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## Response

The response for information regarding the Haywood County men now serving in the armed forces comes pouring into this office. We appreciate the response. It makes us feel that the citizens of the county have confidence in The Mountaineer. But there is something far greater than our personal satisfaction.

The response shows that the Haywood County folk back home want to give every honor due our boys who are serving so gallantly and bravely in World War II. It shows that they want the boys to know that they are thinking of them and are supporting them.

The response shows that, even though far removed from the battle fronts, the folks back home are a part of the great conflict and wish to give courage to the men on the firing lines.

Haywood County men have always answered the call of their country, when it needed protection, when the ideals upon which it was established have been in the balance. The folks back home are keeping faith with "the boys out there."

## We Might Come To It

We see where the British soldiers are making gardens in their spare time around the camps. From the accounts of the strenuous training given the American soldiers with little time to themselves, it might not work so well in America. On the other hand we have not been in the war so long and our army is behind in training.

We may come to it yet. It is said that the British soldiers are tilling 10,000 acres around their camps. The most popular vegetables are: potatoes, cabbages, leeks, onions and carrots.

Of this we know, in case the American army decided to go in for gardening, we feel confident that the gardens would be the best in the world. That is the American way of doing things, once they get started.

## The Need For Newspapers

The essentiality of newspapers is recognized today by public officials as never before. They are a necessary part of our everyday life. With the various phases of war effort and war programs underway, which affect the very life of every individual, the newspaper is absolutely essential to daily living.

Governor J. M. Broughton says: "Never in all publication history have the newspapers of North Carolina served a more useful purpose than in the present emergency. It would be quite impossible to carry on the difficult task of organizing for the emergencies of war in all its aspects without the fine cooperation that has been given by the newspapers. Civilian defense, war bond sales, relief fund campaigns, farm labor problems, and scores of other vitally important undertakings requiring full cooperation of our citizens have necessitated a continually wider use of newspaper publicity. The messages of these agencies have been carried to the homes of our people. The newspapers in my judgment constitute one of the most essential agencies and institutions in the life of our nation."—Forest City Courier.

Why is it they build homes with every known convenience except low rent?

## They Are Coming

We have noticed a number of visitors in town. We understand that the Chamber of Commerce has received to date as many, if not more inquiries than in some recent years.

According to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the inquirers are wanting to stay longer, which should be encouraging to the hotels and boarding houses. The entire community seems to have their fingers crossed and hoping that a fair number of visitors will come our way.

Present indications are that while the season may not be as good as in the days before the rationing of gas, it will bring a representative number of visitors in sufficient numbers to keep us on the map.

## Next Winter

If Haywood County folks go hungry next winter it will not be the fault of the farm and county home agents or the food preservation committees of the civilian defense program.

Demonstrations on proper canning methods and dehydration of food are being given at intervals to the leaders of the county who in turn are expected to pass them on to their own groups.

Haywood County is a fertile spot and from the looks of the gardens this year there will be plenty of food raised, but that is not all, it must also be preserved. We recall that in years gone by hundreds of bushels of apples have gone to waste under the trees from which they fell.

We hope this does not happen this year, for with the new methods of drying fruits, and the necessity for such conservation there will be no excuse for such wholesale waste.

It is hard for us to realize in this land of plenty that in many other countries many of the staples we take for granted are now priceless luxuries. We may be forced yet before the war is over to learn, so let us start in time to be more thrifty with our bounteous supply of food.

## "Open Season"

The "open season" for campaigning has been declared by both gubernatorial candidates, according to the state papers during the past week.

Dr. McDonald said that he had been touring and speaking from Asheville to the coast and Gregg Cherry seems also to be on the move getting acquainted about the state and renewing old ties.

This early ground work offers an interesting angle. Mr. Cherry is of the opinion that it is too soon to start the campaign, and that North Carolina citizens are concentrating on the war at present and are not interested in politics.

He claims that he is being forced to get out and speak for himself, since his opponent, Dr. McDonald has "fired the first shot", and there is something in his statement. If Cherry is in the fight, he has to start the defensive when his opponent opens fire.

Both candidates state they are being "cordially received" by the powers that be both in state and county political circles. Time alone can tell, but from present indications the fight will be a stiff one and each candidate will lead a strenuous existence until the votes are counted. At present interest is mild, but war efforts, we doubt, will keep Tar Heels from getting into the thick of the fight, and it will end with one grand contest in the next gubernatorial race.

## America Drifting

We read recently that German scientists working at Geodetic Institute at Potsdam have reported to the Spanish press that America is moving away from Europe at about the rate of 12 inches a year.

The report said that the drift of South America is slower, at the rate of eight inches a year from Africa, according to the German press. Greenland was declared to have traveled 600 meters (1,968.5 feet) west toward Canada in the last 10 years.

