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Price Control

The July Harper's Magazine carries an illuminating story on what happened to price control presented from the angle of the OPA versus the inflationary tide.

"And yet the recent trouble with Lewis and his miners has only re-emphasized the fact that the threatening floodwaters of disaster are held back by this single rubbery bulwark.

"What has happened? Where do we stand? To be complete, any analysis of OPA, its strengths and weaknesses, its successes and failures—properly should wait until we have a greater perspective in time.

"In a way the history of the agency is a chronicle in miniature of the effects of total war upon American economy and of the changes which have occurred in the sentiments and attitudes of the American people during its span of life.

A Wise Change

The month of August is a period of full harvesting in this section. This year every available person will be needed to meet the demands of the increased production and relieve the labor shortage.

We note with interest and satisfaction that the opening date of the schools in the Waynesville township and other communities in the county has been postponed from the first of August to a later date.

Our educational program must not suffer from present conditions, yet like everything else, our schools must be made to fit into the picture. The labor that may be supplied on our farms by students in the upper grades will be an important item this year.

If necessary we would approve a cutting on the regular two weeks Christmas holiday, if that extra week is needed during the harvesting season.

We commend the school authorities for their wisdom in making the change, for the preservation of food is a vital part of the war program.

Victory Gardener (after an hour of supplying the motive power for a wheel cultivator): "Now I know what they mean when they talk about working like a horse."

Psychology: That branch of science that defines plowing as labor and golf as exercise.

Yesterday and Today

Governor Broughton advised American citizens to study the early history of their country in order to get a better perspective of the current history that is being written in the battles on the land, the sea and in the sky, in his Fourth of July address at Lake Junaluska on Sunday morning.

We have lived so fast and furiously for the past few years in America that sometimes in the hurried tempo of keeping pace we do not have time to look back, or rather we have not made it a habit to look back.

As the Governor spoke of the courage of the early settlers, of the purposes for establishing the new country, and of the wisdom of those statesmen who formulated the plans of our government, it came to us that Americans might find comfort and strength to carry on in this crisis in the review of history he suggested.

We are prone to feel that the early history of our nation belongs to the students in school and that it is such an old familiar story that we lose sight of how we might revive our understanding of the fact that the past reaches out to meet the present and the future in America.

The Declaration of Independence has never been surpassed by any American document. It should mean today to us as much as when it was first penned. We are fighting to hold fast to its principles as set forth by the founders of the nation.

A review of the hardships and the courage of the men who established this country would help us, as the Governor stated, to appreciate the effort that is being put forth today by our men in service to protect us and also to remind us of how much there is to fight for in America.

July 4, 1943

We liked the spirit of the civilians that prompted the unusual observance of July the 4th this year in our community. It was no time for joyous celebrations. There is too much to do today in this chaotic world to spend money on foolish extravagant pastimes of public demonstrations.

The manner in which the Fourth was observed was one of the finest proofs of how our citizens are taking the war. It should be a heartening evidence to the Haywood boys in service to know that even on holidays the effort back home is in the name of defense, in food conservation, in saving to devote to war work.

When the smoke of battle has cleared and peace reigns again and the boys come marching home there will be time enough for the festive holiday celebration of July the 4th.

We also liked the suggestion of buying stamps and bonds with money that might have been spent on pleasures and pastimes of pre-war years. It was a timely suggestion, for we noted with regret for the month of June was the first in which Haywood County had failed to not only obtain, but go beyond the war bond quota set for the month.

A Strange Contrast

Two items appearing in the same issue of an American newspaper provide interesting reading. One item was part of a letter received from an air officer on the active front:

"Some of our fighter pilots are in constant combat for three months at a time." Then from another column of the same paper we read:

"Two thousand workers of the day shift of a local war plant went on strike today, closing the entire plant."

Quite a contrast in these two items. But you can read. Draw your own conclusions. —Reidsville Review.

Casualties

In the last World War this country suffered casualties amounting to eight per cent of the mobilized forces. We are told that while medical science is saving hundreds of lives which would have been lost in the first World War, that in the end the percentage will be about as high in the second World War.

In the last war we had 5 million men in our armed forces. Today we are nearing the 11 million mark. Death has not yet struck its hardest blows. It is not an encouraging thought, but we might as well face the realization that it is the cruel price of war.

A speech delivered fifty years ago and reprinted in a late Congressional Record is as good as if it were delivered yesterday, which it probably was.

A GREAT LITTLE MONK—WHEN THE GOING WAS GOOD



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We have a good little work which will tell you something about the WAACs. She is a local girl... Third Officer, equivalent to second lieutenant... Lillian Van Hecke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wyatt of Hazlewood...

"On May 15, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps celebrated its first anniversary... and we were happy to look back and view the accomplishments of the past year... it brings a wonderful feeling of doing something really worth while in the war effort to be a part of this organization..."

