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Youth and the Draft

The longer the war goes on, the more inclined we are to pay our respects to youth. We may have felt that with a background of life made easy by modern conveniences as compared to those of other generations, that they might not be able to "take it on the chin" when life came to them in the raw.

We take back all such thoughts. We were mistaken, we are happy to admit. For youth today has what it takes. Maybe their social habits have been at variance with those of other generations. Maybe they have sought pleasures away from home that gained them a reputation of being forever on the go, lacking a steadfastness of purpose. Maybe after all it was not their fault, but partially that of their parents.

We take off our hats to youth. Today American boys are circling this globe in our armed forces, holding positions most of us older ones never dared believe that they could assume. They are taking on responsibilities as they come with a calmness and ability that is beyond surprise.

In the last group of men leaving here for induction in the army there was the largest number of volunteers to date. They were young boys, mostly in their teens. They wanted to go and do their part. We have been opposed to taking them so young, and we have not changed in that respect, but we want to give them full honor for the manner in which they step out into the thick of things.

Nine Months School

Reports from Raleigh indicate that some strong opposition has developed against the proposed uniform nine months school term. This, notwithstanding the fact that Governor Broughton advocated it both strongly in his campaign and in his recent message to the General Assembly, and that both political parties are definitely pledged to support it.

The argument advanced by the opposition, namely that the country is in war, and it is, therefore, no time to inaugurate anything new, seems to us to be the best possible argument for it.

This war, like every other war, will be followed by unusual economic conditions. The whole world will perhaps have to adjust itself to new standards and new business methods.

If there was ever a time when this country needed trained men and women, it will, in our opinion, be during the years following the present world-wide conflict. The better educated and better trained we can send our boys and girls into this period of reorganization and readjustment, the better service they will be able to render, both their state and nation.

4-H Goals

The Haywood County farm boy and girl of today will be in many cases the farmer and the rural homemaker of tomorrow. The goals of membership in this worthwhile organization which the county farm and home demonstration agents are trying to reach is to us one of the very best pieces of work ever undertaken by them.

The purposes of the drive to enlist the farm youth in the present emergency is a part and pattern of the great American picture of present needs and goals.

We congratulate the 4-H Clubs and their leaders for their past efforts and wish for them continued growth and effort in the present campaign.

Leadership Of Tomorrow

We noticed with interest that Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, offered a great challenge to the leadership of the post-war period, in his speech at the annual banquet of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

He pointed out that there will follow a great era of prosperity in the readjustment period following peace, if the leaders have intelligence. In his elaboration of the statement he defined the leadership as follows:

"It must be a leadership that recognizes those social and economic changes which are sensible and is determined to make them work in practical application; it must be a leadership that recognizes the rights of labor, investors and the public, and dedicates itself to serving them all unselfishly; it must be a leadership that is bold to the point of daring, aggressive to the point of urgency, courageous to the point of audacity, and intelligent to the point of brilliance.

"With such leadership we need have no fear for the future of America to reestablish leadership which will give hope to our people.

"With such leadership we need have no fear for the future of our free economy or for the perpetuation of the American way of life. No group in or out of government, could compete successfully with such leadership."

Mr. Hanes pointed out that it was the time for all business men to declare their confidence in the future of America.

Such remarks from a man who has made such outstanding success at banking as Mr. Hanes should give courage and hope to North Carolina citizens.

Perhaps we are optimistic, but we feel that in this country we are going to have just the type of leadership described by Mr. Hanes, and that already the leaders are looking ahead and are getting their plans made to go forward to meet the surging tide of post-war problems.

Berlin Papers Please Copy

Tom Girdler, the old steel man who is making Liberator bombers in San Diego, says his engineers are working day and night on a mastodon which will make present day giants look like toy planes.

The new behemoth, which is planned to the point where production could begin, could carry a crew and 400 passengers across the Atlantic in a few hours, or equivalent superquantities of armament and military supplies. Girdler doesn't say whether he has this machine in mind when he predicts that tomorrow air speeds of 400 to 500 miles an hour will be commonplace.

This information is dedicated disrespectfully to Herr Adolf Hitler, Reichschancellor, Berlin, Germany.

