering to disregard the rumors. However, we cannot overlook some of the recent news releases from the Tennessee tourist centers that have found their way into print in many papers.

The gasoline rationing is costing Western North Carolina plenty of money. There is no need to deny this, however, there is this compensation, we all know that what sacrifices are being made in the curtailment of business and pleasure is being made for the sake of peace and victory.

And when the peace and victory come, we in North Carolina can hold our heads high and think back to the time when we made the sacrifices for peace.

We have no desire to live in a town, or a state that could not do likewise. We have no desire to live in a town or a state that might gain a few dollars by capitalizing on the misfortunes of others.

The lady next door says she was surprised to find since Sunday has become a day of rest on the eastern seaboard, that so many people lived in our house.—Exchange.

Speaking of independent thinking and ignoring of precedents, at Chicago the other day a youth named John Paul Jones enlisted in the army.—Christian Science Monitor.

Inflation--(In One-Cylinder Words)

Inflation, as described in the dictionary, is a disproportionate and relatively sharp and sudden increase in the quantity of money or credit, or both, relative to the amount of exchange business. In accordance with the law of quantity theory of money, inflation produces a rise in the price level.

In simpler language and applied to the present situation, inflation is caused by a shortage of consumer goods and a tremendous increase in the amount of money paid out in wages.

For the time being, we have stopped making automobiles, refrigerators, bicycles and other useful peacetime products that we could buy and use any time, and have concentrated on the production of warplanes, tanks, guns, bombs and other things that are useful only in wartime. We have stopped making the things we want and are making the things we must have to win the war.

Thousands of formerly unemployed now have jobs. Added thousands are making more money than they ever made before. So, with more money in our pockets to spend and less to spend it on, either the value of money is reduced or the value of the goods has increased—figure it either way—the result is the same. They both mean inflation to the man in the street.

The danger in inflation lies in the fact that when it is in operation, all the money we earn and all the money we have saved is worth less to us and to everyone else. Inflation is just as simple as that and just as dangerous.

That is why the people should be so interested in combatting it.

"That Which We Call A Rose"

It seems that inhabitants of some of the towns in the U. S. A. that were named Berlin long before the named carried present day associations are very unhappy over the choice made when the communities were founded.

We can hardly blame them. We can imagine ourselves residing in a town of that name and being asked where we were from, starting at once to explain that it contained only patriotic American citizens despite its name.

It is said that there are at least 16 Berlins in the United States, to be found in Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Alabama and Maryland.

Berlin, Maryland, is agitating a change in its name. We hope they don't all settle on Victory or Liberty, two popular current names.

In fact when one starts on the subject there is no end of names that might have new associations, never dreamed of in the past, for instance, Japanese iris, German measles, Japanese beetles, and Japanese gardens.

Country Iron

The nation's farmers deserve commendation for their wholehearted cooperation with the salvage committees of their respective states during the busy spring season. The recent successful drive to recover "country iron" was spurred by a personal appeal from WPB Chief Donald M. Nelson, who told farmers that farm iron ranked second only to steel rails as the most valuable scrap metal for defense.

There are 6,300,000 farms in the United States. Surveys show that the average farm has approximately 1,000 pounds of scrap iron. This is in the form of obsolete, broken, and worn-out machinery of all kinds. The collection has accomplished two important purposes: It has made available a huge amount of high quality iron for war needs; it has brought a very substantial sum to farmers at a season when ready cash is welcome.

A word of praise is due also to the farm implement dealers who have cooperated to help Uncle Sam secure this metal. They have used their trucks for collecting and have handled the scrap in their yards without profit. The entire program is another proof of the willingness of citizens to cooperate when they see a way in which they can help.—Christian Science Monitor.

