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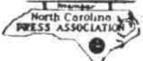
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Getting Scarcer

We have noticed an increasing number of baskets and improvised containers to carry home groceries during the past few weeks, due to a large part to the scarcity of paper bags. We might as well get ready to take our own paper with us, as far as news from Washington goes as to the paper situation.

We are told that paper was ahead of the game prior to the war, but that now it is "underbuilt", from the viewpoint of use by the consumer. Paper is made from pulp and pulp from wood, and since there is a greater shortage of wood there is of necessity a greater shortage of pulp. This is due in large part to the lack of manpower and the large amount of wood that the armed forces are needing.

So it is up to the folks who are shopping to take their packages unwrapped. On the other hand the men on our Haywood county farms who can cut more pulp wood should also lend a hand. We realize that many of these men who formerly handled the wood are now scattered in the service and at other jobs. Those who are left will have to double up, so that the paper shortage will not be too acute before peace comes.

While on the subject we wonder if the propaganda that comes through our mails each day is as necessary as its senders may think. Certainly some of it does not aid the war effort in any direct manner.

Let's Change Our Viewpoint

Since the Allies scaled the cliffs in France most of us have been living in an expectant state of mind, hoping that overnight we might hear the glad tidings of the surrender of Germany. Now the time has come for us to stop such day dreaming.

Every man who returns to this community from combat duty overseas is amazed at the cheerful attitude we here at home have of conditions on the battling front and our optimistic ideas on the length of the duration. Now these men coming from the European war theatre and the Pacific area may not have any official dope on the subject, but they know a good deal more about conditions than we do here at home.

We have decided that we had better listen to these men and change our viewpoint about how soon it will be before Germany gives up. We seem to forget how long Germany has been planning this war and how more than ready they were, with reserves of which we apparently knew nothing about stored up against this very day.

It isn't fair to our men in the combat areas to keep thinking that it will be over tomorrow. Let us settle down with more determination than ever to keep pace in sacrifice with our men. Let us learn to do without things with better grace, and not be dreaming that we will wake up some morning soon and it will all be over. When the last shot is fired does not mean that we will suddenly be sunk in the luxury of a country once again at peace. Our army and navy will be on the job long after hostilities have ceased and it will mean that many of our men who have been expected home will be in uniform sometime after.

Let us be practical over the situation and face the fact that we don't know just what is going on in Germany in war any more than we evidently knew when the people were supposed to be at peace.

Thanksgiving 1944

It has been said that often it takes trouble and hardships to bring home the realization of blessings. Perhaps it is true with us in America today. We have lived so long in a land of plenty and freedom that we lost somewhere along the years our proper value of things. The past three years however should have taught us what we had to be grateful for, even though we often forgot our blessings in the past in the very multiplicity of them.

Today we know as never before that there is a price tag and a high one at that on our American heritage. This Thanksgiving Day cannot be like those of other years. Perhaps it will find us with more understanding of the gratitude with which the pioneers observed the day back in the beginnings of our country.

They learned the meaning of Thanksgiving Day the hard way, just as we are being forced after years of countless blessings. There will be few homes throughout this nation where the family circle will be complete. Yet there will also be greater gratitude among those families who have not suffered casualties than there was last year. Through the suffering of others we have learned a deeper meaning of our own blessings.

The closing verse of a poem by Grace Nell Crowell expresses better than we our sentiments at this season:

"Only Thy might has stayed us, God,
 Only Thy mercy kept us sane.
 Unfailingly Thy love has sent
 The dawn, the sun, the stars the rain;
 For every good unmerited award
 We kneel today to thank Thee, Lord."

