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 (One Day Nearer Victory)

Time Is Short

Life seems to be stepped up all about us. It seems strange to be mailing Christmas gifts in September and October, but if our men in services overseas have any Christmas from back home, the time for mailing packages is getting very short.

Last year we are told that the Army postal service handled 5,000,000 packages and this year it will be many times greater. This involves a lot of work, since every package is opened and inspected.

J. Harden Howell, postmaster, is warning those who post letters and packages about getting articles addressed correctly. He recently told us of a number of important looking letters that would eventually find their way to the dead letter office, all to soldiers somewhere expecting to hear from home.

Mr. Howell also warns against not putting sufficient postage on letters, and those with no return address on them.

It is said that last Christmas ten per cent of the packages sent to men in service were addressed incorrectly. The soldier's full name, rank, army serial number, service organization and unit, OPA number and port of embarkation postmaster must be included if the man is to receive the package sent him. If it is worth sending it should certainly be worth the effort to do the thing up correctly.

Another thing the post office is urging that packages and cards going overseas be mailed as promptly as possible. Just imagine what it would be here in our own local post office if everybody waited until the last day or two to send their overseas mail.

In these warnings there is no attempt from the post office to curb the Christmas spirit that should be sent across the sea, but rather the warnings are in the interest of getting Christmas to the boys over there.

Advertising Its Advertising

In the September issue of Southern Advertising Governor Broughton "pulls out of the bag all the tricks used by this state during the past four or five years in what the Governor calls a broad and constructive program of advertising dealing with agricultural, industrial, scenic and sports advantages of North Carolina."

The Governor recommends an advertising program to other states and points out the results of the North Carolina program, which has been "more than gratifying."

In this particular section we would heartily agree with the Governor. We feel that the West profited a great deal by the advertising program of the state, both from the angle of the vacationist as well as attracting industry.

Governor Broughton also states in his article that the necessity for getting out of the congested areas, has been a factor in bringing plants to this state.

He points out that "no industrial concern of a substantial nature that has located in North Carolina during the last 40 years has removed from the state. Southern states have a story to tell, according to the Governor, and they will miss a great opportunity unless they use every reasonable means for advertising such resources and advantages.

One of the simplest ways to save butter is to stop serving it with dinner.

Memorials

We wish to commend the proposed plan of the local post of the American Legion for honoring the casualties of World War No. II. It is fitting that the men of World War No. I do honor to those of the current war.

Few veterans of the World War I are in the service from this area, but they know the sacrifice of war and they wish to publicly show respect to their comrades who are carrying on.

We feel that the people of this community will lend every effort to make of the occasion an impressive event.

Increasing

Two years ago the U. S. Army had fewer than 350 generals. Today it can be known as the army of a thousand generals, for to be exact on July 1, of this year the count had reached 1,065.

Only 45 of them have the rank permanently, all of the other 1,020 being temporary appointments. Of the 1,065, only five are full generals, 25 lieutenant generals, 271 major generals and 765 brigadiers.

Nearly all of them are regular Army men, the exceptions being 18 from the reserve corps, 80 from the National Guard and nine promoted to stars after being commissioned to lower grades from civilian life.

Two years ago there was one general for every 4,200 men, while today there is one general for every 6,400 men.

Stray Dogs

For sometime complaints have been coming in about stray dogs. They have come from local people. They have come from visitors from other sections who state that they have never seen as many stray dogs in one community as they have found here.

A number of things have happened recently that have brought the matter to what might well be termed a "show down." Definite action will have to be taken.

Not so long ago a dog running loose on the street knocked down an elderly woman, who suffered serious injuries from the effects of the fall.

We have heard of numerous instances where small children have been knocked down. Now children naturally are very fond of dogs, if they get to know them in the right way, but to be knocked down when very young by an old stray dog is not calculated to inspire a love of animals in little children.

We have heard of dogs collecting around the elementary schools to such an extent that they are a menace to the students.

We hear complaints from home owners that dogs without tags, so naturally they conclude must be stray dogs, are a nuisance around their premises prowling at night, knocking over garbage cans, and arousing their families and guests from their sleep.

We realize that there are laws regarding dogs, so we are calling on the authorities to take up this matter and see if the community can not be rid of these dogs who have no owners. We also are making an appeal to all dog owners to keep their animals at home.

