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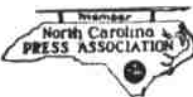
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(One Day Nearer Victory)

Facing Facts

There was a spirit of reality about the annual meeting of the Haywood County Demonstration Farmers and the 4-H Club members which was held here on Saturday.

They realized conditions that faced them this year and possibly the years ahead. The talks were marked by a practical conception of the situation. There were no visionary theories offered to solve the problems, but there were ways and means suggested by which the problems could be met in definite results.

There were no high sounding generalities. Facts, as they are, were presented and met with practical recommendations.

If the way the Haywood County farmers and their children are taking on the responsibilities of their part in the war effort is any indication of what is taking place throughout this country, the armed forces need not worry about the support they are getting back home. The rural citizens are coming through with production goals.

The adults led the way, followed by the youth of the county. One young girl made the suggestion that the 4-H Club members organize into community groups to help on neighborhood farms.

The consciousness of the other fellow's need was also brought out forcibly as the group planned to keep every tractor, every plow and every piece of farm machinery busy during the planting and growing season. If not in use on the farm of the owner, they will be going full tilt on that of some one not so fortunate as to own that particular piece.

Plans were made for the same courtesy in exchange of labor. There was the larger vision of service to render one's country, to meet the county's production goal, rather than any selfish plan of getting one's own work done, and forgetting the other fellow and his needs.

Over The Top Again

We have often commented that the citizens of this area were the most generous to be found anywhere. Let any worthwhile movement be launched, and nine times out of ten they will go deep into their pockets and give until it hurts.

We have reference this time to the generous response that met the recent infantile paralysis drive. We like to feel that a number of things went into the money donated. We like to feel that sympathy for those who need help, inspired the contributions.

We like to feel that the splendid work done by the doctors in recent years in Haywood County in the clinics has educated our people to what can be done along this line.

We like to feel that in recognition to the services of a great President, himself a sufferer from this dreaded disease, the hearts of our citizens were touched with gratitude and generosity.

Written by Santford Martin, this editorial in the Winston-Salem Journal won the \$100 best editorial prize of the N. C. Press Association contest this year:

The Last Sacrifice

The Legislature of this State soon will face a problem which no other North Carolina General Assembly ever has been called upon to face. It will have a thirty-one-million-dollar surplus on its hands.

In dealing with this problem, there are some things we hope it will not forget. One

of these is that the people of North Carolina are in dead earnest about this war. They know that this is not just another war. They know that we could have lost any other war which we ever have fought, since the Revolution of 1776, and still could have made a reasonable peace with our enemies and retained our independence as a nation.

But this war is different. If we lose this war, the United States will be taken over by the Germans and Japanese, just as the Nazis have taken over Poland, France and other European countries which they have conquered, and just as the Japanese war lords have taken control of the Philippines and other territory which their armies have overrun.

We won't be able to make a reasonable peace with a victorious Hitler and Hirohito. If we lose this war, we and our children will be slaves working for the "master races" of Europe and Asia. This is a war for survival. Either we win or we die.

The people of North Carolina believe in the American way of life strongly enough to suffer for it, and, if necessary, even to die for it.

Unfortunately, there seems to be confusion in some quarters over what the American way of life really is. Some say it is the New Deal; others think it is the Old Deal.

A vast majority of the people of North Carolina are Democrats. They have voted overwhelmingly for the New Deal in three Presidential elections. But they know that the American way of life for which we are fighting now is neither the New Deal nor the Old Deal. It is the right of the people to have either or neither, if they desire.

They know that the American way of life is not a static economic, social and political system. It is the freedom of the people to change things by orderly processes.

It means the rule of the majority and full respect for the rights of minorities. It does not mean that the majority always will be right, but it does mean that the majority always shall be free, even to make mistakes.

It does not guarantee happiness, but it does guarantee freedom to pursue happiness along any road where men believe happiness may be found.

It means the right of every individual to worship or not to worship God as his own conscience may dictate.

It does not recognize caste or class, or that the accident of birth gives any man or group or race the right to rule other men.

It recognizes the dignity of personality and man as a free moral agent, and under it has thrived for more than a century and a half the only government in the world which ever has dared officially to proclaim that all men are created equal.

Because they are determined to retain these great freedoms, guaranteed to them by the Bill of Rights, the people of North Carolina are willing to make every sacrifice necessary to win this war.

If the Legislature keeps faith with our people, the first bill passed by it will be one to require that most of the huge surplus in the State Treasury shall be invested in United States War Bonds.

