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A Good Place To Live

The manner in which business enterprises of this county backed the 4-H Club boys and their fat calves at the recent annual Stock Show is sufficient proof that there is 100 per cent cooperation between the two groups.

The public at large displayed much interest in the enterprise, and the sale of the prize beef at most of the markets here over the week-end met with success.

The entire undertaking was one of goodwill from one group towards the other and not for monetary gain.

Such cooperation is further proof of what we have been saying all these years—"Haywood Is A Good Place To Live."

Wanted--Work Room

We have an exceptionally fine troop of Girl Scouts in our community and have had for a number of years—a credit both to the high type of leadership and to the girls themselves.

We feel sure that anyone who saw the Girl Scout troop marching to church last Sunday with their leaders, was impressed with the group.

There is a certain period in the lives of both boys and girls in passing from childhood into youth that needs special activities and diversion to worthwhile things.

While the girls do not have as much physical activity on their program as the boys, they make up for it in creative efforts. In order to do so a room especially designed for their use should be furnished them so that they may work together.

There are around fifty girls now enrolled in the local Girl Scout troop. They are trying to carry on their work in the old library room at the Central Elementary school.

This work, if it has proven anything has shown us that the women can take it, shoulder to shoulder with the men.

This is a challenge to the citizens of this area. Who has a large vacant room they will offer to the Girl Scouts? Who has one they would rent for a nominal sum?

Women Trainers

In Mexican campaigns the women always accompany their husbands in the army, so the soldiers are always kept in fighting trim.

Welcome, Club Women

We take this opportunity in the name of the citizens of Waynesville to extend a welcome to the members of the eighteen Haywood County Home Demonstration Clubs who are holding their annual Achievement Day program in the courthouse today.

Six years ago the first clubs were organized in Haywood County. Today they represent the largest organized group of women in the county, more than 500 strong.

A lot of women's organizations tend to take the women from their homes, but not so the Home Demonstration Clubs, for their object is to enable their members to make their homes more attractive and convenient, so that their families may enjoy life in a more pleasant and comfortable manner.

The standards in rural living in Haywood County have made tremendous strides in the past six years. There have been numbers of reasons for this, better roads, more cash crops, better equipment, and a more cooperative spirit between the men and the women.

The exhibits on display from year to year, as well as their homes, are definite proof of what their club work has done and is doing for them.

The town is yours today. You will have the right-of-way. We hope you have time after your meeting to browse about and enjoy a real holiday, richly earned by being good housewives, mothers and club members.

Militant Christians

Five thousand persons, representing Protestant denominations, have organized the Christian Mission for World Order. They represent 25 million people who are pressing what they call the Six Pillars of Peace.

- 1. An enduring international political organization. 2. Economic and financial collaboration of national governments. 3. Provision for such changes in the peace structure as may be required by changing conditions.

Between November 1 and 20, six major interdenominational groups will visit 102 cities in 36 states stressing the need for a post-war world based on Christian principles.

They wish to present a different picture of Christian activity than existed when many religious leaders declared for the League of Nations and then went to sleep while the Lodges and Reeds sabotaged the only hope of securing lasting world peace.

Registration By-Products

Registration for the fourth ration book has had worth-while effects, according to the Christian Science Monitor. First, is the fresh emphasis on the fact that rationing is based primarily on the neighborly idea of sharing fairly so, that everyone can have enough, and only secondarily on the need to prevent anyone from taking too much.

The paper also pointed out the fact that the voluntary work of the teachers as clerks, often in cases long after dark, reinforced the impression of community cooperation.

The second valuable effect pointed out was of the registration experience of many citizens who have no-school age children, with the brief contact with the school teachers.

About Right

He left his wife \$500 to buy a memorial stone after he died, and she thought a diamond would be just about right.—Florida Times-Union.

WATCH ON THE RHINE



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Outside of personal loss in the casualty lists, the present coal shortage is, perhaps, the first real pinch that the war has brought to us in this section.

We were assured in good faith, we feel certain by the coal dealers that after the middle of November coal would start moving in this area and that there was no actual shortage, but before relief seems in sight for us here there is not only a shortage, but real suffering, we are told. We have avoided writing about the coal situation for we read so many contradictory reports in the papers that it is difficult to know the true conditions.

No matter whether a man wants to leave his home and fight or not, if the draft board classifies him in I-A without deferment he has to go. We are not complaining about this system. It is a just and fair one.

The world has become a mighty small place today, and we hate to feel that in such a crisis as this we could not manage our home affairs better than this. Don't you know that Hitler is enjoying our situation. We feel sure it is being publicized as a proof of the discord of America and played up as a great show of our weakening.

to loose faith. This is bad at a time like this.

Enough of an unpleasant subject. We heard a woman during the week say, "I am simply going to cut down my Christmas card list, what is the use of sending cards to people you never think about, but have just formed the habit of sending a card, because they send to you, I am going to revise my list and cut it to the bone."