How To Get More Eggs

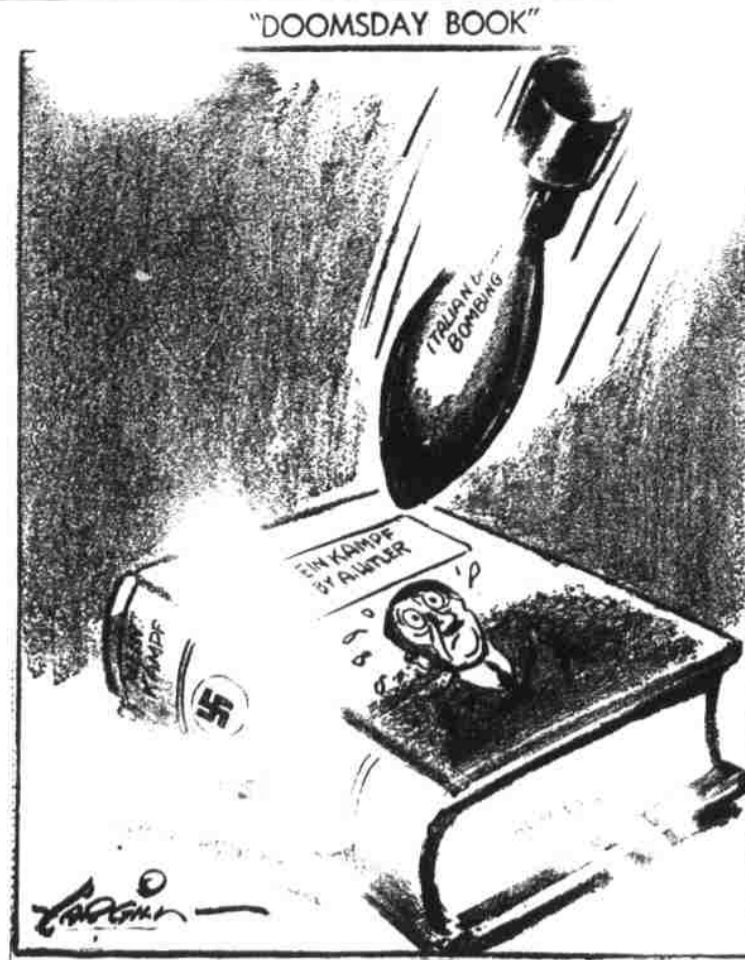
A judge has recently ruled that a hen is not necessarily a nuisance just because she is a hen. The decision is in accord with the law and the sentiments of those who happen to enjoy the full confidence of this food producer. Since the chicken-for-dinner-every-Sunday era, early in the century, the poultry business has become a major farm enterprise. There are many farms that have from five to ten thousand layers; some hatcheries count baby chicks by the million.

Mass-production methods have submerged the personalities of individual hens and something should be done about it. Only those who have a small farm flock or a bevy in a suburban backyard know the satisfying joys of individual friendships.

Each hen is a distinct, rugged individual; each has its own traits of character. Some are extroverts, genial, trusting, and keenly interested in local politics and current events. Some are introverts; they are broody in the broad sense; and do not mix well with their fellows. Some are careless, gay, and take no thought of the morrow. Some are serious, earnest, and deeply concerned with the responsibilities of hen existence.—Christian Science Monitor.

"It doesn't cost anything to hope."—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau.

Anybody can buy all the War Bonds they can. A real patriot buys some he "can't."



HERE and THERE

By
 HILDA WAY GWYN

Time was when the office of the register of deeds was a place that centered on the registration of deeds . . . but not now . . . the necessity for birth certificates in so many jobs and positions . . . has reduced the deeds to a second place . . . for the calls come so thick and fast for birth certificates . . . that registration of deeds have to be sandwiched in between times. . . Birth Certificates requests average fifty a week . . . and come from all over the United States . . . you would be surprised to know how many people seemed to have been born in Haywood county . . . during the past few months, Cedro Valley, way out in Washington has led the out of state applications . . . a perfect colony of Pines Creek folks left here and went out there a few years ago and they are still getting birth certificates from Haywood. . .

Recently Bryan Medford, register of deeds and "Miss Hattie" McCracken had a bit of trouble in persuading an out of state preacher, that he had not been born into his "Reverend" capacity . . . but he insisted that his birth certificate read "the Reverend" . . . but the application that has capped the climax for intensive information was the one from a couple, who wanted the births of their parents, themselves, and their children established . . . and a copy of their divorce thrown in for good measure. . .

Since we have been so set against drafting 18-year-olds . . . we find ourselves rather confused when we write up these youngsters . . . as they volunteer, are inducted and transferred from place to place . . . now they are actually "men" in service . . . but we find it hard to call them anything but "boys" . . . we heard through the grapevine route, that we have "mortally wounded" one young fellow . . . by writing about him in the Mountaineer as "Young so and so" . . . and he got a lot of kidding in camp about being "young" . . . We apologize, but Son, don't worry . . . the years will slide by fast enough . . . and it is hard to keep up with you fellows . . . think back . . . why some of you were too young to think of entering the service at the outbreak of Pearl Harbor . . . and now you are seasoned soldiers, some of you overseas. . .

Waynesville may not have been considered a shopping metropolis in years gone by . . . but this summer it has been . . . For the visitors who have traveled far and wide . . . many of them hailing from large cities . . . have bought everything from canned peaches to safety pins . . . from sheets to butcher knives . . . fountain pens . . . can

openers . . . coffee pots . . . pans . . . One Florida tourist found a certain kind of suit case, she had been hunting at home . . . and was obsolete in her section. . . We heard of one who got herself a steak beater (she is at least optimistic) . . . We understand that, tea and cocoa have been packed in many a bag leaving here . . . dry-goods by the bolt . . . canned foods of all kinds . . . and even furniture.

