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Robbers Want Tobacco Money

Haywood will watch with keen interest the opening of the tobacco markets next Tuesday, as this county has the best crop in years, and lots of it.

Indications are that the price will hit forty cents—that might be speculation, but those who seem to always know, are feeling mighty good over the prospect this season.

Haywood growers have a lot to be thankful for—the weather played in their favor this year, and we were spared of floods and bad hail storms.

There is just one word of warning that seems timely at this time. Every year some Haywood farmer is robbed of his money between the place he sold his crop and his home. Those farmers who hold their checks and put them in the local banks instead of getting them cashed in the places where they sell their tobacco always play safe.

This year when there will not be as much travel as usual, it will be more dangerous to carry large sums of money on your person. So play safe. Bring the check back home, and get it cashed where you will not undergo the chances of losing it to a robber.

Push Your Chest Out

The Waynesville football team did exactly what was predicted they would do this season—end it without a single defeat.

As the local footballers rolled over Canton 19 to 0 on Thanksgiving, they brought to a close another successful season. While they have been scored on, they have not lost a game.

The coaches, players, faculty and entire community is proud of the record, but perhaps cherished most of all is the spirit and manner which the boys conducted themselves in every game. They played like good sports, and a clean, clear-cut game. After all, that is coveted more than victory, but when you get both, that is something worth pushing your chest out about. And as for us, boys, push your chests out far and keep it there.

High Standard Continued

It should be gratifying to every citizen of the county, whether or not they are interested personally in the livestock industry of this section, to learn that thirty head of the purebred Hereford cattle offered here for sale on last Saturday by the American Hereford Association are to be kept in Haywood county.

The hundreds of persons attending the sale, in addition to the large number who visited the stockyards where the cattle were exhibited prior to the sale, was proof of the interest and appreciation of fine stock in this area.

We trust there will be many more such sales held in the county and that the American Hereford Association and the cattlemen who offered animals on consignment here will feel justified by the success of the venture on Saturday to stage many more such events.

It was so Dewey during the recent election in New York that even Fish swam in.—Sanford Herald.

The Right To Vote

This week the Chamber of Commerce has distributed ballots to be used in voting for the 1943 board of directors. This is not just a game or a pastime. It means a lot to the community to have a live and wide-awake Chamber of Commerce.

While things are slow in the field which the Chamber of Commerce operates, there is every reason why it should be kept alive and in harness ready for action.

No restriction is placed upon voting, just as long as you are interested in your community. That should include every man, woman and child.

Looking Ahead

No government can operate without money, and taxes are necessary. We know in this country that next year will place new financial burdens on the people. We know that income taxes will be greater than ever before in this country. We are going to have to pay for the war for many years to come.

For what we get in return no American citizen should be unwilling to pay his proportionate share of the common cost of the services rendered by the government. While no citizen should try to cheat the government at this time, every effort should be made by tax officials to equalize taxes and to see that every citizen is treated fairly.

In the meantime those who will have to meet this great obligation of income taxes might consider a few tips that will help them work out their income obligations to the government and yet meet the situation in all honesty.

The following tips have been outlined to serve as an aid to those who will be called upon to meet income taxes:

Keep track of all your doctor bills and your health and accident insurance.

Keep track of all your money deducted from your pay envelope after January 1, 1943, for Victory tax, which will probably be 5 per cent of all your earnings over \$624 a year.

Keep track of all the money you pay out on insurance policies in force September 1, 1942.

Keep track of all the interest you pay on debts.

Keep track of all the money you pay out or have deducted from your pay envelope for the purchase of War Savings Stamps and Bonds.

Keep track of every penny you pay out in taxes. You can't deduct your income taxes, but nearly every other bit of direct tax money you pay is deductible.

Keep track of all of your contributions to the church and to established charity and welfare organizations.

"...Soft Lights and Sweet Music"

The report of Mr. P. T. Foxworth, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in New York, reminds us that the FBI has risen heroically to the demands of war. Arrest of 12,000 enemy aliens since last December 7, together with seizure of untold quantities of guns, uniforms of enemy countries, code books, photographs and other implements of the spy and sabotage trade, illustrates how times have changed since the day when the FBI was attracting notice by collaring kidnapers.

