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(One Day Nearer Victory)

It's Too Bad If You Don't Want To Work

In a recent official forecast it was estimated that 6,000,000 workers must be added to the nation's labor force during the current year. This statement was made by Otto S. Beyer, of the War Manpower Commission.

At the same time the Office of the War Information present the manpower requirements as of the end of 1943 or early in 1944 as follows: Armed forces 9,700,000; war industry, 20,000,000; civilian industry, 19,600,000; year-round farm work, 7,900,000; miscellaneous occupations, 6,000,000.

This would indicate that there will be around 4,000,000 added to the armed forces. This we know will make many gaps in industry and on the farms. With 6,000,000 new industrial employees needed, it brings the total up to 10,000,000 workers for the period.

There will be no place left in the picture for the lazy person. It's just too bad if you want to adorn the roster of the select roll of the "lilies who toil not, neither do they spin." Uncle Sam is going to root you out and give you a job whether you want it or not.

Let's Make A Garden

Last year the question of food was brought before our Haywood county folks. Victory gardens were the order of the day. More people made gardens than ever before and those who had always made gardens either increased their plantings or intensified their efforts on the same amount of land.

Last year's effort might well be viewed in the light of the present as more or less as a warning signal. This year we are up against the reality. Predictions of last year have come true.

As it was brought out in the meeting of the AAA committeemen on Friday by Glenn Boyd, county AAA chairman, Howard Clapp and others, if we want to eat this year we had better make our preparations for a garden now.

It is hard for most of us who have never known anything but a store filled with choice cans to select from to realize what it is going to take to feed our increasing armed forces, as well as those of other nations.

We will have to resort to the thrifty customs of our forefathers.

We all agree that we are going to live in another world which will be made from the pattern of the events that are daily taking place. This business of providing part of our food is going to be one of the current demands of those who are fortunate to live in close contact with the soil as we are in Haywood County.

Instead of feeling that we have a burden thrust upon us by this request that we "grow everything, can everything and save everything" we should thank our lucky stars that we live in rural areas where we have the opportunity to make such provisions, and that our lot is not cast in some crowded city.

Now is the month of make your plans. That seed catalogue must be studied with extra care this month. Remember that how you master what it has to offer you in the working out of your wartime garden is another shot at Hitler and the Japs. Take stock of your jars and anticipate the fruition of your summer efforts.

This challenge is not only for the man and woman who live on the farms but it

also applies to every home owner, for in a county as rural as ours it is possible for every family to have a garden. Lets get going, have you had your garden plowed?

If Haywood County is to reach its increased production goal of 14 per cent over 1942 it will take every man, woman and child to do the job.

And what an easy assignment in comparison with those boys knee deep in mud in Africa.

Why Twelve?

We have often wondered why a jury was composed of 12, because on the face of it, it would appear that a verdict could be obtained much quicker, and yet be just as fair by a smaller group.

The question was recently asked by a subscriber of the Raleigh News and Observer and the answer was given in an editorial which contained in part:

"In some states provision has been made to accept verdicts rendered by a small jury. A jury of 12 seems to have existed since juries were empaneled, for Shakespeare refers to the existence of jurymen 'before Noah was a sailor.'"

"It is probable that the number 12 was taken from the fact that the Saviour had 12 apostles, in the hope that it would make their verdicts sacred. But they forgot Judas, or the number might have been 11. A 'Guide to English Juries' printed in 1682 gives some information to the choice of 12:

"In analogy of the late jury is reduced to the number 12, like the prophets were 12 to foretell the truth; the apostles were 12 to preach the truth; the discoveries 12, sent into Canaan to seek and report the truth, and the stones 12 that the heavenly Jerusalem built on."

Tomorrow In the Air

As time goes on we find ourselves constantly regretting the fact that we were unable to secure an airport when WPA funds were being handed out for such constructions. In fact each time we hear the roar of a plane passing this way we are sorry that we have no landing place.

This war will revolutionize the airplane. For "out of the bomber of the last war came the long-distance commercial plane; out of this war's bomber the giant plane of the future is emerging."

It is predicted that we will learn geography all over for fliers have found new and short cuts to places. It is said that many transportation companies are already making their plans for increased travel after peace is declared.

When the boys come marching home, they are going to tell tall tales of the places they have been. The developments in plane travel will make it possible for many who never dreamed of traveling far places, seek vacations in distant places.

It is also predicted that new towns will spring up in locations favorable for plane landings. Here's hoping we find one yet suitable in Haywood, for as the engineer who surveyed for the site of the WPA project said, "After this war, the town without an airport will be like the town without a railroad in the old days."