Voice OF THE People

Do you approve of a fourth term for President Roosevelt?

Chas. C. Francis—"Sure, I do, one hundred per cent."

Roy Parkman—"I think President Roosevelt has made a good president, but I think he has served his time, and we should elect someone else."

M. G. Stamey—"Yes, I do. Since the Moscow Conference, Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin seem to have a perfect understanding and agreement, as to the manner, and way in which the war will be prosecuted, to a complete and smashing victory over the enemy — and also

Inside WASHINGTON

Many a Rough Surprise Ahead for German Army Stormovik Planes Tough for Nazi Tanks

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—There are many new and nasty surprises in the German as the United Nations storm ahead on the embattled road to Berlin.

Along with a general discussion of the Russian-occupied front in western France, United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov and their aides will discuss new weapons of war to hasten the end of the global conflict.

Informed sources now are certain that Hull and Eden will tell Molotov that no French front can be opened up until spring—probably May—when the usually turbulent waters of the English channel are calm.

But new implements of war will be ready when the time comes to strike. These are being developed and tested in American and British laboratories at trial fields in the utmost secrecy they will meet than counteract any surprises which the German scientists have store for the invaders from the democracies.

Responsible quarters think it unlikely that Hitler will use gas as a last desperate gamble to prevent defeat. They hasten to point out that vast supplies of gas are available to the United Nations—and that the Nazis would come off a terrible second best in war's extremest savagery.

In the field of secret weapons, the Russians have gone the Nazi one better: in mass-producing a "tank buster" on wings. This lethal device has smashed entire Panzer divisions to bits on the Russian plains.

The Russian cannon-carrying, armored Stormovik fighting plane is credited with being one of the most potent counter weapons that has sent the German legions reeling groggily backward across Ukraine and beyond the Dnieper.

One American observer recently returned from Russia was so enthusiastic in his praise of the Stormovik that he declared, "The flying tank buster has outmoded the armored forces."

Military experts are not quite so positive in their statements, but they agree that the Stormovik is a "red hot" counter to the tank forces and has been a potent factor in stopping the Germans.

The plane is virtually a flying steel hull. The entire fuselage enclosing the engine, cannons, pilot and observer machine gunner, even the gasoline tanks—is sheathed in armored steel that will withstand anything short of a direct hit by a heavy-caliber shell.

Fifty-caliber machine gun bullets bounce off this armored shell like pebbles. Even the propeller boss, housing the mechanism of changing the propeller pitch, is armored.

The plane carries two armor-piercing 37-mm cannon, flies at high speed in low altitude attacks and has even knocked out the German Tiger tank—a 60-ton monster.

ONE SOLDIER stationed in Washington will have an epistolary to hand down to his grandchildren which does not concern the war at all.

The other day, leaving the war department, he stepped into a cab and asked the driver to take him to the Army War college, but under wartime regulations the cab had to pick up a full load before leaving.

A couple of minutes later a lieutenant and a captain, whose identities must remain secret, came along and upon being informed of the cab's destination, Face Re

Hardly had the machine left the Pentagon building when the captain curtly said, "Driver, we are in a hurry to reach the Union station. Take us there first and then you can drop your other passengers at the War college."

For a moment the silence was so thick it could be cut. Then the cabbie to the captain: "The law says the first passenger dictates the route of the cab . . . when you got in I told you I was headed for the War college, and," the cabbie laconically continued, "I hope you like it, sir, because that's where you're going!"

anyone else. We should have political issues right now."

Miss Edna Hayes—"Yes, I prove of President Roosevelt a fourth term."

C. E. Williams—"I will be in favor of President Roosevelt, if war goes on, but if the war ends, I think we should make a change."

Graydon Ferguson—"Why, course, by all means, that we are still at war."

Letters To The Editor

THEY HAVE DONE IT AGAIN

Editor The Mountaineer:

Who have?—Mayor Jack and his fellow co-workers on Town Board of Aldermen, County Manager George Brown and his Board of County Commissioners.

What have they done? They have lowered our taxes AGAIN the second time in two consecutive years—and that is no insignificant matter to us taxpayers.

This has been done at a time when Federal taxes are soaring to the skies, when wages are lowing suit, and when matter of all sorts of public works almost as scarce as hen's teeth.

Yet public works are being pushed forward. If you do not believe for Waynesville, just look at you. See what Alderman Boyd lett has done on that "sore thumb" at the intersection of Boyd and Main, Brown Hill Road, and street running south by the School. Then go all over town and see where he has repaired defective street paving. This before I left town September 12.

Further, this enterprising Commissioner told me in September that he proposed to tear broken sidewalks all over town. With county affairs, I am fortunately not so conversant. You who live in Waynesville see these things every day—and as they are being done—and they do one who comes home a year. And for this very reason I am taking it on myself to write this "piece" for the paper and suggest that our people express their appreciation to town and county officials for what they have done and are doing for us.

E. W. GUDGEON

Nothing can make a man's mission a shanty quicker than the collector.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY