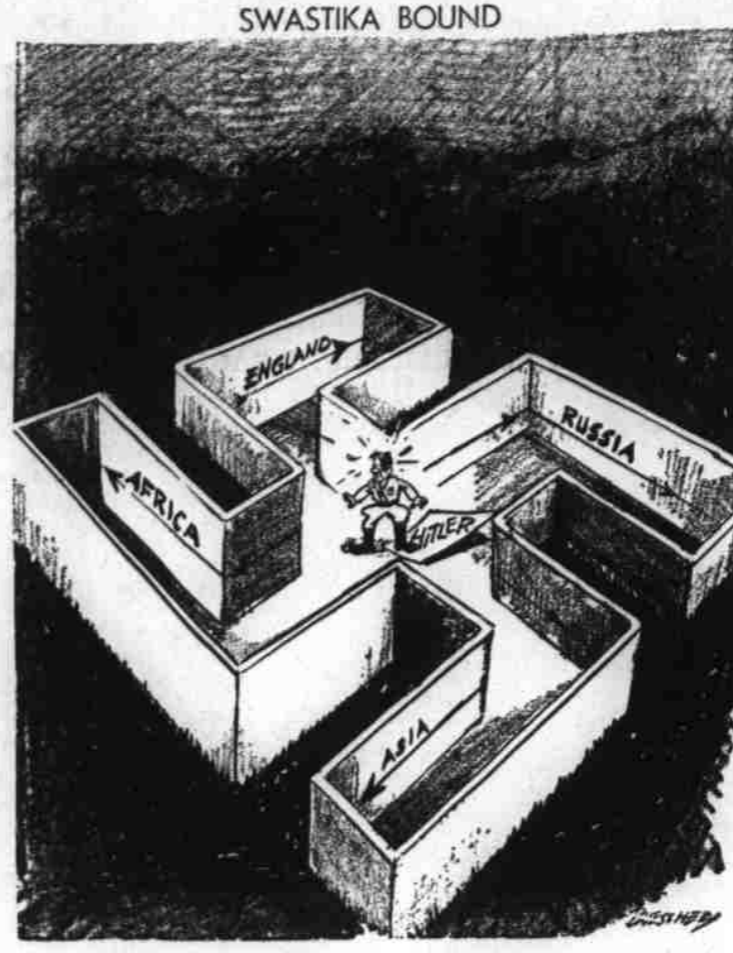
It is certainly a long jump from tracking down gangsters and shooting it out with them on the streets to sitting in panelled offices and educating industrial leaders in the protection of their plants against saboteurs. Likewise, a wide range is covered in such activities as putting on overalls and weeding work disrupters from assembly lines, or in donning white ties for deft operations on the E. Phillips Oppenheim plane of silky conspiracy against an international background of soft lights and sweet music.

The FBI has somehow managed to do all this, and to do it with its usual derring-do, while simultaneously expanding its organization many fold.

The final chapter on how well this considerable job has been done must await the end of the war and the inevitable comparing of notes and revealing of secrets; but so far the record looks good.—The Christian Science Monitor.

That's-A-Fact Dept.

War is hell. Under a new governmental regulation you can no longer buy anything you can't afford.—Brunswick, Ga., News.



HERE and THERE

By
 HILDA WAY GWYN

Few of us will live to celebrate 82 birthdays... and if we should be so lucky, most of us will be perfectly willing to lay aside our ambitions... and we will be content to find a nice little niche and stay there... and watch the word-a-day crowd go by... and as for any special mental exertion we will more than likely pass it on to the younger generation... But we have an example in our person... He should be an inspiration to everyone... young and old... who might be inclined to mental inertia... He has set us an extraordinary pattern of meeting life at its full tide even after 82 birthdays... We have reference to Prof. W. C. Allen, in case you have not already guessed... author of "The Story of Our State, North Carolina"... the volume which is fast finding its way into the schools of the state... after it was turned down as the regular textbook by the committee from the state board of education... but which was afterward adopted by the committee as a supplementary history.

Do you know why the book is receiving such recognition and approval by teachers and educational authorities in the state?... For already 72 counties out of the 1700 counties in North Carolina have adopted it as a supplementary volume, when they might have chosen others... the state board of education has ordered 10,000 copies for use in the 5th grades in the city and county schools of the state... and the latest recognition is the fact that it will be used in certain of the 8th grades, that are being wedged in between the junior and senior high to make up the 12 grades... The answer is easy... the back is different... Yes, it contains the same old historical data... but presented in such a streamlined modern way, that the facts and figures take on new life... the story goes sailing along like one grand fairy tale of adventure (which in reality it is)... that will excite not only the interest of the children, but also the adults...

This modern presentation was not accidental... the book was written back in 1916 and was offered three times unsuccessfully to the state... and then again in 1940 Prof. Allen placed the book before the consideration of the state board of education... there were five others, you no doubt recall that Jule Warren's book was adopted... the volume that raised such a commotion... and had to be corrected to make it authentic and cost the state a nice little extra sum... and exposed rather raw spots in political circles...

