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**Congratulations**

We offer congratulations to the local unit of the state guard on their fine showing during the inspection by Col. Thomas Pritchard from Fort Bragg. We understand that the Colonel is a hard boiled army man, so would not be given to handing out orchids unless they were deserved.

We also congratulate the unit on the fact that once again their personnel has swelled to the required number. Yet this thinning of ranks that they suffer from time to time, indicates a real service to the armed forces. The majority of those who drop out go into the armed forces, and enter a larger field of service. The training they have received here at home means much to them, we have been told.

We trust that the North Carolina State Guard will never have occasion to be called to active duty, but even so, the organization gives a fine feeling of security locally and throughout the state to know that if we need them, they are ready to answer the call.

**The Great Melting Pot**

Platoon Sgt. John Basilone, son of an Italian-born New Jersey tailor, took his place last week among the great American war heroes. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, highest tribute this nation can bestow upon its fighting sons.

The medal is given only to men who have displayed "extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty."

Basilone had a machinegun on the go three days and nights without sleep, rest or food, according to the official navy announcement. In a single battle he personally slew 38 Japs.

We know that foreign born citizens in America and those of foreign parentage can show the same patriotism as those who have come from pioneer stock. We know that they can have great civic pride in their community. We also know that when emergencies arise they fall in line and answer the call like true Americans, for we have foreign born citizens here of this type.

**Another Sign**

Another sign of progress in Haywood County, and another reason added to the long list now of reasons why Haywood County is a good place to live, is the proposed establishment of a frozen food locker unit in this area.

Coming at a time when the conservation of food is of vital importance, not only in the local community, but as a part of the great nation-wide war effort, it will no doubt be appreciated more than had it been a peacetime measure.

The success this type of locker has proven to be in other sections of the country leaves no doubt as to what it will mean to people in Haywood County.

We extend our commendation to the Farmers Federation for their foresight and enterprise in the plans to build such a unit here and offer our support.

Don't worry if some one makes cutting remarks about you. He is trying to cut you down to his size.

Some men are so independent they do not need any one to sing their praises. They do it themselves.

**Coupon Madness**

The following taken from a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor is calculated to make a lot of us stop and think before we rush out the last day before our ration coupons expire to "get all we can":

"One thing people refuse to hoard. That's a ration coupon. It burns holes in pockets, starts stampedes and tricks folks into buying all kinds of things they don't really need. You'd think an unspent coupon was a disgrace.

"As the mountaineer did, who confronted by his coupons, wrote Washington: 'I want to be patriotic, but I can't afford to buy all this sugar.'

"Take Number 17. That was a close one. Thousands almost forgot it. Then came the deadline of June 15. Frantic Americans tore into town with Ration Book Number One, its precious coupon 17 scorching their fingers.

"Shoe stores were mobbed. Clothes were torn, feet were trod upon. Shoe clerks ran around in a whirl and exhausted merchants closed their stores that night with a litter of boxes on the floor and half their stock swept off their shelves.

"It isn't just shoes, either. Coupon 17 isn't the only guilty one. There are those little red and blue points. They're dangerous too. Let an expiration date come around and accumulated coupons come pouring forth in a torrent. Frenzied buyers rush to turn their points into meat and canned goods, regardless of whether they actually need them.

"It doesn't make sense. But it happens time and again. Sometimes you find yourself doing it. It's easy to be swept into a current, but it's a current of emotion rather than reason.

"The very fact that there are extra points in the book at the end of the period is assurance that there's certainly nothing to worry about. It's time people stopped to think and refused to be mesmerized by ration coupons."

**Work Or Fight**

When Governor Broughton issued a proclamation last Wednesday that men in North Carolina had to either "work or fight", he sentenced the professional loafer and "son of rest" to a state of activity evidently not to their liking, but maybe in time they might acquire the fine habit of work.

It will be recalled by those old enough to remember the first World War that Governor Bickett had the counties in the state to hold meetings for the purpose of studying some way to eliminate the parasite who would not work when the country faced a serious labor shortage.

In the case of Governor Broughton, however, conditions are different. In the first place the period offers more serious angles, and the second, he is ready to take action in a way that Governor Bickett could not. The last General Assembly gave Governor Broughton the authority to deal personally with labor problems.

In his proclamation he has shown that if it becomes necessary to use the powers granted him to meet the conditions he will do so.

With the increased food production and the number of men who have entered the armed forces leaving vacant their places on farms, we all appreciate the grave situation that will confront the farmers during the coming harvesting season.

In some sections of the state, even at this early stage, the situation is offering problems. In this county, we are gratified to note that, according to those who are working on the shortage, there is an adequate number of workers, if the distribution of their services is handled properly.

In a stirring time like this it is hard to grasp the attitude of the physically fit who refused to get out and join the great caravan of workers. If remuneration means nothing to them, it looks like the great need in this critical hour would shake them out of their state of lethargy and help them meet the emergency.