To Keep Our Perspective

We were much impressed by a recent editorial in The Christian Science Monitor, which is reprinted in part:

"Nineteen hundred forty-three may be the year in which a United Nations victory over the Axis will be achieved. Or it may be that the Nazis will be beaten this year, while Japan remains a dangerous foe. These things are not predictable through human calculations. But it takes no super-human foresight to see that the length of the war will be affected by the attitudes of the United Nations toward one another.

"Awareness of the great fundamental ties among them will produce vigorous co-operation for victory, while to lose sight of these fundamental bounds in a maze of petty bickerings will lead to repetition of the mistakes that have usually interfered with the war programs of coalitions.

"At no point in the United Nations organization can emphasis on minor disagreements be more dangerous to the war effort or to the peace to come than in the relationship of the United States and Great Britain. Hitlers propagandists know this. Sometimes they seem to know better than Britons and Americans do.

"May we of the United Nations, then may Britons, and Americans, add this New Year's resolution to a brief but potent list: 'We resolve to think more often of those things that unite us than of those things that divide. We shall remember throughout 1943 that it's the big things that brought us together.'"

AND WE TALK ABOUT SACRIFICES!



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

There is something about the service like the men for the duration plus six months, after peace... our duties will increase as the list of casualties grows... I would advise any young girl who wants to be a nurse to start training at once for she will be needed, I fear, before the war is over.

"We wear our regulation white nurses' uniforms on duty, but when not nursing we wear our army uniforms... we have a nice officers club, but Uncle Sam says no dates with enlisted men," she explained.

And now a part of a letter from Lt. Francis, "Somewhere in Northern Africa"... She is the daughter of the late J. A. Francis and sister of Herman Francis, also in the service... a graduate of the Biltmore Hospital... did post graduate work in a Boston hospital... at time she volunteered was a supervisor at Biltmore Hospital.

"Received a copy of The Mountaineer of December 3 and was I thrilled... several other copies have been mailed, but haven't reached me yet... Mail is a little slow over here sometimes."

"We have been here for several weeks and if you kept up with the news during November you can have an idea of what our life has been... We were in the midst of everything... we live in tents... without heat or water... and with very dim lights... our food is army rations, but we like it... and we are very thankful to have a place to sleep and food to eat... We wear the same clothes as the soldiers for work and the regulation uniforms for dress... we have no cars for transportation, but ride in army trucks... in spite of it all we have fun together and keep our chins up for we know there is going to be a better day.

"We know you folks at home are 100 per cent behind us and we don't mind going through anything if it will help bring peace again."

The jailer at Des Moines, Iowa, finds it hard to keep up with the Joneses.

The city jailer released a prisoner, and a while later another prisoner yelled: "I'm supposed to get sprung, my name is Jones."

The jailer said: "Why, you got out an hour ago. What are you doing back in here?"

A quick check by the jailer revealed the worst—he had done what he was supposed to, released a prisoner named Jones, But it was the wrong Jones.

"I had been in the Red Cross First Reserve and I felt last summer that my services were needed by my country and so I answered the call... most of the nurses are ready and willing to serve anywhere, at home or overseas... We feel that our work is vital anywhere," she commented.

"I know it's an old story, but please tell everybody to write to the boys... It's hard for you folks back home to understand what a letter means to a boy in camp... and more so to one sick in the hospital... Never in my life have I felt so sorry for a boy, and he was from North Carolina, who was in the hospital at Camp Gordon at Christmas... he was so depressed... it nearly broke my heart... each day he looked for mail... but neither a letter nor a package... I couldn't stand it... so when I could get relieved from work I went into Augusta and bought him a gift and had it mailed to him... it is hard to describe his joy over that 'mall gift and, of course, he thought it was from someone back home... seeing a boy get a letter he has been looking for... is like seeing a hungry person get something to eat that they have been craving," she said.

Official And Timely Information On Rationed Items

as compiled from records and data on file in the office of the Waynesville Rationing Board, by the community service chairman.

- Gasoline**--Last day for use of number three gasoline rationing coupons is midnight, January 21. Temporary T coupons expire January 31.
- Fuel Oil**--Last day for use of second period coupons is January 24. Last day for this period coupons, which may be used now is February 16.
- Coffee**--Last day for use of number 28 stamp in War Ration Book No. 1 is February 7. (Good for one pound)
- Sugar**--Last day for use of No. 10 stamp in War Ration Book No. 1 is January 31. Each coupon good for three pounds.
- Tires**--Last day for the first tire inspections of "A" cards is March 31; All "B" and "C" cards, and bulk coupons is February 28th.

