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**Chickens and Gardens**

While the raising of poultry will be an important item in the scheme of living at home during the coming year there is much to be considered in the following editorial from the Hickory Record:

Certainly, we would not criticize thrifty residents who like to keep a few chickens, but we want it distinctly understood we have no patience with poultry owners who permit their fowls to scatter into nearby yards and gardens, there to scratch out flower or vegetable seed and nonchalantly snip off the tender young plants which are the pride and joy of the budding gardener.

One homemaker who can whip up a good garden as well as a good meal, has her secret sorrow—for some good neighbors she hesitates to make angry, keep chickens and let them roam the neighborhood light-hearted and fancy free. That is enough to make a prospective Victory gardener downhearted in contemplating the Spring days which are just around the corner in spite of King Winter's present majestic reign.

It seems that said chickens have made and are making themselves at home on her place all the time. They lived on her garden all last year. From the way they ate she decided the neighbors' chicken feed bill must have been practically nil. She knows that chickens have an important place in the war effort. She knows all about the need for eggs, for hens that are good layers, chickens for the table, and all that. But she thinks also that the place to raise chickens is on their owners' home ground and not in the gardens and on the premises next door.

This newspaper very humbly suggests that the good woman who yearns to have a garden, and whose experience gives assurance she can grow a good one if anybody can—take the dilemma by the horns or grab a few of the trespassing chickens by the necks, whichever is most convenient and most calculated to get results.

Anyway, we hereby announce that for the duration at least, we are committed openly and unrelentingly to the cause of the vegetable gardener. Their rights to grow their plants without interference from neighbors' chickens, dogs, or other livestock should be protected if it takes a few neighborhood quarrels and special acts of the common council to do it.

**"Eating By the Book"**

We predict that the new point rationing will have a fine effect on the housewives during the time it is in use. They will learn a sharp frugality about planning that has never been necessary before in the majority of cases.

One cannot buy without thought under the new plan and "come out" during the allotted time with the proper food values, so buying groceries is no longer a simple matter, but one for of studied consideration.

With the number of unprocessed fruits and vegetables that remain unrationed, if meals are well planned there is no reason why anyone should suffer from paint rationing. To discourage profiteering on these, the OPA has put ceiling prices on such things as tomatoes, snap beans, carrots, cabbages and peas, all good old standbys on the table of the average American, as well as Haywood county citizen.

Price control is said to now cover nearly 95 per cent of all foods, so the cost of living should not necessarily be boosted by the point rationing if the housewife is thrifty in her planning.

**Congratulations, REA**

One of the most progressive movements inaugurated in Haywood County during the past few years was the establishment of the Rural Electrification lines. What it has meant to the rural citizens of this area could not be estimated in cold figures.

It came at an opportune period, for as a time saving addition to rural life, it will prove even more valuable to the farms during the coming years than the past, as labor problems become more acute.

We like the idea of building toward the future and the preparation for greater things after the war. We realize that for lack of available material the building of new links in the chain of service will have to wait until after the duration, but we commend the plans that are being formulated ready to go when conditions make it possible.

The establishment of the REA in Haywood County is just another one of those reasons why this section offers an ideal rural life. We congratulate the officials of the corporation for their foresighted plans.

**We Will Need Them**

We note where President Roosevelt in observing the tenth anniversary of his first inauguration on last Thursday, prayed for strength to combat the forces of evil.

A special prayer service was held in the East Room of the White House with most of the high ranking government leaders, including the members of the Cabinet and the Supreme Court, Congress, and the commanding officers of the armed forces were present.

The President has set the cities, towns and communities of the country a fine example. Community services of prayer for "the power to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression," as the Navy Chaplain expressed it in the White House service, would give our people a deeper spiritual significance of this critical hour.

**Quick Work, Double Work**

"He gives twice who gives quickly," an accepted proverb, which might be changed to "He works twice who works quickly," is pointed out in the March number of the Progressive Farmer "as applicable to war-time farm work."