Hate Is Waste

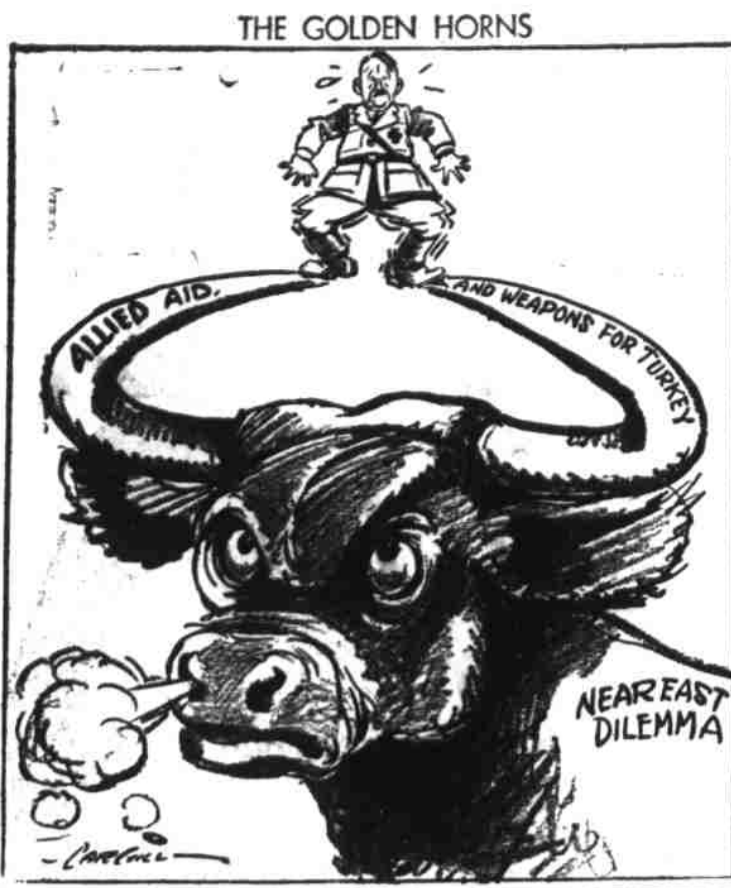
One by one the stops are being pulled out by frantic organists, and the hymnody of hate swells in an ugly crescendo. Men and women of good will are being asked to hate, not simply the evil that is in the world, not simply the conscious planners of mass merrism and world destruction, but our fellow beings who have become the unwitting or unwilling tools of evil.

The argument is that we must hate if we are to win the war, that we must get this hate down from the plane where it is a product of reason—for such hate, it is argued, is too mild—and develop it in the emotions. The only way to do so, it is pointed out, is to hate people.

A recent article by a widely read author begins: "Love your enemies. Fight your enemies, shoot them, starve them, kill them, destroy their cities, bomb their factories and gardens—but love them! That may make sense to the Tuesday Evening Culture Club but not to me."

There are at least two reasons on which the most worldly-minded among us can agree for loving a fellow being. One of these is that our love may do him some good; the other is that it certainly will do ourselves good. Hate is waste. It wastes our mental resources, it undermines our self-control. It is not winning the war for Hitler, although he taught so many Germans to hate so horribly that half of Europe faltered before the threat of that hatred.

It was a wise man indeed who commanded Christians, "Love your enemies." Jesus gave us this commandment not only for our enemies' sake but for our own.—Christian Science Monitor.



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

We are learning to walk in this community . . . at least the feminine population have demonstrated on a large scale that they can take to the road on foot . . . we have reference to the tea given by Mrs. I. Harden Howell for her charming daughter-in-law, bride of Lieut. James Harden Howell, Jr. . . . on last Friday afternoon . . . from every direction dressed up pedestrians wended their way to "Windover" . . . one of the girls who was to serve and hence had donned a dinner gown rode up in great state on a motorcycle with her husband. . . . we hear there is talk of reviving the "slipper bag" of some years back . . . most of you will be too young to remember such horse and buggy customs . . . at any rate it was made of very lovely silk, with a draw string, and you carried your dress slippers in it to parties and wore your street shoes, so in case you had to get out and walk any distance you would be prepared . . . but going back to walking to parties . . . again on Tuesday the girls dressed up and took themselves to the home of Mrs. Sam Stringfield, who was hostess of another large affair honoring her attractive new daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Stringfield.

Which reminds us . . . one of the ushers at the First Methodist church Sunday morning told us he was all flustered over escorting so many brides and bridegrooms into church . . . on his particular side there were no less than three couples . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Sloan . . . Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stringfield . . . and Lieut. and Mrs. James Harden Howell.

We have often wondered how the historians will handle the years of the WPA . . . Will the Works Progress Administration go down in history as a great humanitarian project that gave employment to 8,000,000 unemployed persons, who supported 30,000,000 dependents . . . it is hard to evaluate things when close to them . . . often a current generation does not quite understand the forces that go into great events of their time . . . the passing of years may mellow some of the weak spots in the administration . . . at any rate we would like to see a history 50 years hence . . . we are told the WPA built 664,000 miles of roads; 77 bridges; 116,000 buildings, which included school houses, city halls, museums and other types; enlarged 800 airports, wrote guidebooks, painted murals, sponsored various research and health projects and countless other things . . . the President defends the WPA in the fact that it "reached a creative hand into every county in the nation" . . . one writer in summing it up has said recently . . . "This WPA did two valuable things . . . it saved a lot of men from the dole and it gave us a lot of good jokes . . . it also beautified the nation."

