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 (One Day Nearer Victory)

## We Agree

We were much interested in the following editorial from Electrical World, because we so fully appreciate what the electric utility is doing at present in the great emergency. So often we accept things without stopping to give proper recognition.

"From many a factory there proudly floats the Army-Navy E. They are the civilian counterpart of citations on the field of action for extra effort by members of our armed forces.

"These awards, however, have been given only to manufacturing organizations. No electric utility has been given an Army-Navy E. Yet no manufacturing concern was better prepared for the demands of war, has delayed war production less or has shown so little labor disturbances since the war began.

"Why has there been no recognition? It would almost appear as though the Army and Navy were conscious of the fact that electric utility employes have inbred in them the fixed belief that, regardless of anything else, service must be maintained and that no incentive is needed to encourage them to do their best. Like our fighting men, they give no thought to themselves when there is a battle to be won.

"It would be difficult to single out utilities for such honors, because all of them are doing A-1 jobs. They produce the only universal raw material of war production, without which every factory making war goods would have to stop. They make raw material that cannot be stocked, yet must be instantaneously available wherever and whenever and in whatever quantity wanted. Their men have been drafted, their requests for additional facilities more and more limited, yet they never have failed on the job.

"There has been no power shortage. "Recognition or no recognition, no one can take away from electric utilities the knowledge that they have done a good job."

## Long's Chapel

In the dedication of Long's Chapel at Lake Junaluska, Haywood County citizens naturally turn back the pages of time and review the early efforts of the Methodist Church in that vicinity.

The first church established there in the late fifties was served by a well known Methodist preacher, whose name designates the Chapel. For a few years after the founding of the Methodist Assembly grounds we noticed a tendency in the people to speak of the church as the Junaluska Church, but we have noted of late years that the church is now referred to its original name.

We felt at the time that to call the church anything but Long's Chapel would be disregarding the history of the vicinity, for the pioneer work done by the Rev. Mr. Long should always be associated with the church he served so zealously.

## Another Sign

The clerks of the Superior courts of North Carolina met last week down in Raleigh, and from reports from the attention they received from candidates the 1944 political campaign is well underway.

As a general thing court clerks are not as active in politics as sheriffs and county commissioners, but the way the candidates are said to have flocked to Raleigh to meet the clerks seems proof beyond words that the campaign ahead will be a heated one.

## Reappointments

To have public offices filled by persons respected for the quality of their service is a fine thing for the morale of any community and county. The reappointments of some of the appointive positions in the county made last week by the county board of commissioners met the hearty approval of the public in general.

The fine work accomplished by the farm and home demonstration agents during their terms of office have been notable. Their work at this time is of vital importance to the war effort. They have met the added responsibilities with vision of what they mean to the people.

The fire warden had ample opportunity during the year to show that beyond any doubt he and his men could handle an emergency.

## Coming Down

We noticed during the week that North Carolina air travelers will be able to fly considerably cheaper, when the Eastern Air Lines, Inc., which serves several cities in the state reduces its passenger fares approximately 7.6 per cent. Air express rates are to be reduced about 12.5 per cent.

One reason for the reduction is that the Civil Aeronautics Board ordered 11 major lines last February to show just cause why they should not reduce their passenger rates. Five airlines promised to reduce their fares by July 15, and the CAB board dismissed its "show cause order." The six remaining airlines are being investigated by CAB to find out why they should not also cut their rates.

We feel that this reduction is one that will continue as the public becomes more and more air minded, and travels by air more frequently. The reduction of rates points to conditions after peace comes.

## Unexpected Records

The state revenue records for the fiscal year of 1942-43 show an unexpected high peak, so it has been announced from Raleigh. State officials are said to have had a gloomy outlook for the "midst-of-war year" and predicted "black days ahead" for North Carolina.

It was a natural premonition. There were so many gaps in gasoline and auto licenses collections which were inevitable with wartime rationing. It did not make sense to anticipate anything else, but anything can happen these days as the revenue "take" of the 1942-43 fiscal year shows.

The fiscal year just closed, according to the officials, had a total of \$103,441,916.67 in all revenues, the greatest ever recorded in the state. The highest previously reached was \$99,127,473.05 in 1941-42.

As the year progressed, however, it is reported that the officials, who had been so pessimistic, began to take on new hope, as rationing and war conditions did not bring any decrease in some phases of state revenue collections. At first the collections were expected to be around \$84,227,295 and from time to time it was changed until it reached more than \$90,000,000.

Although the state spending during the 1943 General Assembly was also high, they will be taken care of without worry.

Tar Heels should be gratified also of the wise measure taken when the Post-War Reserve Fund was started with \$20,000,000 created by the 1943 General Assembly.