**Brevard Paper Steps Out**

The Mountaineer congratulates The Times, in Brevard, for bringing home from the National Editorial Association an award for general excellence. The Times well deserves the honor bestowed upon it.

The Times is serving, and serving well, all of Transylvania county, and giving them a newspaper that any county could well be proud of. The Times is a consistent promoter of community good will and worthwhile projects.

So from this side of Pisgah to the other, we toss a bouquet of orchids to a good newspaper.



**HERE and THERE**  
 By HILDA WAY GWYN

During the week we had a letter from one of Haywood's most distinguished sons, who left this section and has made a name for himself in other areas. One who still retains interest and has deep rooted loyalty for everything concerning Haywood county and Waynesville. He offered the suggestion in his letter asking us to withhold his name. He states that he would like to see THE MOUNTAINEER initiate and consummate a movement to build a monument to the men and women of Haywood who have and who will lose their lives in this war. As to the size, shape and location of the memorial he points out there will be a "thousand different opinions, but only one as to its appropriateness."

He further points out that as Waynesville is the county seat that it is both fitting and proper that Waynesville should be chosen as the site of the monument, "while THE MOUNTAINEER should furnish the spirit and driving force to build it" and he feels sure Canton, Hazelwood, Clyde and the entire county will join in it. He suggests the novel idea of building the memorial with war bonds. That is, all contributions be in the form of war bonds and stamps, which in turn must be accepted by the contractor as his only compensation for the construction of the monument.

He writes that a "memorial is the least we can offer the heroes of Haywood." "Besides the idea will inspire the living soldiers. It improves their morale to know that the home folks are expressing their love and patriotism and gratitude in such substantial things as granite, concrete, steel, war bonds, sweat and tears." He further states... and his last paragraph... which proves beyond doubt his sincerity of purpose. "I will start it off with a one hundred dollar bond... but it will be best not to mention my name. You can describe me as a 'friend'." "We are sure you will agree with us. He is a friend and a true one, at that, to his home folks in Haywood. We would like for some of our readers to tell us what they think of the idea.

Mr. Reid Kirkland handed us a copy of the "Bush Weekly", of May 29, which was published "somewhere in Africa". We read it from cover to cover... for those boys over there are the same who left home... the old American spirit has not been dimmed even by the hard combat duties they have had to take in line of duty. Under the title of "What's Bakin' In Bushtown" was the following... "The expression, 'Dark-est Africa' is certainly being believed back home. For example, Private George H. Gibson, of Waynesville, N. C., received five candles from his heartbeat... and Private Gibson is a member of the 'We Have Seen the Light Club'." "The paper had a bit of everything in it... even a bridge tournament... attended by 'fifty-six officers and enlisted men'... with prizes and everything, just like one back home.

With all the victory gardens in such a flourishing state... the prospects of frozen lockers... and everybody trying to buy a pig... to cure for next winter's meat... it sounds like good time "rations"... instead of war measures... we encountered two distressed gardeners during the week... Mattie Moody, clerk to Jack Messer, and Kate Williamson, assistant clerk of the court, who have an apartment at Birchwood Hall... the girls have a grand garden... in the Blackwell grounds in the rear of the resi-

**MORE TRUE TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE**

It seems that Junior was meandering homeward much later than his usual suppertime. A neighbor who happened to meet him and thinking to hurry his leisurely pace, said:

Neighbor: Why, Junior, aren't you afraid you will be late for supper?

Junior: No. I've got the meat.

In Trouble

Kind Old Lady: "Yes, my good man, I, too, have had my trials."

Man at the Door: "Indeed, ma'am. And what did they pinch you for?"

China normally produces more wheat than the United States, in addition to more than one-third of the world's rice.

The Nazi "Gauleiter" for the Baltic States has ordered the removal of all church bells as a total mobilization measure.

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**Rambling Around**

Bits of this, that and the other picked up here, there and yonder.  
 By W. CURTIS RUSS

There are now 85 departments and agencies in the government which are commonly referred to by their initials.