Having faith in his book and the facts therein, Prof. Allen decided that his volume was too much on the old journalistic style... that the story must have a different approach... it needed revitalizing... and so he set about to do the job... Imagine yourself nearing 80 setting out to make over a history to interest those nearly 70 years younger than you... in speaking of the job Prof. Allen told us... "I have never had so much fun... in fact it was the best time I had ever had... and everyone has received the book in the state with much interest and consideration... They tell me after reviewing it that they want it in their schools because it is different and that it has an appeal to children... not as something they have learned, but as something they want to learn... what more could I ask?" continued the 82 year old teacher, who has spent 57 years in the school rooms of North Carolina.

Clarence W. Griffin, of Forest City, author of "History of Old Tryon and Rutherford Counties," and "Western North Carolina Sketches," and member of the state historical commission, and editor of the Forest City Courier... has collaborated with Prof. Allen... He assisted in reading the manuscript and proofed the press copy and also the galley and page proofs... making suggestions as to the contents and accuracy of the statements in the book...

For more than a half century, Prof. Allen was an outstanding figure in the educational work of his native state... and as a historian has made notable contributions to the preservation of historical data... He first taught school in Pantego, next at Jamesville, then to Hamilton, and next at Scotland Neck, where he was superintendent of a military school... The next move was to Wilson, where he was principal of the high school, and from Wilson to Reidsville... and then in 1899 to Waynesville as superintendent... with the exception of one term of school in South Carolina and four in Weldon, he taught the rest of the years in the Haywood county schools... He organized the first public high school system west of Asheville here... and the third west of Salisbury... He is the only person who has served as superintendent of the Waynesville and Canton schools and was county superintendent of education in Haywood... During the First World War, while his son, Lt. W. C. Allen, Jr., was in France, he was also in war work, serving as field director of the government vocational school operated in the same building of the army hospital... We are proud of your record Prof. Allen... and may your contribu-

Prof. Allen has done at the age of 80 is remarkable... in fact he is the only author in the state to write a book at his age... and incidentally leaving out the academic slant... he has done such a swell job of making history come to life... that anyone who has the slightest interest in their state history should own the book for their private library...

The role of author's no new experience for Prof. Allen... for on the book shelves of the majority of the homes of Haywood county is to be found his volume "Annals of Haywood County"... which contains treasured information collected of this area... He is also author of "North Carolina History Stories"... a 5th grade book on the state list of adopted books... He is also the author of another history... "The History of Halifax County"...

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Rambling Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

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

Voice OF THE People

Would you approve a full year's training before the 18 and 19 years olds are sent to the fighting front, or do you feel that they could be trained in less time?

Mrs. J. B. Siler—"Yes, I would approve a year's training, both for the sake of the training, and the fact that they would be a year older."

George Bischoff—"I would not approve taking them out of school, and as for the training, I think it would be an individual matter, for some could be more 'quickly trained than others.'"

C. F. Kirkpatrick—"I feel that we can leave that to the army, for I put my faith in their judgment."

Mrs. J. C. Brown—"I feel that high school graduates could be trained in less time."

J. P. Dicus—"I feel that they should have a year's training, if possible. Of course, if it should become necessary, those in charge would know which was the better plan."

Herbert Braven—"If circumstances permit, I would approve the year's training, but if conditions become critical I would approve the army having permission to send them to the fighting front."

W. F. Strange—"I really feel that they should have a year's training before they are sent to the front."

Hugh J. Sloan—"I feel that the army is capable of handling the matter, and that the boys will not be put on the fighting front until they are trained, whether it takes three months or twelve months."

R. C. McBride—"Under the circumstances I feel that they could fight without a year's training, but I would approve of as much training as possible."

Ralph Prevost—"I feel that they could be trained in less time."

Judge F. E. Alley—"I would not approve of the year's training, because if it is necessary to draft them now, they will be needed before the year is out and the crux in the war is in the immediate future. The military experts say they can be well trained in less time than a year."

What Made News Years Ago

TEN YEARS AGO
 1932

Unagusta Manufacturing Company increases force to 75. The annual Red Cross membership drive nets \$150 here.

First Baptist churches here serves 65 unfortunates at Thanksgiving.

Col. S. A. Jones and daughter get mineral lands and machinery after long litigation.

Man fined \$5 for striking match on courthouse window.

Fire department extinguishes fire on roof of C. E. Ray's home.

Contributions to history keep bright your name in the annals of the state's educational records...

Millions of pounds of tobacco grown in Haywood county, last year.

Work to start on highway 284, says E. L. McKee.

\$168 is needed to balance Chamber of Commerce budget this year.

Outdoor Christmas tree will be staged in community.

Bishop R. E. Gibbon to address local Masons.

Two murder cases tried during five-day court session here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Q. Cracker observe open house their 60th wedding anniversary.

Asheville burley market to open on December 8th, with good price being paid.

Another Exciting True Mystery Story

"The Clue of the Golden Road" true adventure story based on the exploits of the Mounted Police of the North, in which a St. Bernard helped furnish the solution a murder mystery. Read this story in the December 15th issue of The American Weekly

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