Although the predictions did not come true for 1942-43, the revenue officials are warning that the state will not see the high figures repeated in the 1943-44 totals. They point out the decreasing general merchandise stocks, increased federal taxes cutting spending, more severe ration of gasoline among the many factors that will bring different results in the year ahead.

If electronics is going to do everybody's work after the war, one supposes that practically everybody will be employed in the electronics industry.

Simple Susie says almost every one thinks she needs some kind of a vitamin, but she has never seen any one who needed the vitamin I.

The man with the hoe and the man with the golf stock have one thing in common. They get hot over their job.

Some workers have been frozen on their jobs, while others are just lying down on theirs.

If the mind is kept closed there is no need to keep the eyes open.

A mistake repeated often becomes a habit.



## HERE and THERE

By  
 HILDA WAY GWYN

We don't like to be a wet-blanket on the rights of women . . . we don't want them to miss any recognition that should be theirs . . . and we glory in the fact that they have stepped out during the past generations and have entered a larger world of service and vision . . . we like the freedom they have gained in dress, even if they go to extremes sometimes . . . we like the training of their mind to wider outlooks . . . and we have often found ourselves on the defensive in cases when the woman has done as good a job as a man could do . . . yet has not received either the honor or the remuneration for her efforts that would have come to the man . . . but we don't want her to travel too far from home . . . and push herself in the front to the extent that she loses that dependence on the man which is part of the very foundation of a home . . . which after all is the woman's finest field of endeavor . . . Fame nor glory can never compete, to us, with the privilege of making a home, of molding character and giving the rising generation ideals to guide and steady them through a world that seems yearly to grow more complex.

The cause of our airing out one of our pet opinions is the dropping of the word Auxiliary from the Woman's Army Corps . . . we liked the word auxiliary . . . men will always be better soldiers on battle fronts in wars than women . . . if we women aren't careful we are going to get so darned independent that the men won't owe us a thing . . . and we are going to compete with them in such hard fought contests that pretty soon it will be entirely out of order to literally and figuratively put our heads on their broad shoulders and pour out our troubles "because they are wiser and braver than we" . . . (even if they aren't it has been a time honored and comforting way for a woman to iron out her problems). . . . They tell us that after this war is over there will be a startling shortage of husbands . . . and that it will be a Woman's World . . . personally we hate to see it come . . . we much prefer to live in a man's world . . . even with all its mistakes . . . which confession, no doubt, dates us as a hopeless Victorian.

We hear that Betsy Lane Quinlan, Red Cross recreational worker, and Lt. Richard Queen, U. S. Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Queen, have recently met "somewhere in Australia." . . . Don't you know they were glad to see each other. . . . When Richard was winning medals at high school for his orations Betsy Lane, dramatics teacher, used to coach him . . . we hope they are stationed near each other . . . for think what a wonderful help Richard would be to Betsy Lane when she gets ready to stage an old fashioned square dance for the convalescent soldiers in the hospital as she did, not so many months ago when she was serving with the Red Cross up in Iceland . . . and if there are any English soldiers about won't they get a kick out of the fact that Richard has danced these same old folk numbers for their own King George and Queen Elizabeth when they visited President and Mrs. Roosevelt in the White House in the days shortly before the war . . . when our famous Soco Gap dance team was chosen from groups all over the country to exhibit our folks dances . . . and, by the way, en route overseas Betsy Lane ran into another Waynesville boy . . . Lt. David Felmet, U. S. Navy.

Speaking of our armed forces overseas . . . we notice this week that from September 15 to October 15th will be the mailing time for packages overseas with

the Navy dates extended to November 1 . . . and here we haven't recovered yet from last Christmas. . . . (Owing to the great distances the mail will have to go . . . the government is warning us again that the packages must be packed in metal, wooden, or solid fiberboard, or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard or strong fully telescoping cardboard boxes . . . we well recall how hard it was to know what to send last year . . . and this year it is going to be harder. . . . What will they want more this year than last of the limited number of things that can be sent for Christmas cheer?

It's a funny thing about rationing . . . we have noticed in shopping that the more the people have to do without . . . and the more things that they find they can't buy for any amount of money . . . the more philosophical they are becoming . . . we watched the expressions on the faces of five persons one day last week in front of a meat counter . . . they were all wanting some beef . . . either steak or roast . . . stew or hamburgers . . . anything, so it was beef . . . they all looked hopeful when they asked the question . . . but each one turned away with a shrug and a smile when told there was none . . . a few months ago you would have heard a lot of griping . . . which all goes to show that it is often easier to take deprivation in big doses than in small ones.

Traffic Officer—You are arrested for speeding.  
 Sweet Young Thing—Why, officer, you can't arrest me. This isn't my car and I haven't any driver's license.

## YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT  
 Central Press Writer

AGE, points out the Toronto Star, has its advantages over youth for, continues the T. S. we oldsters don't have exams. Oh, yeah? Filled out any government questionnaires lately?  
 That German circus touring Axis-conquered countries may be overlooking a sure-fire number—the big rug-chewing act, imported straight from Berchtesgaden.  
 Hitler said that this war would affect Europe for 1,000 years. Oh, come now—it won't take that long to rebuild those German towns!  
 On'y female mosquitoes, even read, bite human beings. Even

in the insect world, it seems, Mamma uses up all of Papa's ration points.  
 A middle-westerner is said to diet on onions exclusively. The eater, at any rate, should have no trouble remaining exclusive.  
 Factographs tells of a bottle, which had gone three times around the world, being found on a Massachusetts beach. A record for a loving cup, isn't it?  
 Those new tablecloths on which are printed maps of embattled Europe probably are the scene of many a pincers movement—aimed at the sugar loaf bowl.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN



# Inside WASHINGTON

Mayor LaGuardia Unafraid of Probe  
 By CHARLES P. STEWART  
 Central Press Columnist

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York, national reputation for originality as a congressman in Washington, already had established himself before his bailiwick sent him to the Potomac. It was as one of the whole country, though, that he registered on a sufficiently outstanding him in the chief executive's office in Washington, continental metropolis.

The fact is that Capitol Hill regards him as more ITS product than Gotham's.

Well, Fiorello is assessed by Washington men as a pretty advanced political liberal, or as an unqualified radical. Conservatives have viewed him as consequently. But I've never heard one of them imply that he is absolutely on the level. As one editorial commentator has expressed it, "he's been as honest as it's POSSIBLE for a politician."

Yet, he hasn't been celebrated for good temper. When he has been criticized he has "sassed back" energetic municipal administration, congress' reaction was that his conduct would be something super-scoring.

To the amazing contrary, his immediate verdict was that the council was entirely "within its rights"—let it investigate. He gave—sive—but he didn't put any lid on it.

Now, if New York City hasn't had a lot of grafting administrative sub-divisions, it's news to the rest of the United States.

It's a fair conclusion that Fiorello has been kept guessing on the truth is that the "Little Flower" is under attack not honest folk, but from crooks, who object to his interference their grafting.

Indeed, I've heard critics maintain that he has hampered war by being too "honest." That is, he is suspected of having caused and trouble by imposing delay and moralities in cities that altogether indorse them.

And the other municipalities may fall within the same classification, but New York naturally is a conspicuous one.

"Advertise it" is Fiorello's motto.

His program is to make it conspicuous everywhere New York where to make it noticeable from everywhere likewise.

A kind of a general mayoralty is his scheme.

It won't work in little burghs, but Fiorello is to concentrate He is a "national mayor."

His plan is to get little groups together. The little groups together like being merged. So they are "investigating" him.

"Let them investigate," answers Fiorello.

His case is an outstanding example.

He isn't afraid of being quizzed. He ditto's other local administrations.

A lot of little municipal branches may be crooked. "Okay," says the "Little Flower," "but it's immaterial in general. In detail, let them be investigated—including I'm not scared personally."

The thing has strung along for years back. You can't come in a decade of time.

If anybody thinks that this is going to be respectable in a short-order, morally speaking, he is an optimist.

But Fiorello is willing to be investigated. He is willing to have administration investigated, anyway.

It won't be a federal investigation, but it will amount to the thing.

It won't fall far short of an inquiry, if the New York mayor is clean, to qualify him for the presidency some time later. He Italian parentage, but his birth is Americanly eligible.

It won't happen, of course, but, otherwise, he would have possibilities.

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## The Voice Of The People

If you could have any career you wanted what would be your choice?  
 Mrs. Johnny Shelby—"I am perfectly satisfied with what I'm doing here in the dry cleaning establishment."

John Boyd—"I guess I still operate a furniture store. I could not get into the Army since Uncle Sam turned me down. I will keep the business."

Miss Ruth Wagonfield—"I am an oratory technician, as that is I am planning to do."

Miss Bebe Medford—"I would like to be a math teacher in high school."

Mrs. Fred Campbell—"I would like to have been a concert pianist."

Lester Burgin, Jr.—"I would choose truck farming."

Miss Martha Mae Wagonfield—"I would like to be a laboratorian."

Paul Martin—"Just what I'm doing in the electrical business."

Miss Helen Coffey—"I would do what I am doing now. I know more about the business than anything else."

Miss S. A. Jones—"I would give anything to be a bomber."

Private Richard Bradley—"I would choose chemical engineering. My second choice would be a mathematician."

Charles M. Caldwell—"I would like to be a pilot like Janeva Austin of the Army."

Wife—"John! I was sure you had been drinking when you came home last night!"  
 John—"Yeah! That's just what I was. Just because I had a little difficulty in getting in the door, I couldn't pronounce a few words because I took off my shoes in the living room, and went to bed, you rush to the door to see that I had been drinking."

## MARRIAGE