Almost every speaker of note that comes here comments favorably on the weather, and cooperative spirit of the people in Haywood. Those of us here, who enjoy both, take it as a matter of fact, and say no more.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Since the rationing of sugar we are all more or less conscious of confectioneries of all kinds... so an item about the army last week caught our attention... 2,500,000 pounds of hard candy (about 200,000,000 pieces) were ordered by Uncle Sam, for his men overseas... evidently the government wants to please all the boys and cater to their own individual tastes... for nine flavors were stipulated in the order... the sticks are to be one one and one-half inches long... one-half inch in diameter... colored in stripes and solid tints... and coated with granulated sugar to prevent melting... according to the quartermaster corps... the troops will find the candy a "very pleasing confection as well as an excellent source of energy"... and we bet that the sight of that American made stick candy will give every Mother's son of 'em, a fleeting touch of homesickness... for America... and their boyhood days... and peace...

We were greatly interested in the following story... which shows how deeply we are tied to the English... in bonds of long standing... a gift of three hundred pounds was made by Queen Carolina in 1729 to the American colonist, Thomas Lee, grandfather of General Robert E. Lee... and that gift in this year 1942... is back on its way to England... to finance some of the war work being done by Queen Elizabeth... Queen Carolina had given the money to Thomas Lee, who was a Justice at the Peace, after revengeful criminals had burned his house... the gift was used to finance the building of Stratford Hall in Virginia... where later General Lee was born... Mrs. Robert Bingham, widow of the former Ambassador to England, has presented \$1,600, representing Queen Caroline's gift, plus the interest, on behalf of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Foundation... the British Embassy is sending the money to Lady Astor, M. P., a former Virginian, who will present it to the Queen... it might interest you to know where the money came from... if you have visited Stratford Hall since last spring... you contributed to the cause... for it has come from American tourists who have visited the shrine since that date...

We liked the recent illustration made by Paul Appleby, under secretary for State for Agriculture... who was trying to show how we all realize in the United States that our ideals of freedom, democracy, tolerance and fair dealing... far outrun our performances... his story... "We feel in this somewhat as did the negro farmer in Arkansas who was being urged to attend a farm short-course... he demanded to know why he should attend... and was told that he would learn how to farm better... 'Laws, Mass Boss,' he said, 'Ah, knows better now than Ah does.'... which is food for thought for us all...

We want to honor this week the fighting spirit of Lawrence L. Kerley... fire chief of Waynesville... since the great tragedy that laid its hand upon this community two weeks ago... he has fought to live with a courage that has won the admiration of everyone... the same spirit with which he fought every fire that ravaged this area which has occurred during the years he has served on the fire department... At all times fearless... he inspired the fighters as their leader... for they knew that he would not ask them to tackle any job he would not willingly do himself... and while on the subject we want to add other names... we wonder if the people of the community have fully realized what a debt we owe the firemen... had it not been for the circle of water that con-

stantly poured around the flames... it would be hard to estimate what might have happened... in fact, it is a thought so terrifying that most of us have tried to push it back as we have tried to face the cruelty of what occurred... but we must not forget... that on the honor roll belong... Robert Hugh Clark, assistant fire chief... who carried on... Clem Fitzgerald, Brad Mehaffey, Walter Mehaffey, Ben Colkitt, Jack Edwards, Jimmy Boyd, Jr., John Boyd, Harold Massie, W. F. Strange, Milas Ferguson, Hub Burnett, John West and Tom Gilliland.

Mrs. Sam Kelley... when she answered a question in the "Voice of the People" recently... regarding where she would like to be for the duration expressed herself as preferring a large city humming with war effort... much to her surprise she has received the following written on a card from Baltimore...

"Dear Mrs. Kelley: 'While reading The Waynesville Mountaineer we ran across the item you had written. In this interview you said you would like to be in a large city. Well, Lady, all we have to say is: we wish to goodness you could be in Baltimore in our places and us back home in dear old Haywood. Since we have been in Baltimore we have wished a thousand times we had never left our homes in Haywood... Western North Carolina is doing as much in the defense of our country as the large cities. (Signed) 'The Boys From Haywood.'"

