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Greetings

To Haywood men in service, wherever you are, in this country or overseas, we bring greetings. This is your paper. It is dedicated to every son of Haywood in uniform today.

It is mid-summer here in Haywood. The corn is in the tassel, the trout are biting, the moon still comes up over the mountains and sheds its silver sheen, making a perfect picture of peace.

But things are not the same. The lazy mid-summer weather reminds us that last year, or the year before you were home. The corn in tassel makes us realize that another harvesting season is upon us and time moves forward, forever dating back to December 7, 1941.

We sometimes wonder if the moon is shining as brightly on Northern Africa, down in Australia, or over on the great stretches of the Pacific as it does here in Haywood.

Life moves on in Haywood on the surface as in days gone by and we carry on, but the calendar is dated when you left and a big question mark signifies when you will return. We are encouraged about the answer. You have been on the job and we like the way things are shaping up.

Appreciation

We take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Haywood County for their cooperation in getting out this edition. Without the assistance of the public we could never have given you so full an account of our Haywood men in service.

The information and pictures have come from all sources. Proud fathers have brought in the facts. Mothers, who were hiding their anxiety and heartaches behind smiles and come in and handed us the blanks all filled out saying, "Here is what you wanted about my boy."

Young wives, patiently waiting until their husbands come marching home, have brought in the pictures in uniform that are helping them to keep up their courage. Sweethearts have come in, saying very modestly, "Yes, this is a picture of a friend of mine, and I noticed that you are wanting information about the men in the service."

To those of you who have answered this call for service we thank you, not alone for ourselves, but also for our readers and for the men that we honor today.

No Doubt About It

If there is a Haywood County man in the armed forces who has any doubt about the loyalty of the folks back home to the men in the service, we take pleasure at this time in dispelling all such misguided sentiments.

The response of the families to the announcement of the publication of a special edition honoring Haywood County men in the service has gone far beyond any expectation ever dreamed of by the editors.

From the day of the first notice and re-

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The Home Front

While you Haywood men are giving your best on the firing lines, the great army on the home front is trying to keep pace with you. They are answering every call that has come. If it is a Red Cross drive, they go over the top. If it is a sale of War Bonds they forget what was asked, and dig deep down and buy to the limit.

To date, Haywood County citizens have bought approximately two million dollars worth of War Bonds. The figures represent a margin of \$700,000 over the quotas asked. Busy men stop work and make the sales, and never has a month gone by that the figures failed to go over the set quota.

In the majority of business firms and manufacturing plants, the employees are on a regular weekly ten per cent deduction plan, and that money finds its way into War Bonds. They are keeping the money rolling, so that you will not lack for food or equipment.

When the call came for the book drive for men in service, the Haywood folks did not go to dusty shelves and pull out old useless books, they took down their latest editions and gladly handed them over to the tune of 1,500 volumes for you to have in your camps.

The Red Cross chapters in the county are serving your families here at home, and you in camp. If you have a problem, they will help you solve it. In the surgical dressings rooms here the women are rolling thousands of bandages that will be sent to the fighting areas for use for the wounded. In cold cash, they have contributed more than \$8,000 during the past year to the great work of the Red Cross at home and abroad. The home service secretary has an office on Main Street, where you may drop in while on a furlough or your family may call for aid.

We wish you might have seen this county when the call came for collecting scrap metal and rubber came. It would have fired your fighting blood. Schools closed and business houses stopped operations to bring in the scrap. You would never have recognized the main streets in the towns in the county. On the day set apart for the climax of the great drive, trucks hauled continually, but even so the streets were piled high with every conceivable type of metal article. They went after that scrap just like you are going after the Japs and the Germans.

This county led the state in the first scrap campaign, and the dealers were given an award by the government for their part in the drive.

As you boys know, every farm in Haywood has missed you, for you boys who once tilled the soil are now carrying a gun. You have changed your blue denim for a uniform of khaki, but don't worry the farms are running without you. Food production has stepped up to meet the demands, and your places have been filled with women, older men and children. Your going has brought the folks closer together. They have more problems in common. The restriction on farm machinery production has brought about a fine spirit of sharing with your neighbor, that was not so noticeable in the past, as today. The Haywood Mutual Cannery is running day and night canning Haywood beans for the government to feed you men in service. For all you know your mess sergeant may be serving you "Land O' the Sky beans" now.

Confidentially while on the subject of food, we are not suffering, but we are not eating with quite the same lavishness, but we are not complaining. We hope our fine Haywood County beef are finding their way into your army mess halls.

We are trying hard to keep up with you boys on the battle lines of the home front, so remember that we are serving right along side of you, awaiting the day when you will come home.

Proud Of You

We are proud of you Haywood fighting men. Ever since the first call came over the nation for men under the selective service system, and not one was called from Haywood, our pride has been growing.

It was nine months before a single man was drafted in Haywood, for the quotas were filled each month by volunteers. It showed the fine spirit of our Haywood men. They realized their responsibility and they answered the call.

Haywood citizens are proud of the 2,500 men now serving from this county in the armed forces. You are serving everywhere the American Flag flies today and in every branch of the service. Pride in you helps us serving on the home front. We cannot fail you.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Hello, Haywood Mountaineers in uniform, wherever you happen to be...

We are sure we would recognize you boys... for we know that every son of Haywood is serving his country with distinction...