Under war conditions, it was further elaborated double quick action is necessary not only in ordering fertilizer, seeds, and other supplies, but also in getting lands broken, and ready for planting earlier than ever before.

After planting this also applies to cultivation, for delayed cultivation can cost double money and trouble. Harrows and weeders must be used to prevent grass and seeds germinating and rooting instead of waiting to use plows and hoes to destroy firmly rooted weeds and grass.

It was also pointed out that "quick action in all fields of war effort may mean the difference between quick victory and victory after wear exhaustion. Redoubled food production effort in 1943 may do twice as much to hasten victory as the same effort in 1944. War bonds bought in 1943 may not do twice as much harm to Hitler as war bonds bought in 1944."

"He gives twice who gives quickly. He works twice who works quickly."

**Boy Scout Drive**

The fact that the annual drive for funds for the Haywood district of the Boy Scouts went beyond the set quota this year is significant. It means that despite all the war effort the citizens of the county have not forgotten that life must go on with its regular obligations as much as is possible.

The boys who are of Scouting age today are headed for a tough time at the period of maturity. They will enter a new world of problems resulting from this war. Many of the older boys will serve in the armed forces for they will reach the required age, we fear, before the conflict is over.

Scouting both for the boys and the girls is one of the finest and most wholesome experiences either group can enjoy. It gives an idealist turn to every day living, that not only appeals to the younger boy or girl, but supplies avenues for their natural desire for activity that fills their time with useful and worthwhile projects.

We are glad that even in this critical year, the work of the Boy Scouts will continue in Haywood County with full support of the people.



**HERE and THERE**

By  
**HILDA WAY GWYN**

It is too bad we can't know in the days of their youth how great people will some day become. We wonder how many local people know that Madam Chiang Kai-shek, who is now receiving such an ovation in this country as an ambassador of goodwill, once spent the summer at Lake Junaluska, and went about, "even as you and I," she called at the post office for her mail, and attended many of the conferences just as other young girls might have done. . . . those she met, little dreaming that some day the attractive Chinese girl would be the First Lady of China.

The late Mrs. Frank Siler, who was at that time dean of Wesleyan College, in Georgia, where the Chinese girl was a student, had brought her pupil up here for the summer. . . . Mrs. John Davis recalls how gracious, but how shy, her aunt's guest was. . . . but she was at that time a very interesting person. . . . Afterward she attended Wesleyan, and her former teacher kept up with her many years. . . . but while she considered her an extraordinary girl, we doubt if Mrs. Siler would have predicted such a brilliant and useful place in world affairs that her pupil holds today.

Those who heard Madame Chiang Kai-shek over the radio Tuesday night were bound to have been impressed by her sincerity and her power of expression. . . . She is not only a leader in political affairs of her country and the world, but also a spiritual leader. . . . it is said that she would not marry her husband until he was a converted Christian and that she waited two years for him to join the Christian church. . . . There was something about her voice over the radio that made one wish to see her in person. . . . and when she said "China Fights On" it must have inspired every American citizen who heard her wish, with a greater zeal to finish this war. . . . it was a challenge. . . . from a country that has suffered from the ravages of the Japs long before we felt the impact of their attack.

We have had an original poem contributed to us this week. . . . it is pretty timely, for we have a hunch that its name is a common complaint. . . . (the author asked that we refrain from giving her name).

**INCOME TAX BLUES**  
A nice vacation I had planned  
To a new and different land.  
Then, My Uncle wrote to ask,  
"What about your income tax?"

I wouldn't say it made me mad—  
But I was far from being glad.  
All kind of taxes I have paid  
On every cent I've ever made.

I wonder what will be my fate  
That tax is a hundred twenty-eight.  
I'm tellin' you—this ain't funny  
Don't know where I'll get the money.

If I just leave this form alone,  
They'll can me up with Al Capone  
Now some vacation this would be  
Behind the bars—Poor Little Me!