A recent letter from Lt. Richard Queen, member of the famous Soco Gap team, who is now stationed in New Guinea . . . told of meeting Sergeant Jack Limer of Ratcliff Cove . . . and that he had invited him to a barbecue . . . and the pig had been flown over 4,000 miles for the American forces . . . so it makes us feel good as how things our American soldiers how things our American soldiers liked back home are being furnished them even when they are overseas. . .

From the pen of Maude Harget in the Washington Times-Herald we quote the following . . . which will help us all to realize how lucky is the role of the civilian. . .

A SOLDIER SPEAKS
 So you're sick of the way the country's run,
 And you're sick of the way the rationing's done,
 And you're sick of standing around in a line,
 You're sick, you say—well that's just fine.
 So am I sick of the sun and the heat,
 And I'm sick of the feel of my aching feet,
 And I'm sick of the mud and the jungle flies,
 And I'm sick of the stench when the night mists rise,
 And I'm sick of the siren's wailing shriek,
 And I'm sick of the groans of the wounded and weak,
 And I'm sick of the sound of the bomber's dive,
 And I'm sick of seeing the dead alive,
 And I'm sick of the roar of the noise and the din,
 And I'm sick of the taste of food from a tin,
 And I'm sick of slaughter—I'm sick to my soul,
 I'm sick of playing a killer's roll,
 And I'm sick of blood and of death and the smell,
 And I'm even sick of myself as well,
 But I'm sicker still of a tyrant's rule,
 And conquered lands where the wild beasts drool,
 And I am cured damn quick when I think of the day,
 When all this hell will be out of the way,
 When none of this mess will have



Inside WASHINGTON

Army Trans-Oceanic Flights | WPB Amended Knitwear Ord.
 Hailed as Great Achievement | Won't Affect Sweater Gen.

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Unpublicized as yet are the trans-oceanic flight records that are being hung up now by Army transport planes. The "lid" of secrecy may be lifted almost any day on the special achievements.

The Army's chest is swelling with pride at the work which is being done by its giant four-motored transport planes. Some of the flights that have been made, especially to the Australian theater, back, may soon be disclosed.

Army airmen say the transport service really saved the day in number of scattered war fronts, since if it had not been for the branch of the service the United States would never have staged a quick comeback after the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Instead of waiting for weeks and perhaps months for supplies and reinforcements from surface ships, American air forces in foreign areas were able to keep operating enough to turn the tide against the Japs. Subsequently, American planes turned out the material that paved the way for the current land, sea and air offensive in the Pacific.

Cargo Planes Kept Japs Off Balance

AS MARK TWAIN said about his death, the demise of the "sweater girl" has been grossly exaggerated.

Recent new stories which heralded WPB's amended knitwear order as meaning the extinction of the Lana Turner-Anne Sheridan type simply are not true.

WPB hastens to assure the American male that sweater girls will be "bigger and busier than before."

"The order leaves the sweater girl with everything she wants," a spokesman declared.

The amended regulation simply bans frills, flowers and spangly sweaters and eliminates so-called Tyrolean and Cockatoo styles. It does not touch the plain pull-over type garment which has been the sweater girl's glory.

"The average person going into the stores will not notice any difference in sweaters," WPB said. "Most of the changes already have taken place."

"The sweater girl is intact."

JOHN CITIZEN, still unable to distinguish the new penny dime, will not be further baffled by having a new 3-cent piece put at him. At least the treasury hints that the much-misused 3-cent piece probably will not be put in circulation.

However, there will be more of the zinc-covered steel pennies, there will be no surcease of sorrow for street car conductors and bus operators.

The treasury has the "green light" to produce new 3-cent coins. But the reason it may never see the light of day is that there is an ample supply of No. 3 pennies and no shortage of metals to make more.

A treasury spokesman said the new coin might cause more confusion. Moreover, counting machines in banks would immediately become obsolete, since they are made to handle only coins now in circulation.

Only if the penny situation should unexpectedly get tight will new coins be brought out.

OWEN J. ROBERTS, associate justice of the supreme court, and other members of a special committee are planning carefully with members of the armed forces to save Europe's historic monuments from destruction during the Allied invasion.

On the list are Europe's famous cathedrals, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the ruins of the Coliseum and the Eiffel tower.

tion of small toilet articles could not be had in the vicinity which the man in service is stationed.

Mrs. W. L. McCracken—"The question that I am trying right to decide, I have about made my mind to send my son a set of small articles, that he get on the battle front."

J. E. Massie—"I would send movie camera, if one could buy and also get the films."

Ches George—"A Bible, cigarettes."

J. C. Reece—"Cigarettes."

L. N. Davis—"A scatter watch, and it need not be expensive."

R. C. McBride—"Judging of the inquiries we have I would send razors and candy, and also a long letter from home."

E. L. Withers—"One of those little toilet kits seem the best to me."

MORE LEATHER FOR SHIRT REPAIR

More leather will be available for repair of civilian shoes as the result of a recent WPB order.

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