We were prepared for much hard work... our lot in helping win the war could not be an easy one... war is never easy... But as we marched over the Georgia hills to classes each morning the band burst into its spine-tingling marches... and there was a thrill that defies description...

One lesson we learned quickly... no matter what we were accustomed to at home... or how we did things... we're in the army now... and the army has a way all its own... The girls make jokes about joining the army to learn to keep house...

Inside WASHINGTON

Bynes, Baruch Should Make Effective Team Baruch Popular, Persuasive, Diplomat

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

AS UNSALARIED but chief adviser to Director James F. Byrnes of the recently-created Office of War Mobilization, 72-year-old Bernard M. Baruch, whose organizing ability was an important factor in winning the last world conflict, had not been on his job for many hours before supplying Jimmy with a bit of his improved on.



Bernard M. Baruch

What Baruch recommended was immediate cessation of the "bickering" among bureau heads and their subordinates... Just why it was necessary to call Baruch to furnish this bit of information is not so apparent, however... Jimmy Byrnes undoubtedly knew that ready, Baruch may furnish suggestions for disciplining his formal subordinates, but it is altogether probable that the former is unaware of the prevailing prevalence.

There not only is squabbling between bureaucrats but also between representatives and senators. It is not improbable, indeed, that Mobilization Director Byrnes disputes to settle faster than he can handle them and no part of Baruch's caliber to take care of the overflow. Baruch is popular too. Backed by Boss Byrnes, and, overhead, by Super-Dan Borah, he can be firm, but he likewise is diplomatic and tactful.

Incidentally, Director Byrnes' plan is to take a hand in the house of war taxation policies, and Baruch is a tax expert... Jimmy wants to consolidate his executive negotiated couple of congressional committees—one in the Senate, one in the house of representatives. It will require an executive team to work with both of them. This span of committees will have to be shared by Jimmy and Baruch.

Baruch already is on record to the effect that there must be too many appeals to the White House from the Mobilization Act rulings. This shows Baruch's foresightedness. Jimmy cannot very well say that HE must not be used by Baruch, though, unsalaried and untitled, can speak like an old citizen.

He is as independent as a hog-on-ice, anyway. He would not have done for Jimmy's new job; he is too old. Nevertheless, he is not old enough to have lost his significance. Jimmy denies that he is an aspirant for the vice presidential nomination in 1944. It is a good guess on his part, unquestionably, not say that he could not be elected on a ticket with Franklin Roosevelt, but it would not be possible for him to be elected initially. He will make too many enemies.

Jimmy Byrnes may be eligible in 1948—if HE is not too old then, too. He will be, though. The betting is 10-to-1, at least, next time—Roosevelt and Wallace, on the Democratic ticket. There can be some G. O. P. gambling. As between the two parties, Jimmy Byrnes, however, has declared himself.

Anyway, he is due to offend so many groups shortly that he him to any old job will be an impossibility in the reasonably future. After which, he will be too ancient for consideration. Yet, he will be awful important in the meantime. Bernard is of no consequence, temporarily. Yet he will have to do with temporary economies.

nothing does more for the morale of those in the service than mail from home... and that is not propaganda... Write often to your soldiers... sailors, marines, and others in service. Arrived at Des Moines, the reality of all this came home to us... no time to waste... we're here to prove our capability to lead others into the work that challenges us... There's plenty of recreation, carefully planned which helps to relieve the tension of work... Last week we rehearsed a local talent show and we could hardly believe our eyes, but there was Norine Lowe, formerly of Waynesville, playing our accompaniments on the accordion... Many of you remember her... he hadn't seen her in about ten years since we were together in high school... yet, here we meet again in the same graduating class.

We have much outstanding and renowned talent in our group... there is a place in the WAAC for any skill or ability the women of our nation possess, but no place for those who would join for the glamour of wearing a uniform... we have time to keep ourselves neat, but not glamorous... we feel that can wait until the war is won... we won't be in combat units, but there is much else to be done... After our training is finished here we go into the field... no idea where or in what

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Voice OF THE People

What is possible in recreation? Noble Golf? "My wife and one, Work?" Mrs. Carl Miller—I have a picnic occasionally have little time in the... Bryan Miller—I've been fishing, when I have time... Mrs. Joe Gill—"I've been... Mrs. Guy Miller—"I've been my own front yard... L. N. Davis—"I've been... Miss Margaret S. I've been, I guess." Dr. H. O. I've been... favorite summer recreation... Roger Walker—"I've been... favorite summer recreation... C. J. Reece—"I've been... guess you couldn't miss that"

DEFINITIONS College Professor—A man who... Curb—The edge of the... ruin for the small investor... Points—What you have besides money to pay your... Substitute—Something that... cer or drugist... because he makes... of it. Table Manner—A... duet arranged... had a healthy... by hard labor. Good will is the... asset that... dersell or destroy... capacity... we're hungry... behind the guns to help the fighting sons... And war is successful... Uncle Sam's "skinned... be in line forgetting... serving in our way to help the democratic principles of our nation is founded."