AAA—Agricultural Adjustment Agency.  
 ACAA—Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration.  
 AMA—Agricultural Marketing Administration.  
 ARA—Agricultural Research Administration.  
 BAE—Bureau of Agricultural Economics.  
 BEW—Board of Economic Warfare.  
 BFDC—Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

BLS—Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
 BPI—Bureau of Prisons.  
 BWC—Board of War Reliefs.  
 CAA—Civil Aeronautics Administration.  
 CAB—Civil Air Transport Corporation.  
 CCC—Civilian Conservation Corps; also Civilian Control Corporation.  
 CCS—Combined Civil Control Administration.  
 CIAA—Office of Civilian Control Administration.  
 DHWS—Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services.  
 DPC—Defense Production Administration.  
 DSC—Defense Supply Administration.  
 ESB—Economic Stabilization Board or "Pony Board".  
 FBI—Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
 FCA—Fair Credit Accounting Act.  
 FCC—Federal Communications Commission.  
 FIC—Federal Industrial Control Corporation.  
 FDA—Food and Drug Administration.  
 FHA—Federal Housing Administration.  
 FHBA—Federal Home Loan Bank Administration.  
 FPC—Federal Power Commission.  
 FPHA—Federal Public Housing Authority.  
 FSA—Farm Security Administration; also Federal Security Agency.  
 ETC—Federal Trade Commission.  
 FWA—Federal Works Agency.  
 GAO—General Accounting Office.  
 GPO—Government Printing Office.  
 HOLC—Home Owners' Loan Corporation.  
 IADB—Inter-American Trade Board.  
 ICC—Inter-late Commerce Commission.  
 IIRC—Metals Industry Council.  
 NACA—National Aeronautics Committee for Aeronautics.  
 NHA—National Health Agency.  
 NLRB—National Labor Relations Board.  
 NRPB—National Resources Planning Board.  
 NWLB—National War Labor Board.  
 NYA—National Youth Administration.  
 OAPC—Office of Air Production Custodian.  
 OAWR—Office of Aircraft War Relations.  
 OCT—Office of Civilian Control.  
 ODT—Office of Defense Transportation.  
 OEM—Office of Emergency Management.  
 OLLA—Office of Lend-Lease Administration.  
 OOC—Office of Conscription.  
 OPA—Office of Price Administration.  
 OPCW—Office of Petroleum Coordinator for War.  
 OSFCW—Office of Solid Fuel Coordinator for War.  
 OSRD—Office of Scientific Research and Development.  
 OSS—Office of Strategic Services.  
 OWI—Office of War Information.  
 PBA—Public Buildings Administration.  
 PRA—Public Roads Administration.  
 PWA—Public Works Administration.  
 PWC—Pacific War Council.  
 PWRCB—President's War Relief Control Board.  
 REA—Rural Electrification Administration.  
 RFC—Reconstruction Finance Corporation.  
 RRB—Railroad Retirement Board.  
 RRC—Rubber Reserve Commission.  
 SCS—Soil Conservation Service.  
 SEC—Securities and Exchange Commission.  
 SSB—Social Security Board.  
 SSS—Selective Service System.  
 TVA—Tennessee Valley Authority.  
 USCG—United States Coast Guard.  
 USDA—United States Department of Agriculture.  
 USECC—United States Employees' Compensation Commission.  
 USES—United States Employment Service.  
 USMC—United States Marine Corps; also U. S. Marine Corps.  
 WAAC—Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.  
 WAVES—Women's Army Volunteer Emergency Service (Women's Reserve—U. S. Marine Reserve).  
 WDC—War Damage Compensation.  
 WMC—War Manpower Commission.  
 WPA—Work Projects Administration.  
 WPB—War Production Administration.  
 WRA—War Relocation Authority.  
 WSA—War Shipping Administration.

**Voice OF THE People**

Have you suffered any real privations on account of the rationing and substitutions?

Mrs. Chas. G. Miller—"No, I can't say we have at all. Compared to other countries, we still have too much."

Miss Stephen Moore—"The only thing I have tried to get and failed is ice cream and I can certainly do without that."

C. W. Wiest—"I don't think I have, except I guess I have been a little short of coffee."

Mrs. T. C. Norris—"Not yet, but I have been pretty conservative with sugar and the rationed foods. I try to use all the non-rationed foods that I can."

G. D. Stovall—"Yes, in our business, because we got only a certain per cent of what we were allowed last year."

James Green—"No, I think I could get along with a whole lot less."

Mrs. S. P. Guy—"I would not call anything we have had to do without a real privation, but rather small inconveniences."

J. Elmer Shields—"No, I think it has been a fair way to handle the situation."

Max Wilson—"No, I haven't. We don't use much canned goods and most of our stamps go to waste. We have our own chickens and vegetables in our garden."

Mrs. Ronald Morris—"No, I have not. I think everything has been handled in a fair way, and that we should all be willing to divide with others."

**In Training**

"Why do you wear your hair so long?"

"Well, I'm in training for our varsity eleven and, if I don't make it, I'm going to write poetry for the college paper."

**Not A Chance**

Smith: "Why do you think you'll have any trouble keeping your engagement secret?"

Jones: "Well, I had to tell the girl, didn't I?"

Everyone who plants a garden will help to solve the problem of the feeding of the nation.

Mother (to Junior, while they were at the zoo)—Look, dear, there's an eagle. Just think, eagles are so strong they have been known to carry off a little child.

Junior—That's nothing! The stork sometimes carries three or four at a time.

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