With conditions in Europe as they are today, we doubt if many Americans will grieve over the drifting of our country from the shores of Europe. If so it might be that they regret the goodness with which it is drifting from certain areas.

Take a tip from money—it talks—but doesn't give itself away.

The lines on a husband's brow sometimes come from his wife's ruling.

Love thy neighbor—especially if he has garden tools that you don't have.

## "AIR ACTIVITY ON ALL FRONTS"



## HERE and THERE

By  
 HILDA WAY GWYN

We have always held that Oliver Shelton was one of the most well-mannered persons in town, and certainly one of the most accomplished and graceful persons serving the public in our acquaintance. Last Monday must have been an off day, for on a Blue Monday for Oliver, we were buying some stamps from him, and he fired at us. "Why don't you write something this week in your column that people should do," we innocently inquired. "Well, what for instance?" "and did we get an answer and a lot one right off the bat." "Well, tell them they ought to learn to walk on their side of the sidewalk and not block pedestrian traffic." Tell them to stop loafing on the streets. Tell them to clean up their backyards. Tell them to keep up their dogs, and not bark so loud themselves about things. Tell them to put up their chickens so they'll stay out of other people's flowers and vegetable. Tell them if they did some of these things around here, their conscience would not bother 'em and they would sleep better." So we pass it on to whom it may concern.

About the most thrilled person we encountered during the week was Evelyn Craig. She had just received a letter from the movie star Jane Withers, and under separate cover two pictures of Jane, one very large one in a picture hat dressed to kill, in fact we have never seen Jane look quite so glamorous on the screen. The other in a military tap costume, which really brought out the whole thing.

For her graduation dance recital, Evelyn, well known local dancer, had copied the costume that Jane had worn in "Johnny Dough-boy" and had written Jane about it. So Jane answered with a newsy letter about herself. On the 16th of June she graduated from high school. She wrote of the picture she is playing in "North Star" in which she is a Russian peasant girl, who turns sniper when the Nazis invade her country. Evelyn wrote in her letter that she lived in the same town with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barr, the parents of Gig Young.

Sergeant Wayne B. McCracken, of the U. S. Air Forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howell McCracken, who has been in North Africa for the past 14 months, right in the thick of things. A gunner on a bomber, seems to be finding things dull now. He wrote his father last week asking him to send him some magazines with good "Westerns" in them. That when they were not "busy" in Africa. It was awfully lonesome. We suppose after such high powered tension, the boys do feel a drop. But from this side of the water, we would think a lull in the game they are playing would be anything but lonesome. And would be as welcome as a letter from home.

Human emotions work quickly, don't they? One might say in a split second they can go up and down from the depths of despair to the heights of joy. We saw a perfect illustration of this recently. We were talking to Tom Cathey, county auditor, when the Western Union delivery boy handed him a telegram. A wire to a parent with a boy in the service can mean anything. Mr. Cathey, who is a close student of the war had been speaking of the combat activities in North Africa. Just as the message was handed him, his face suddenly looked white and strained. We could feel his anxiety and almost read his thoughts. And when he read it, there was such relief and such a smile. Well, you won't wonder when we tell you what it was. From his son in Alaska, sending his love and greetings on Father's Day.

"Go home and put on some decent clothes," were the instructions given the office girls in the Ford Motor Company's Highland Park plant near Detroit recently. The girls had previously worn slacks to work, and they had decided that the slacks were not kind to their silhouettes as skirts. Wise girls, for not every one can look their best in slacks even if at times they are the only thing to wear. They had dressed in regular street clothes, but the company officials would not give them any work to do, until they went home and dressed properly. Shades of their grandmothers, wouldn't that be hard for those girls of a couple of generations ago to understand. The officials pointed out that the skirts were dangerous and might get entangled in machinery, which of course no one could deny.

Grover Davis, teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Methodist Church, turned his lesson last Sunday into a "Voice of the People" feature. The question, "Who is a Christian?" he gave as the answer of J. R. Boyd to reprint here. First Mr. Boyd quoted from James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God, the Father is—To visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

"You cannot serve God and mammon, for you will love the one and hate the other, or hold to one and despise the other."

"I wish to make a simple request to my Sunday school class and it is this. That you each take from 10 to 15 minutes of your time this Sunday afternoon and read the 5, 6 and 7th chapters of St. Matthew and you will find numerous answers to tell you, who are the followers of Christ. These chapters should be memorized by every person who is trying to lead a Christian life. For they contain the greatest sermons ever preached. As well as the beautiful attitudes that come from the life of our Saviour. Suppose we all take Mr. Boyd's advice next Sunday afternoon."

## YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT  
 Central Press Writer

GENERAL MONTGOMERY, due to his wounds suffered in World War I, has the use of but one lung. But how he did blow that Rommel man down!