Voice OF THE People

What do you consider the best movie you saw in 1942?

Mrs. R. R. Campbell—"I think that 'Sergeant York' was the best picture I saw in 1942."

Mrs. Richard N. Barber, Jr.—"I think I saw 'Rebecca' in 1942, and I think it is one of the best pictures I ever saw."

W. A. Bradley—"I guess that 'Sergeant York' was the best picture I saw during the year."

E. C. Wagenfeld—"I believe that 'Sergeant York' was the best picture I saw in 1942."

Bill Prevost—"I guess it was 'Man Hunt'."

Mrs. Johnny Cuddeback—"I would say 'Holiday Inn'."

Mrs. F. M. Marley—"I would say 'One Foot In Heaven' was the best picture I saw in 1942."

L. B. Simmonds—"I guess it was 'Sergeant York'."

Mrs. J. H. Way, Jr.—"I think 'Mrs. Miniver' was the best picture I saw in 1942."

Mrs. Clyde H. Roy, Jr.—"I believe that 'How Green Is My Valley' was the best movie I saw during the past year."

What Made News Years Ago

TEN YEARS AGO
1933

Three schools in county are closed on account of "flu" epidemics.

Petitions urging the continuation of farm agent sent to county commissioners.

A \$6,000 verdict is returned in favor of Mrs. Lillie C. Harbeck who suffered a fall in Woolworth's Five and Ten store in Asheville.

Community house project campaign will start tomorrow, sponsoring by American Legion.

J. E. Massie buys two Canton movie theatres.

J. R. Boyd is re-elected secretary of the Haywood Building and Loan Association at annual meeting.

C. and C. filling station is robbed for the second time.

Ratcliff Cove community forges ahead with new improvement in purchase of community center.

FIVE YEARS AGO
1938

Postal business showed marked increase in January.

Inquiries to the Chamber of Commerce here would indicate an

THE OLD HOME TOWN



All persons who got fuel oil between October first and December 15, and have not given their dealer the tickets for the oil, stand a chance of having their fuel oil rationing book recalled unless they give the dealer the stamps at once the fuel oil board warned here Monday.

Dealers have a list of all persons owing them tickets, and these lists, have in some instances, been turned over to the board for immediate action.

Complete details of the warning to both consumer and dealer will be found on page one of this newspaper.

The local rationing board this week warned tire inspectors that "more rigid examination" of tires must be made, and more details put on all applications for new or recapped tires.

Many tire applications could not be acted upon this past week due to lack of information. Applicants should see that every question is answered in detail, and leave nothing to the imagination of the board. Where employed type of work, and number of persons using the car for transportation is essential.

This past week the board was allowed 12 passenger recapped tires. Recap applications totaled 70 which meant that 58 requests had to be held over.

The rationing board works allotments granted by Washington. Applications for new or recaps are granted in order of priority and in accordance with the number of allotted tires.

Last week the allotment of new tires was 23, while application totaled 45—exactly 50% of the persons qualified to get now tires got them.

Gasoline coupon books and rationing books are valuable, and all citizens have been warned to refrain from damaging or losing them. It takes two months to place a lost book, after it has been reported.

One applicant wanted supplementary gasoline to get to work she did not give the slightest indication of where she worked, any details. Even if she is eligible she has lost at least a week getting the gasoline.

The public must do their part during this emergency—one man allowed his sugar certificates to lapse. So far, Washington has not made a ruling on the local boards to act in such cases. This person is seriously handicapped and will be under Washington acts.

The local office still has on hand a few blanks to be mailed to owners on which the serial number of their tires have been listed. These blanks will be mailed soon and in time for the first inspection deadline (see time at top of column).

One person thought he had solved his transportation problem by using a truck to get to a civil job. Washington turned them down on such a practice, and the man has had to make other arrangements.

The board cannot issue supplementary gasoline for a person who go "job hunting" even in a deflated area. The board, however, is permitted to issue extra gas to a person who can show proof that he

early season. Haywood Mutual Cannery seeking contracts for 1938 crop.

Work is started on Highway 284 in Transylvania county. Land and buildings in Haywood county listed as worth over 1,000,000.

Ben West of Crabtree section is bitten by a mad dog. W. Curtis Russ, editor of Waynesville Mountaineer, attends Press meeting. J. Dale Stentz is named secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Balsam Weavers move to Main street. Traveling collection of children's books on display at library.