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A Necessary Change

Effective the 15th, there will be a slight change in the subscription price of The Mountaineer.

Besides the increased cost of newsprint, the cost of production in every department of publishing a newspaper has steadily climbed.

The slight increase made in subscription rates now brings The Mountaineer rates up to what other papers of the same size have charged for many years.

Once Again

With pride we record that we have gone over the top in this community in the Red Cross war fund campaign.

Never has the American man in the armed forces needed the services and comfort of the Red Cross as they do now.

The families back home, who daily live under the shadows of anxiety of their sons, husbands, brothers and loved ones, need the services of the Red Cross, for its many means of communication which it alone can supply.

No estimate could be made in monetary totals of the great humanitarian service rendered by the Red Cross, so any contribution to the Red Cross far outweighs any money value.

It Will Be Like The Old Days

We read every day or so about the money that is being laid away to build roads with, not only in North Carolina, but all over the United States.

That transition period is going to be tough on us. Maybe you recall how hard it was to get to Pigeon at one time, when the highway was under construction.

We need not get any blissful ideas about suddenly getting on the highways when the war is over. There will be a few years of building on the great streams of roads through this country that will slow down our travel.

Conservative Planning

The program for 1945 is being planned along definite lines of service and improvements in the community. This cannot be carried out by the board of directors unless they have the support of the citizens of this area.

It is to be hoped that every person who received an invitation to become a member will mail back membership contract with check and instructions before the week is out.

The season is getting late, and it is imperative that the board knows at the earliest date what to expect in the way of financial support to carry through the program for the season ahead.

The board of directors after consideration decided to adopt the "assessed membership plan" which the majority of such groups feature throughout the nation.

Now is the time to lay a firm and substantial foundation for the local organization which will be needed more than ever when peace comes to further the cause of progress and prosperity in our community.

Rationing has stopped one silly habit: that of buying shoes to fit the occasion instead of the feet.

The definition of a Japanese Island: a body of land entirely surrounded—or occupied—by Americans.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We noticed for a period of the war, when certain articles of convenience became unobtainable, that we heard a great deal about the World of Tomorrow.

"I am thankful for my good fortune—Happy that I shall soon be with my loved one, but at the same time I am burdened with a sorrow that I am unable to forget, sorrow and bitterness.

"Our new army and navy are magnificent. The thing that delights me is that we are taking the war home to the Japanese and at the same time bearing the brunt of the Battle on the Western Front in Europe.

Of late we have heard more people long for peace, personal peace, than ever before. We have interviewed countless Haywood county boys, and of recent a great number have returned from overseas.

Four and one half cups of First Kings Chapter 4, Verse 22. One cup of Judges Chapter 5, Verse 25.

Two cups of Jeremiah Chapter 6, Verse 20. Two cups of First Samuel Chapter 30, Verse 12.

Two cups of Nalium Chapter 3, Verse 12. Two cups of Numbers Chapter 17, Verse 8.

Two teaspoons of First Samuel Chapter 14, Verse 25. One pinch of Leviticus Chapter 2, Verse 13.

Excerpts from letters from Lt. Col. R. M. Johnston, U. S. Army, first cousin of Margaret Johnston, county librarian, who was among the first 511 Jap prisoners captured by the American forces at a prison camp near Bababatum on Luzon.

"The world that Rip Van Winkle returned to could not have been more strange to him than was the new world in which we found ourselves, the day after our escape from prison.

Voice OF THE People

Do you favor drafting nurses for the armed forces?

E. W. Rogers—"Yes, I would if they are needed, just as I would anybody else."

Mrs. L. M. Richeson—"If they are needed, Yes."

Howell McCracken—"It looks like with all the crippled soldiers who are returning that they are going to need them and if they do I am in favor of drafting them."

Dr. Tom Stringfield—"No, because I feel that they are needed at home."

Miss Edna McKay—"If it is necessary I am in favor of drafting nurses."

James Moore—"No, I do not I think they should have the privilege of volunteering if they wish to join the armed forces."

Carl Bischoff—"Yes, I do."

Mrs. H. W. Burnett—"Yes, I am in favor of drafting nurses and right now, for they are needed overseas."

R. T. Messer—"Yes, I do favor such, for our wounded men are needing their care and we should not fail them."

Mrs. R. R. Campbell—"Yes, if the government feels that they are needed I am in favor of drafting them."

CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

TRAVELER—Now that the Legislature is out of the way, Governor Gregg Cherry is doing a little traveling.

TRAIN—His Excellency went to Asheville by train on Tuesday night, and spent Wednesday inspecting Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa.

SAMARITAN—This is a little story about a crossroads good Samaritan. The incident happened, appropriately enough on Good Friday night, two weeks ago.

Eastern Star Chapter To Hold Meeting On Thursday, 19th

The Waynesville Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will hold the regular meeting on Thursday evening, April 19, at 7:30 o'clock in the assembly rooms in the Masonic Temple.

from driving and talking, the principal went out to help, and his folks went to bed. The man was driving a nice car, and he was apparently wealthy, but frequently kindness is much more important than wealth.

It developed that he is one of the state's biggest lumbermen, and so he gave the school principal an order for sufficient lumber to erect a handsome playground and bleachers for his ground.

Good Samaritans are always rewarded for their good deeds seldom so quickly.

CRIME—Although the State capital, Raleigh, has its full portion of the crime of the State, last week the papers of the nation were full of C. Harrison, 20-year-old...

The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Editor's Note—Dr. Herbert Spbaugh, whose column has appeared in many North Carolina newspapers for years, begins writing this week for The Mountaineer. He has been on the editorial staff of The Charlotte News for eleven years. He has been pastor of The Little Church on The Lane in Charlotte for twenty years, and has been actively identified in works for the spiritual, cultural and civic betterment of the city and Piedmont Carolina.

One can't go through a great experience without being the better or the worse for it. Easter commemorates the greatest event this world has ever witnessed.

Apprehensive, fearful, heart-broken parents who truly receive the message of Good Friday and Easter will find the days ahead a thousand times easier. It is tragic that so many of us pay only lip service to these tremendous truths of God.

Never in my recollection has nature offered a more beautiful setting for Easter and its message of "newness of life."

Far back in antiquity one of the patriarchs voiced a question which has troubled men for centuries. "If a man lie shall he live again?" Jesus gave a positive answer to that question when he said, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Proof of His answer is given in a little Easter sermon by an unknown writer, set in by a man correspondent.

One Solitary Life "He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. Until He was thirty He was a carpenter, shop and mill, three years He was an itinerant preacher.

"He wrote no books. He held no office. He never owned a car. He never traveled in a big city. He never did a thing that would usually accompany greatness.

"The authorities could not deny Him. He went through mockery of a trial. He was upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying his enemies gambled for the only property He owned on earth. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

"Nineteen wide centuries come and go, yet today the crowning glory of the race, the adored leader of the earth's inhabitants, is still the same.

"All the armies that ever came, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the armies that ever reigned—put together have not affected the life of a single man upon this earth so profoundly as that One Solitary Life.

Don't let this Easter stupendous message pass you without allowing it to make a better person. This "One Solitary Life" who has affected the destiny of millions, will permit Him; for the worse ignore Him.

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The Light Of Easter

We read that the lights of Paris were turned on fully on Easter Eve for the first time since war with Germany began, and for them it was 1939 and not in 1941 as with us.

Court Adjourned

We read during the week where a term of Superior Court adjourned in one of the Western North Carolina counties, so that the farmers could get their land plowed.

The matter was brought to the attention of the judge and the lawyers, and those having cases in court. They all agreed that it was far more important to get the production of food started than to get a few disputes settled in court.

That is the spirit that it is going to take to keep America and half the world fed from our American farms, for on all sides we are told that supplying food demands will be one of the major problems.

A Reminder

Have you made your contribution to the drive for used clothing for the war devastated countries? If not do not delay another day. The drive was planned to be completed in this area in two weeks and it was started on April 2.

Look into your closets and sort out your clothing and you will be sure to find something that is still "good and useable", that you have cast off. Or maybe you have already answered other calls and are down to rock bottom of the things you actually wear.

What we mean to say is give without fail to the drive, for they need something to wear more than any of us here in Haywood County for here in the land of plenty can ever know their need unless we were overseas and were brought in personal contact with conditions.

A Warning

A warning has been sounded by Marquis Childs, who has made many trips to Europe, about the attitude of Americans who feel that the war is about over and that "undivided freedom should reign at once.

"By keeping the brakes on for a time and making small sacrifices now, we can come through the transition period that lies ahead with a fair degree of stability. It's a matter of balance—balance controls against freedom. With limited controls we should be able to stay on an even keel; we should be able to preserve individual freedom.

"It is of first importance, for example, to keep the competitiveness which is at the root of our system. But there is a kind of competition that goes on to destroy all competitors and the end is unbridled monopoly, which is in itself a form of Socialism. To enforce real competition, we need the anti-trust laws and we need to have them enforced."

THE OLD HOME TOWN



By STANLEY