We don't know whether it was because of the first jonquils of the season . . . and signs of spring despite the weather . . . or it was because the editor was out of town . . . but at any rate we have had a number of contributions in rhyme . . . to our column this week . . . Stephanie Moore, who is spending the winter months in town gave us a copy of "Complete Cheerful Cherub," by the late Rebecca McCan, which appeared as syndicated columns a few years ago . . . they are funny little bits of philosophy with much more meat than first appears . . . some of them follow . . .

Are just as empty filled with things.

GAIN

They say that youth's the care-free time
But I have learned with age this truth
It's just by growing old we gain
The wisdom to enjoy youth.

ACCEPTANCE

We live the most when we accept
Most full what the days reveal.
For life is only in itself
An opportunity to feel.

ACCOMPANIMENT

Truth makes life a noble thing
And courage makes it strong,
But grace and tact must set them
off
As music does a song.

ACTING

If I go through the motions of living
When sorrow has deadened the heart of it
Life may soon seem peaceful as ever
For acting is such a big part of it.

ADJUSTMENT

To get adjusted to the world
Is after all the wisest aim
It wouldn't adjust itself to us
For it was here before we came.

AS WE SEE OURSELVES

We ask for understanding
But often what we mean,
Is that all our friends will see us
As we'd rather we'd be seen.

BOOKS

The books I like the best are those
That give us more than what they say
They simply open countless doors
Through which our thoughts can roam away.

BOUNTY

Money isn't worth a thing
Unless it helps the soul to live
The richest man in all the world
Is he who has the most to give.

EXERCISE

My road through life is rough at times
With hills that dip and rise
But this all helps my character
It needs the exercise.

"Is this village lighted by electricity?"
"Only when there's a thunder storm."

"Why, he's the loudest-mouthed man I ever heard."

THE OLD HOME-TOWN



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.

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

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

Would you rather pay the present price of a loaf of bread or something extra and have it sliced?

Mrs. Hilliard Matney—"I would rather pay a little extra and have it sliced. It is so convenient to have it sliced when you have to fix up lunches for school children."

Mrs. John V. Blalock—"I had rather pay the present price, because I like unsliced bread. I think it is fresher."

Miss Edna Hayes—"I would be willing to pay more to have mine sliced."

Mrs. Cornelia Nixon—"I prefer to have my bread unsliced as there are times when I want to make a luncheon sandwich loaf and cut it lengthwise, and other times when I want it thicker or thinner."

Mrs. Fay Foy—"I just accepted the fact that it is no longer to be sliced and have gone back to my own slicing, but now since you have mentioned it, it is mighty nice to have it sliced. I guess I would be willing to pay a bit more to have it sliced."

Mrs. E. C. Wagenfeld—"I am willing to pay the present price."

Mrs. J. L. Stringfield—"I never wanted sliced bread. I like to cut my bread to suit the occasion. Sometimes you want it thick and sometimes thinner."

Mrs. Wayne Rogers—"Personally, I like it unsliced, for you do not always like it the same thickness."

Mrs. N. M. Medford—"My family likes bread unsliced. I'm old fashioned enough to like to slice my bread the thickness I happen to need at the time. Another thing, unsliced bread stays moist longer."

Mrs. Henry Francis—"I don't mind slicing the little bread we use."

MARRIAGES

Ernest Bueker, of Gonder, Mo., to Mary Linda Haynes, of Clyde.

man I ever heard."
"Shush, dear, you forget yourself."

Professor's Daughter: "Circumstances compel me to decline a martial arrangement with a man of such limited pecuniary resources."

Student: "I don't get you."
Professor's Daughter: "That's just what I'm trying to tell you."

Since my birthday is January 14, just two days sooner than The Mountaineer, I want to exchange birthday greetings. As we were born during the cold months under the sign of that sure-footed little animal, the goat, the so-called sayer says that we are independent, persevering and are natural leaders and thinkers.
This I know to be true of The Mountaineer, and Western North Carolina is most fortunate in having men and women with such high ideals publishing the paper for such a splendid Mountain. Like the goat, The Mountaineer gives a shove to the things seen ready for a shove or extra boost to bring some better while project into active being. Hurrah for The Waynesville Mountaineer, may her ear always be attuned to the higher harmonies of the Universe. Best wishes and congratulations on your fifth ninth!
Very sincerely,
GERTRUDE RUSKIN
Decatur, Ga.

Real Estate TRANSACTIONS IN

(As Recorded to Monday Of This Week)
Beaverdam Township
Charlotte Holland Rees
Lewis M. Smathers.
Mary Scott to I. W. Scott, ux.
Waynesville Township
Jerry Liner, et ux, to A. Yarborough, et ux.