But while the Legislature is thus contributing to victory on our battle fronts, it should not forget the home front. If our democracy is to survive, there is a mighty army on our home soil, no less than on foreign soil, which must be supported. This army is composed of over 23,000 teachers and more than a million children in our public schools. If we fail to equip this army for the forward march on the home front, there can be no lasting victory for democracy in North Carolina on any front.

It is as true today as when James Madison said it, that—

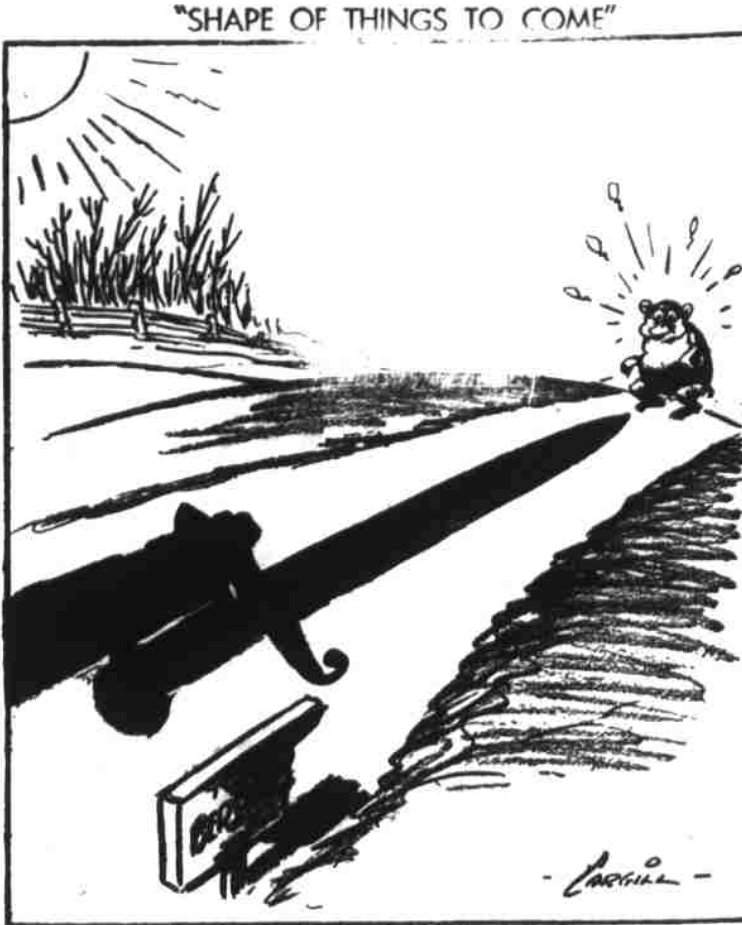
"A popular government without popular information or the means of acquiring it is but a prologue to a farce or tragedy, or both. People who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives us."

The State's biggest business is the school business. The best investment North Carolina ever has made is its investment in that business.

We believe in economy in governments. But failure to maintain an adequate public school system is not economy. It is wanton waste of our most precious assets.

Certainly no one can claim that our State school system is adequate, so long as North Carolina teachers are among the poorest paid in the nation, and so long as our children have a shorter school term than the children of 41 other states enjoy.

Length of the school term is vital. Educational authorities are agreed that the most important single thing in a school program is the number of days in school. The plant and equipment, the teachers, the curriculum and everything connected with the school may be of the highest type, but if the child



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

This is a small world when we measure it by human relations... and experiences... little did M. G. Stamey think that his classmate Frank Armstrong, of Wake Forest College... would someday make World News... and drop the first bomb over German soil from an American attack in a Second World War... but such is the strange way of fate... Col. Frank Armstrong, graduate of Wake Forest in the class of 1925, left college and taught school for three years in Selma... but the role of pedagogy was a bit too tame for the star athlete... there was not enough excitement for the future chief of the American Bomber Command in England...

In 1928 he joined the U. S. Army Air Corps... he soon gained wide recognition as a pilot of safety... ability... for a time he piloted Admiral Byrd over the country... In November, 1935, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross medal for performance in the Panama Canal Zone... and in August of 1942, he was awarded the Silver Star for his part in the American Raid on Dieppe, France... but to M. G. Stamey, he's still the big shot on the Wake Forest football team that beat Carolina four years in a row... the Colonel admitted himself, before a group of Wake Forest students in December, when home on leave, that "the tactics and techniques he is employing in this war were learned at college playing football"... as Mr. Stamey says... "You could always depend on Frank doing the unexpected... evidently Hitler would agree with our local citizen..."

Well girls, have you decided how you are going to ration out your shoe ration numbers... it will be an interesting problem... now if you stocked up last summer, during the season... and better still, if you looked into the future... and along toward the tale end of the summer took advantage of the sales, of white and summer shoes... you are sitting pretty (or perhaps we should say, walking pretty)... but in case you made your own old ones "do" last year... on account of the war, etc... like some of the rest of us... you are just in plain hard luck... of course no one will have to worry about dress shoes and evening slippers much these days... those old silver or gold ones, which ever the case may be, will have to stay at home if they can't step out... when the occasion comes and they are needed... one thing, it is going to be smart to wear old shoes... even the loafers the school girls wear, which they seem to like best when they are unpolished and scuffed up, will have a sensible look... of course with walking also in vogue, we are going to have to resort to the shoe shop for repairs more than we ever dreamed... from what we

is not there, these are of no avail. We cannot even claim to have democracy in education, when three-fourths of the children of our Commonwealth are denied the advantages of a nine months school term which the other one-fourth enjoy. If democracy means anything, it means equality of opportunity. Charles B. Aycock, North Carolina's greatest Democratic leader of the last half century, put it right thirty years ago: "Equal! That is the word," he said. "On that word I plant myself and my party—the equal right of every child born on earth to have the opportunity to budgeon out all that there is within him." If "equal" was the word then, it ought to be the word now. There are a thousand sacrifices we should make to win this war before we place our little children on the altar. The last sacrifice should be the public schools.

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.

Rationing At A Glance

Since everybody in Haywood County is affected by rationing here are dates that should be remembered:

Commodity	Coupon Good For
Shoes, Stamp 17, Book 1, 1 pair	
Gasoline "A" Coupon No. 4	3 Gals. Each
First Tire Inspection, Auto "A"	
First Tire Inspection, Auto "B" and "C"	
Sugar Stamp No. 11	3 Pounds
Coffee Stamp No. 25	1 Pound
Fuel Oil Coupon No. 3, Class 1	9 Gallons
Fuel Oil Coupon No. 3, Class 2	90 Gallons

Canned fruits, vegetables, sale suspended
Issue of point system rationing book No. 2
Point rationing, canned, dried, frozen foods
Meat rationing, point system, probable date

Voice OF THE People

Who is your favorite news commentator?

E. N. Wood—"Kaltenborn is my favorite news commentator. He is fearless and lets the chips fall where they may."
Miss S. A. Jones—"I would say Lowell Thomas first and Cezair Seachinger as my second choice."
H. Phelps Brooks—"Well, there are so many, but I think I would say Lipscomb in the newspapers, and Mel Allen over the Columbia system on the radio."
Miss Stephanie Moore—"I would say Eric Sevareid is my favorite."
L. N. Davis—"Gabriel Heater is my favorite."
Rev. W. L. Hutchins—"Gabriel Heater, who comes on at 9 o'clock over the Mutual networks, is my favorite."
Mrs. Chas. E. Quinlan—"I read Raymond Clapper in the newspapers and I like Ed Murrow over the radio."
G. C. Platt—"Gabriel Heater is my favorite. He comes on at 9 o'clock."
Miss Mary Medford—"I would say Charles Collingwood. I also like Gabriel Heater."
J. E. Barr—"When Elmer Davis was on the air I liked him and now I guess Kaltenborn is my favorite."
Life was very hard, thought the sergeant as he went around inspecting the rifles of a very raw lot of recruits.
As he peered down the muzzle of one weapon he could hardly believe his eyes.
"And what's that oil in the barrel for, me lad?" he bellowed.
The guilty one was scared, but replied hopefully:
"Well, sergeant, I thought it would help make the bullet come out faster."
"Your hair will be gray if it keeps on."
"If it only keeps on I don't care what color it becomes."
Rastus—"What did de doctor say is de matter wid you, Liza?"
Liza—"He says I'm suffering from acute indiscretion."
U. S. WARTIME DOLLAR
Only 4 cents of every Government dollar appropriated for 1943-44 will be spent for non-war purposes. The remaining 96 cents will go to pay war costs and interest on the public debt.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY

"I'M SENDING JOHNNY A DOZEN SWEATERS—IF HE'S IN THE TROPICS HE CAN WEAR ONE—AND IF HE GOES TO KELAND HE CAN WEAR ALL OF 'EM AT ONCE—THEY'LL FIT PERFECTLY!"

The case against Paul... later date.
Certificates for the purchase of two bicycles was granted...
Certificates were issued to Marcus and Rev. A. F. Roberts for the purchase of new...
Dealers unable to buy... before purchase warrants... obtain certificates from the...
Persons holding certificate... grade three tires finding that are not available, should... recap.
Tires and tubes granted... week:
Jess Sutton, Lake Junaluska... grade 3 passenger tires;...
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