In the spring, warbles the poet, the sap runs freely. And almost as fast as the Desert Fox.

Hitler-Mussolini conclude four-day confab. Bet Il Duce has a sore neck from nodding "yes" so much.

Three years of fruitless warfare has shortchanged the Italian people, costing them their

African empire, says a war commentator. Rome, it seems, was not balked in a day.

Grandpappy Jenkins, continuing to read about absenteeism, says it's high time the presentees got some publicity, too.

Post-war automobiles, as we understand it, will be so light that the heaviest thing about them will be the down payment.

Peaches sell for \$15 a dozen in England. In view of those prices this year's "peach queen" should be entitled to a title no less than "empress."

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



## Rambling Around

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

By W. CURTIS RUSS

## Voice OF THE People

Do you think the use of air power by itself could bring about the collapse of Germany and Italy?

William L. Boleatine—"I do not think so, because you will always have to have a ground force to conquer any country."

Robert Boone—"Judging from what I have read, I do not believe they can be defeated by air alone."

Mrs. W. A. Bradley—"I think the air power will be the major part in winning the war, but I believe it will also take some ground forces to make Germany and Italy collapse."

J. C. Brown—"Definitely no, I think we will have to have some foot soldiers."

M. H. Butler—"No, I do not think it will. I do believe that it will weaken the morale of the people, but it will take a land force to bring about ultimate victory."

Mrs. Robert Brown—"My husband thinks so."

O. B. Brien—"I don't think so altogether, for I believe it will take all the forces we have to defeat them."

E. C. Moody—"It could do a lot of damage, but whether or not it could win victory over both, I don't know."

G. C. Ferguson—"No, I don't think so. It will be a big help, but before they are defeated we will have to use land forces."

W. F. Strong—"No, not by itself. I think it will take a regular invasion by land to make Germany and Italy collapse."

## REVISED NURSERY RIMES

Baa, baa, black sheep.  
 Have you any wool?  
 Yes, sir, yes sir, three bags full;  
 One for the army,  
 One for the sea,  
 And one for the warehouse of WPB.

A small boy was hurrying to school and as he hurried, he prayed: "Dear God, don't let me be late—please God, don't let me be late." Then he happened to stumble, and said: "You don't have to shove."

A Christian life... for they contain the greatest sermons ever preached... as well as the beautiful attitudes that come from the life of our Saviour. Suppose we all take Mr. Boyd's advice next Sunday afternoon.

A letter from OPA states that the information in the regulations is a violation of the regulations to operate without proper permits. —A. B. C. at T. does not times.

An encouraging sign is the 50 million which the government has for retail sales.

No business is expected to operate in a morning. The present wartime conditions are reporting some time that everyone knows the relationship of the war. The news should be put in the office of censorship in Washington. It gives an outline of the following.

Recently when President Roosevelt was in Birmingham, he could not say a word of visit until he had been to Washington. It is understood why he failed to mention it.

One editor of a newspaper that the public as long as it is that after the war, the article on the type.

"Yes, we have seen him. He was in the house. We can't find it."

Every person has a newspaper. It is a source of information, news, and entertainment. It is a source of information, news, and entertainment. It is a source of information, news, and entertainment.

Getting close to the X-tainer has several stories salted with facts. The reading public may not that all news with a different circumstances. It is for the sake of safety, and that would have to be.

One of the prettiest in the community right now is the covered bank of the first school.

A letter from the fact that the official council. Guder Hill is 2,500 feet. He to understand why. The village advertising agency is 3,000 as the elevation of the munition.

One civic-minded person had the theory that the community had about 200 during the past year and thought it ought to use the "round 2200."

A man who has been known to over-work was one of the weather, and in general, including the fact that he for not having a front. A woman, standing in a line, handed the complaint a letter from "overthere."

She suggested that he did.

And after reading of the temperatures, humidity, and luxuries which the man still had, the man folded the single sheet of paper in the envelope and as he handed the complaint a letter from "overthere."

## AIR RAID WARDEN

I'm sorry, madam, but your band had a slight accident. It has been taken to the hospital. Housewife—Gracious, that frightened me. I thought it was something wrong with blackout.

Have you heard the new? A new minister had arrived. He took his work. The first day in the pulpit he preached 20 minutes. The next day he preached 20 minutes. The following Sunday he preached an hour and a half.

Officers of the church were having a business meeting. A new minister was present. Deacon—How long was the first sermon? It was 20 minutes and last Sunday it was for an hour and a half.

Minister—Well, the first just got some talk. It troubled me to talk. The second Sunday I was a little better. Last Sunday I made a mistake and got a wife instead of my own. I couldn't quit talking.

A munitions plant which had been serving its workers lunch found the practice put a 19 cent. due to large health.

At least 20 per cent more every goods are being produced year with the same amount shortening as was used last