I thought I'd try to join the Waacs  
To keep from paying income tax.  
Then I found this wouldn't do—  
'Cause they have to pay them too.

It seems this tax is meant to be  
For everyone, including me.  
It's gonna put me in a pinch—  
I'll have to pay it, that's a cinch.

I think I'll write my Uncle Sam  
And tell him I don't give a d—  
I'll save my pennies, one by one  
So he can have a little fun.

They say this tax will help us win  
Save all our necks, also our kin  
Now, the only thing I have to fear  
Is income tax again next year.

Mrs. William Ira Lee, of Getlin-

burg, the former Miss Mildred Crawford, has made a fine suggestion regarding the pictures of the men in the service that are in the window of the REA office on Main Street. . . . Her idea is to have the men who have been killed in action . . . and have paid the supreme price . . . placed in a separate group from the others . . . and given a place of honor. . . . We hope those who are sponsoring the display of the pictures put her suggestion into effect. . . . for there is no honor or distinction too great to pay these boys who have died that we might continue to go about our lives here safely in America.

Major J. Harden Howell was telling us one for "B live It Or Not" last week. . . . Pinkney L. Turbyfill had a friend up in New Jersey . . . who could never remember his first name . . . and who always insisted on calling him Clarence. . . . the boy is now in the army, stationed at Fort Bragg. . . . he wrote a card to Pinkney here; not long ago . . . as Mr. Clarence L. Turbyfill . . . forgot to even address the card. . . . the card got stuck in some way to another letter which, strange to say was addressed to Waynesville. . . . in handling the mails the letters were never pulled apart. . . . and Pinkney received his unaddressed card . . . with the wrong name. . . .

On every side now you hear the younger married set making plans for 1943. . . . most of the younger ones know that before the year is out their homes will be broken up. . . . and a readjustment of their lives will have to be made for the duration. . . . for the order calls that come in a short while under the selective service system will have the husbands' names among those listed. . . . another phase of the war that brings heartaches to the communities throughout the land. . . . fathers leaving little children. . . . and yet they have more to fight for in reality than the young boy who has not made a place for himself in the world or started a home of his own.

"Sheriff, I reported to you yesterday the theft of my pocketbook. That was an error, I've found it." "Too late, sir, too late! The theft has been arrested."—From Le Devoir, Montreal.

A man and his wife were attending a baseball game. One of the players hit a home run, and was running the bases, when the lady asked:  
Wife—What is he running for?  
Her Husband—He's running to get home!

Wife—How lovely! It is wonderful to see a man who loves his family like that!

He—When I was in Europe I saw a woman hitched to a mule.  
She—That happened at my wedding, too.

**THE OLD HOME TOWN** By STANLEY



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	Expiration
Shoes, Stamp 17, Book 1, 1 pair Gasoline "A" Coupon No. 4	3 Gals. Each	June 30, 1943
First Tire Inspection, Auto "B"	3 Pounds	Mar. 31, 1943
Sugar Stamp No. 11	1 Pound	Mar. 31, 1943
Coffee Stamp No. 25		Mar. 31, 1943

**Voice OF THE People**

With nylons off the market, what do you prefer in hose?

Mrs. J. C. Galusha—"I hated to give up nylons like everybody else, and I take what I can get, but from the cheapest to the best they won't stay up."

Mrs. E. C. Wagonfield—"I just don't think there is a substitute for nylons. For every day I use cotton hose and on special occasions I take rayon, but I don't like either."

Mrs. Adah Young—"Well, I think hose is the best for all points of view. They have more strength and are a smoother product."

Mrs. Woodrow Luckey—"I haven't decided yet."

Mrs. Rufus Siler—"I like rayon, if they are not too heavy."

Mrs. C. E. Kirkpatrick—"I prefer rayon to lisle, but I dislike both."

Mrs. David Steitz—"I haven't found a satisfactory substitute."

Mrs. James B. Neal—"I have decided it is best not to have a preference. You have to take what you can get and be glad to get them."