Tax Revision Movement Goes Forward

The Charlotte Observer, leading the movement in North Carolina for revision of the taxing system, reports steady progress. The latest report on the movement made by the Charlotte newspaper shows that it has been heartily endorsed by the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association, State Association of Real Estate Boards, the North Carolina Association of Commercial Secretaries, the Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association and the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

Other organizations and individuals had previously taken action or spoken in favor of the proposal. Governor-elect R. Gregg Cherry is reported as approving the movement to give study to the taxing system and the problems of taxation, with a view to making such changes and revisions and improvements as it is believed will encourage the industrial and business growth of the State.

The Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association, of which the weekly and semi-weekly newspapers of about 25 mountain counties are members, adopted the following resolution at its meeting in Asheville October 28:

"Whereas, it is the conviction of the members of the Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association that postwar conditions will bring to our state unprecedented opportunities for industrial and business expansion, and

"Whereas, it is our judgment that the future prosperity of our people and of our state depends in large measure upon the procurement of more industries in order that more wealth may be created, more jobs provided for our working people, and greater revenues derived for the extension of the public services for the benefit of all our people; therefore,

"Be it resolved, by the Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association that we heartily endorse the movement now gaining such state-wide recognition looking toward a complete reexamination of the tax structure now in effect in North Carolina with a view of placing North Carolina in a more advantageous position to compete with our sister states in the South in bringing new industries and encouraging outside capital to locate and to invest in our other abundant opportunities and resources."

Evidently, the tax revision movement is steadily gaining endorsement of the State's citizenry and it is expected that the Legislature will give earnest consideration to the matter when it convenes next year. The proposal is a movement in the right direction and is calculated to encourage and lead to industrial and business expansion of vast volume in the years following the war.

Questioning your wife's judgment is a reflection on yourself. She used it when she selected you.



HERE and THERE

By
 HILDA WAY GWYN

Often we find ourselves counting the improvements in our community. During the past few years we have observed our steady progress in the light of a great panorama, with pride and interest, as it has been recorded in the pages of The Mountaineer. Look back yourself and you will get a thrill out of it as you consider the expansion of industry—how it has given employment to hundreds of persons who might have had to seek jobs away from home—think of the growth of business in general, of the new buildings. It is gratifying to note that our cultural life has not been overlooked in this growth. Look at our fine civic groups, alive, working for the betterment of our community. The county library with its growing circulation is another proof. The carillon bells which sent their melodious notes through the community on Sunday afternoon give further evidence that the cultural growth is going along with the material.

We would like to commend the donors on their generosity and their choice of a memorial. While the gift was made to the First Methodist Church the very nature of it makes it community-wide in its service. We have the feeling that each time they are played they will help someone, untighten somebody's nerves, give a moment of spiritual uplift that will feed some listener's soul. They will give deeper meaning to special days, like Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter, when we understand they are to be played. They will be an asset to our community, that we will enjoy as well as the visitors. We have the feeling that the playing of the bells will become traditional in our community, a memorial that will be part of our lives.

Pride and love reflected on the human face are hard to put into words. There is a poignant something that does not lend itself to expression. Yet often recently we have had a desire to paint such a picture in writing. Last week we dropped by Massie's Department Store to speak to Mrs. Jarvis Morrow, to get some information about one of her sons. The paper had received a notice that he had been awarded the Croix de Guerre, that much valued recognition from the French government. We wanted some information about him for the story, how long he had been overseas. We referred to the great honor in our conversation and she did not hear the good news. While we can't tell you how Mrs. Morrow looked—we guess any mother or father could picture her expression—blinking her eyes to squeeze back the tears. What mother wouldn't? News travels fast. Later in the day a sweet little blond shyly stopped us on the street and said, "Mrs. Gwyn is it really true about Donald Morrow getting that French award?" And we said, "Yes, and are you a special..." and before we could finish, she said, "Yes'm we are."

Col. J. Harden Howell contributed the following story for use here this week, supposedly true story from the Pacific war theater. A Marine in the Makin Island assault, accidentally sat in a large can of red paint on one of the landing barges, and a large red splotch was left on the back of his pants. The landing effected the Marine laying on his stomach firing at Japs, when a medical man happened along and mistook the paint for blood. He began snipping with scissors while the Marine continued firing. It wasn't until the entire seat of his pants had been cut out that the Marine in the heat of firing laid down his gun, looked over his shoulder and growled, "What the Hell are you doing?"

We are glad for the sake of the

youngsters that the school authorities decided to give a full holiday on Thanksgiving. What difference will one day make next Spring? The game between Waynesville and Canton teams has become a local classic and the rivalry between the two is like a good healthy tonic for both sides. It makes the boys give the best they have for the honor of their home teams. While we are all for taking the war seriously, we believe that our Haywood boys in camps in this country and overseas would like to think that this annual event is taking place back home, whether they are here to enjoy it or not.

It is a little hard for most of us to realize that our customs and current events make history for the future. The State Historical Commission however, is just as busy, perhaps more so, trying to save the present for future generations as to collect the past for the present. Mrs. F. H. Marley has been named to collect current material for the commission. We asked what she meant for current material and this was in part her answer: "I was told to collect programs of civic organizations, posters made by school children; to borrow letters their families receive from men overseas of special interest that they may be copied by the State Historical Commission; to collect church bulletins; to get clippings of special interest from papers that give information about life today in the community. I miss if I did not quite realize at first until it was pointed out, that a hundred years from now this material will show how we lived and our ideas about things." Mrs. Marley is asking that any person who has material they would like to contribute to the commission to leave it at the Haywood County Library for her or get in touch with her at Oak Park.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
 Central Press Writer

JAPANESE sailors have at least this satisfaction: From now on their ships probably will be sunk so close to home they can swim for it.

Hirohito to his admirals: "Congratulations—it took 'em nearly three years to catch you."

Plastic paper is now promised for the walls of the post-war house. If it has walls.

Some German industrial cities, we read, have abandoned the blackout and keep their lights on at night. Probably to

show the world that there's still a little left of them.

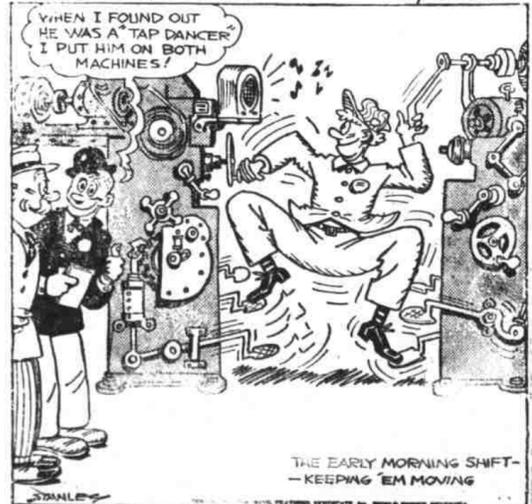
An eastern doctor runs movies for his patients in his waiting room. What, no free china dishes?

The Jap navy, points out Grandpappy Jenkins, used to do its own hiding until the Allies gave it a better one.

The Russians have seized one of Fatsio Goering's estates in East Prussia. Bet they found the icebox empty.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



THE EARLY MORNING SHIFT—KEEPING 'EM MOVING

Inside WASHINGTON

Fear Nazis May Demolish Dutch Industrial Set-up
 Many Washington Agencies Being Cut and Streamlined
 Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Considerable concern is being felt in Washington circles for Holland as a result of the thorough job the Germans did in demolishing Italian industry.

The reason is that the Germans have had more time to carry out programs of demolition in large parts of Holland than they did in France. France escaped the thoroughness of the German demolition program because the Nazi hordes were running too fast.

But in Holland, Allied forces have been down, and this recalled what happened in Italy. The Germans had time to carry out a thorough demolition program.

The job they did there, government officials were a model of diabolical ingenuity. They wrecked practically every power plant in the country and carried out clever sabotage jobs in numerous factories, with the result that Italian industry was virtually destroyed—completely knocked out. For example, time bombs were floated down sewers, where they would explode in the most inaccessible places. Officials observed that planned demolition is much more thorough than bombing which is a comparatively hit or miss proposition.

STREAMLINING of many of Washington's war agencies is under way. The War Production Board, for instance, is planned to be cut down by 10 per cent in November on its personnel, already eliminated some divisions and bureaus and is planning to eliminate others.

The first move in this direction among the war agencies was the late in the summer when Rubber Director Bradley Dewey recommended that his rubber office be abolished Sept. 1 as an independent unit and incorporated as a division in WPB.

Although most of the rubber employees were retained under the move was a telltale straw in the wind. Other agencies which become less important as the war moves toward its conclusion include the War Manpower Commission, the Defense Transportation Office, Office of Civilian Defense and Office of War Information.

The Office of Price Administration is one agency, however, more—instead of less—work appears imminent as peace draws near. OPA Administrator Chester Bowles has found that rationing slackened considerably within his agency.

However, the load on the price staff of OPA has increased because of the job entailed in putting prices on civilian goods which will be appearing after VJ-day in Europe.

PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL AIRLINES discloses that Gail Galt plans to give up her job as a motion picture star after the war and return to studying law.

Miss Patrick is known in private life as the wife of Lt. Arnold D. White who is learning to fly naval transports at PCA's transitional school at Roanoke, Va.

The war interrupted White's legal education and Hollywood Gail's final law training. Both will go back to school post-war.

FORMER DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR CHARLES EDISON New Jersey is believed to have found disfavor with FDR who bluntly informed the president that New Jersey will go for Dewey.

However, Edison—son of the late great inventor, Thomas A. Edison—seeks no New Deal favors. His frank statement probably marks the departure of another one-time party worker from the Democratic ranks.

Edison told FDR that the Hague political machine had driven independent voters into the Republican camp.

The Voice Of The People

Do you think that civilians in general are taking the war seriously enough today?

Rev. J. Clay Madison—"Generally no, and many who are taking the war with due seriousness are not expressing their seriousness in the right way."

Mrs. James R. Boyd, Jr.—"I think that people who have relatives in the war are taking it seriously enough today, but those who are not directly concerned are not."

Mrs. Carroll Bell—"Yes, I do."

Mrs. Gladys Burgin—"I certainly do not."

Ralph Prevost—"I don't believe

they are. I am just back business trip to Chicago and do not seem to be much about the war."

Paul Martin—"No, except who have men in service from own families. The general public do not take it seriously."

Dan Watkins—"Yes, I think the average person is taking it seriously. The American people do not go around in a mourning."

Joe Davis—"I think the city of the people are taking war pretty seriously."

J. E. Massie—"I am really they are not. I believe I'm too optimistic about the future."

Mrs. J. B. Siler—"I believe the people are really taking the war seriously."

Farm Questions and Answers

Question: How long can my hogs during the war?

Answer: Since you are in North Carolina, you are entitled for 10 to 12 months, say Vesta, Extension Service at State College. He says Charles Bonner, a tenant of Duplin county living in Waynesville, grazed his hogs on a meadow this summer during weather and later transferred to soybeans. Two sows and pigs are now grazing on four-fifths of an acre of rye grass and they are eating all of the feed. This grazing crop was planted September 10 and the seed heavy. The corn plants are in good shape, rape and clover are ready for early spring grazing. Hogs are now getting a corn ration along with an amount of protein supplied all the minerals they need.

Question: What should be the given additional feed for fall?

Answer: The conditions pastures and grazing crops terminate this, says L. A. charge of Extension Service at State College. He says that cattle should be allowed to lose too much weight in the fall. If pasture and feed are insufficient to maintain animals in strong condition, supplementary feeding is cheaper to hold animals in good condition than to fatten them and then try to put them back on them. Case says