While you are fighting to preserve the American way of life... we pledge ourselves to endeavor to keep it for you back home...

With all our feeling for you, boys, we are trying not to get hysterical... we are trying to keep cool... and see things clearly...

Partisanship is a funny thing... you may rock along without any great show of feeling... about your country... but just let your country get in danger...

Since you went away, the flag of stars and stripes that floats over the Haywood county court house grounds has a new meaning to us back home... we know that it is your symbol wherever you are...

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Inside WASHINGTON

Allies Have Weapons to Beat the U-Boat Patrol Planes, Esc Ships Play Big Role

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL REVEALS war has taken a "most solid and encouraging" turn... Undersea raiders were sunk in May, and in June...

Even the German military commentators concede the fact that when announced, Allied shipping losses for June will be "the lowest in years"...

The Atlantic Patrol of huge four-motored bombers operating off the U. S., Canada, Newfoundland, Greenland, Ireland and the British Isles is what the Admiralty referred to...

The British Admiralty and Air Ministry issued a joint communique late last month describing a 5-day battle in which land-based planes of the Patrol, including B-24 Liberators and B-17 Flying Fortress bombers, teamed with warships and aircraft from an escort carrier...

Also aiding in the war against the U-boat are the new D-E submarine vessels being turned out by the hundreds in U. S. shipyards to protect our convoys. The 1,300-ton, 300-foot D-Es are larger and faster than the British corvettes used for this purpose.

Germany banked heavily on her U-boat fleet to keep the Allies from massing sufficient men and equipment in England and North Africa for the coming European offensive, and possibly, even to starve the British into submission.

Last year German subs and bombers sank some 13,500,000 tons of Allied shipping, thus nullifying all new U. S. and British construction. In addition, much precious war cargo went to the bottom of the ships...

Doenitz was the originator three years ago of the U-boat technique known as the "Rudel-system" or "wolf-pack," as the British named it. It consists of a number of submarines attacking the center of a convoy, preferably at night, firing torpedoes in every direction, and then slipping away...

However, despite Doenitz' efforts, the war at sea seems to be turned definitely in favor of the Allies. New ships came from all shipyards 7 to 10 times faster than Doenitz could sink them in a month. Hitler is finding, as the Kaiser did before him, that he cannot win the war with his U-boat fleets.

Due to post-war conditions which do you think will be the safest bet after peace comes: a business; a profession; or a farm?

W. C. Allen—"By all means a farm."

Grady Boyd—"Conditions will be so revolutionized after this war that it would be hard for anyone to tell what will be best."

Noble Garrett—"I would say a business, that is, if the man keeps his head and changes with the changing conditions."

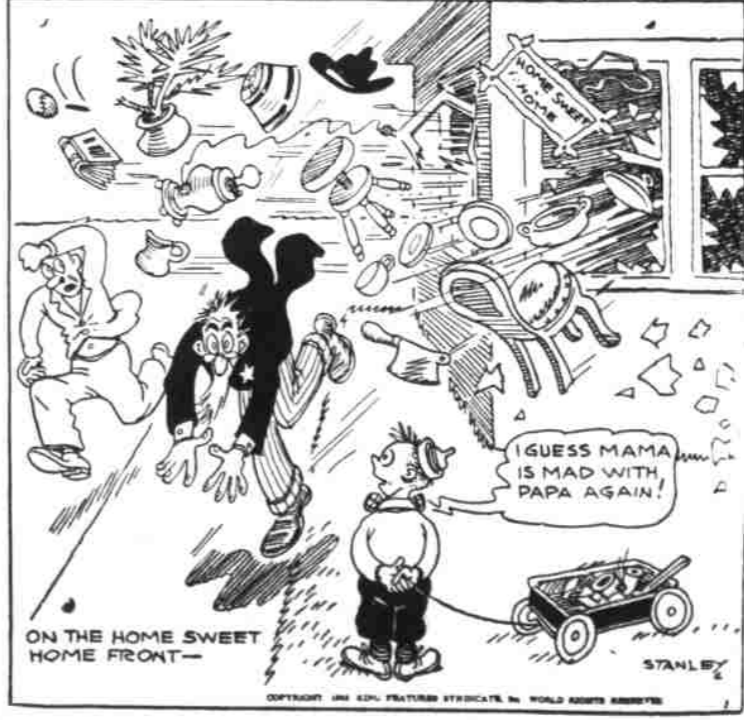
Mary Medford—"It seems to me as if business will be more uncertain, for after the war a slump will probably be experienced in most industries. Of course some new businesses will start up then, but in those cases manufacturers will have to go through a test period in order to determine the demand for their products. I think that generally the professional field will be pretty sound after the war, but taking everything into consideration my opinion is that the farm will probably be safest. Of course there will be a slump in farm production...

Henry Davis—"I think a business will be the safest bet after the war."

E. L. Withers—"I think a business is the safest bet after the war. A man is trained in a business field, and he will be the best equipped man for the post-war world."

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THE OLD HOME TOWN



NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA HAYWOOD COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK C. N. ALLEN, Administrator Estate of W. A. Withers Deceased.

NELL W. McCLURE, et al. The defendant's Hazel W. Gan, Claude B. Morgan, Robert Withers, Ann W. Suplee and Philip Withers will take notice...