Mrs. Harold Massie—"I can't answer, because I haven't bought any substitutes yet."

Mrs. George Brown, Jr.—"I will take rayons, because I think they give more service, but I don't like them."

**Real Estate TRANSACTIONS IN**  
(As Recorded to Monday Noon Of This Week)

**Beverdam Township**  
E. J. Stroup, et ux, to Mrs. Eva Robinson.  
J. R. Clark, et ux to O. J. Gillespie, et ux.  
Dr. W. C. Johnson to William M. Hall, et ux.  
S. R. Felmet, et ux, to T. Elwood Shook, et ux.  
J. P. Benfield, et ux, to G. E. Presley.  
J. B. Robinson to Orville Rathbone.

**Clyde Township**  
Boone F. Cagle to Homer V. Cagle.

**East Fork Township**  
George H. Jones et ux to C. S. Buchanan.

**Waynesville Township**  
Harrison Caldwell, et ux, to Ruby Trammell.  
T. L. Green and Trus, Louie M. Black to Z. L. Massie.

family like that!

He—When I was in Europe I saw a woman hitched to a mule.  
She—That happened at my wedding, too.

Sliced bread is back on the racks, after being off since January 18th. OPA has found that unsliced bread did not have as many advantages as disadvantages, and the January ruling was rescinded.

The local rationing board was held this week that all motorists must have their tires checked on or before the dates specified for each type gasoline rating card. Some motorists felt that since certain tires were no longer required in getting receipts that in-station tires would not be necessary. This is not the case, the board learned. All tires must be inspected. Cars with "B" gasoline can't have new tires until March 31 to have their tires inspected.

A number of local motorists did not get their War Rationing Stamps before March 1. They can now get them by applying at the rationing board on and after March 15th, and on April first.

Home canned goods are in short supply. Home canned goods are in short supply. Home canned goods are in short supply. Home canned goods are in short supply. Home canned goods are in short supply.

Retailers can get their forms filed on and after April first. The office now — call for form R-1302.

Institutional and industrial users of food were slow in making application for rationing points a week. By Tuesday noon only a small number had registered. Yesterday was the last day.

The OPA set a ceiling on prices in Western North Carolina. The price could be raised to 10 cents a quart, but not to exceed 16 cents a quart. The retail price is 16 cents a quart, and the ceiling is in effect today.

The Waynesville Board reported 15,940 War Bonds No. 10. The total number of applications was 3,940. These reported 1,211 excess cans, and bottles of fruits and vegetables. Only 72 pounds of excess were reported.

OPA announced last week that all motorists would get the honor system of not driving pleasure and that no officer would make any inquiry of any motorist. OPA warned that if the system was abused that strict rules would be the result.

The local board has two voters slated to appear before the Friday. One to answer a charge of speeding, and another for being different tires on his car between the time he registered tires and the official inspection.

Merchants here have urged that the public understand the point system for buying food that little or no control could be had since it was started March first.

The Atlanta office of OPA has the following bulletin:

Apparel Rationing is Not Sight. Shoe rationing was the first step toward apparel rationing. These are the facts, as stated by the nation by Administrator Miss M. Brown, and Donald M. Brown, Chairman of the War Production Board.

"There is no shortage of clothing, and therefore no need for rationing."

"The War Production Board did not direct The Office of Price Administration to undertake rationing of clothing."

"The Office of Price Administration has set up no machinery for rationing clothing."

You See Plenty of New Clothes in Stores—You'll see many more next year, too. The stores are filled, and we still have several hundred million pounds of wool that we had to give the Japs struck Pearl Harbor. The boys returning from Australia continue to bring us more and more wool.

Three Slogans for Pattern Shoppers—

Buy clothes only as you need them.

Take care of the clothes you have. Speak the truth — stop the rumors.

No child will have to suffer hardship under shoe rationing.

You're not likely to see your come in if you never go near bank.