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

(As Recorded to Monday Noon Of This Week)

Beaverdam Township
R. R. Mease, Com., et al, to Willis Kirkpatrick.
V. R. Worley, et ux, to Everett Scroggins, et ux.
J. L. Johnson, et ux, to G. C. Hardin, et ux.
G. H. Shope, et ux, to M. C. Shipman, et ux.
Gertrude Robinson to Lon R. Goodson.
Catalochee Township
E. C. White, et ux, to James C. White.
Thomas H. White to James E. White, et al.
James C. White, et ux, to E. O. White.
Ivy Hill Township
Frank Mehaffey, et ux, to Floyd Mehaffey, et ux.
Pigeon Township
Weaver Cook, et ux, to Lelia A. Garret.

FIVE YEARS AGO 1937
Scenic road is opened to top Cook.
Lelia Cook to Weaver Cook.
Waynesville Township
T. B. Medford, et ux, to Thomas

TEN YEARS AGO 1932
George Francis Willis, one of the leading men of the South, died at his home in Atlanta.

11 dairies in county have now attained Grade "A" rating.

Frank W. Miller is appointed U. S. Commissioner of W. N. C. Bishop Mouson will preach here at the Methodist church on Sunday.

Court house janitor authorized to make arrests for spitting.

Prisoners, who have been in Masonic Temple, are now being moved to new quarters on top floor of court house.

C. E. Ray, Jr., named chief engineer of State Conservation board.

Bureau of census states that marriages are on the decrease in Haywood county.

Jackson county citizen hit by automobile near Clyde, and is in critical condition at Haywood County Hospital.

Rambling Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

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

Voice OF THE People

Do you believe that American inventive genius will offer a substitute for rubber in the near future that will lift the rationing from tires?

Emmett Balentine—"I believe we will have a substitute that will lift the rationing from tires."

Wade McDaniels—"Nothing seems impossible in this day and time, and it would not be impossible for a substitute to solve the problem."

H. B. Angel—"I believe it will be done. Necessity is the mother of invention and it has not been needed before in this country. I believe we have citizens in America capable of meeting this need."

Harry Roth—"Yes, I think so, but it is a question as to whether or not tires can be made as cheaply as from crude rubber."

W. R. Francis—"Yes, I think they will find something. I don't know of any material we have not found a substitute for in this country, when needed."

Francis Massie—"Yes I do. We have always gone forward and I feel we will meet the emergency this time."

Hugh J. Sloan—"Yes, I think they will find a substitute and produce tires in time, but none in 1942, or 1943, in fact not before 1944."

Walter Francis—"With American inventive talents I see no reason why they should not find a substitute."

J. C. Patrick—"Yes, I believe they will, because we have always been able to meet an emergency."

Clem Fitzgerald—"I doubt it, because the way it looks now, everything will have to go to supply war needs."

What Made News Years Ago

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CLIPPING

EVERYBODY KIN (Shelby Daily Star)

Lawyers are often smart people, so when a will by which a woman left \$500,000 to all "remote cousins" was probated they broke it simply by arguing that all the people in the world were remote cousins, all being descended from Adam and Eve. Thus the first cousins of the woman share in it.

Then, are we all actually ins? So it seems. In the especially we love the term, so many years ago, one could find a lad of 12 years addressing a mother of 75 as "cousin Sam." There is no disrespect in it. The countries were populated with Cousins, Cousin Cousins and other cousins. It had a sound. It is passing with us ways and few now claim to be beyond a second cousin and thus if he or she is rich or influential...

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY

REMEMBER, OLEY, WITH OLD DAYS WHEN I GOT SIX OR EIGHT WRECKED AUTOS EVERY MONDAY MORNIN' AND YOUR JAIL WAS FULL O' SPEEDERS

DARN WITLER!!

ALONG THE HOME FRONT

of Eagles Nest mountain. Women who wear pants in must possess superhuman strength says Dorothy Dix in interview. Mountaineer reporter. Crabtree farms bring down to \$50 an acre at auction. Clyde firm is robbed of goods and an attempt is made to rob other business places. Car owners in Waynesville get city tags by August 15. W. Thomas Reeves to be Master's degree from Duke university.

CORRECTION

The publishers regret and which appeared in this page week. In "Ten Years Ago" was reported that John Jones was found guilty of murder. It should have been "John Jones is found not guilty."