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THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1945 (One Day Nearer Victory)

Approval

We noticed this week that the next meeting of the "Big Three", President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Marshal Stalin might be on German soil. It seems that Stalin did not take to the suggestion of the meeting in London.

Personally we rather like the idea of the meeting in Germany. It might give each of the three a better idea of working out details that will have much to bear on the future of each country as well as the world.

The fact that Stalin does not want to meet in London, however, conveys a hint that there is still some suspicion in the mind of the Russian leader about Great Britain's policy. It would lead one to definitely believe that diplomatic relations among the Big Three powers have reached a delicate stage.

Will Japan Follow Berlin?

We hear rumors that the Japanese have in mind negotiating peace with this country, but we fear that it is not authentic, but merely wishful thinking. Yet on the other hand the example of Berlin may give the Japs some idea of what is going to happen to them in case the United States should win.

They are fully aware that an overwhelming military force will be hurled against them during the coming months, and it is not impossible for those who really think to begin to wonder if it is not time to make some kind of bargain.

While we view with deep concern the potential casualty lists from the war on a large scale in the Pacific theatre, there is no question but that it would be dangerous to the safety not only of this country, but to the world for Japan to be given any terms but unconditional surrender. Their country must be disarmed, which should include military, political and industrial disarmament.

No matter what happens, we feel that the country should be occupied as Germany is to be and the country should be brought under a type of subjection that will prevent the Japanese from any further attempt to conquer the western civilization.

How They Took It

Our faith in people in general was renewed by the reaction of the public in this area on VE-Day. The community on the whole took the victory in Germany in the spirit which President Truman had asked them to take it. Yet we doubt if they had not been sincere in their reaction if they would have fallen so completely in line with the President's request.

The congregation gathered in the Methodist Church for the union service came in a spirit of prayerful thanksgiving. Those who had suffered casualties in their family circles were present. There were many who had sons and friends still on the fighting fronts on other theatres of war who came to pray for their safety.

Everyone seemed to feel that while the victory was deeply gratifying it was not the end, and that it would be disrespectful to those now in combat in the Pacific to observe the fall of Germany with hilarity. The fact that our boys were dying on Okinawa in their effort to establish a base for a drive on Japan was not forgotten.

Everyone seemed to feel that until Japan is beaten there can be no real VE-Day and that Germany only marked the half-way completion of the grim business of World War II.

Reconversion Step

We see that reconversion of industry from war to civilian goods got a strong forward move recently, when the War Production Board had given permission for manufacturers with idle machinery stock to produce non-military goods.

The plan calls for 183 labor short areas including steel quotas for farm machinery increased and production limits for manufacture of telephone instruments have been dropped. However, it is said that because of labor and material shortage, it won't be until after Japan is defeated that the one and one half million people who want telephones will be able to get them.

This gradual release of controls will be an interesting process and no doubt civilians will have an appreciation of the things once again offered for sale that they never realized before. It is "speculated" by some that at least a third of the controls will be removed by the WPB during the next few months.

A Bit Previous

We were deeply impressed with the proclamation of President Truman and we liked his calm appeal to the American people to go back to their work after hearing the glad tidings and wait to celebrate until Japan had met the same fate as Germany. Incidentally we like his business like delivery for it had a fine effect we feel sure on all who heard him.

But since that proclamation from Washington other news has come from the capital that is not exactly in keeping with the President's message. People are told not to travel, but to stay home, and priorities on trains are taboo; horse racing can be started up again and there will be priorities for horses and no doubt the jockeys who will ride them; there is no let-up in fixing prices on the necessities of life until Japan is defeated; yet the midnight curfew on night clubs is annulled.

These new rulings with other conditions, just don't click. We don't like to pick flaws at such a critical time, but if one thinks it starts one on an unpleasant train of thought.

For instance, if the Baptists or the Methodists wish to hold a convention, or a group of men wish to hold a meeting for the purpose of working out policies in a wide area, the Office of Defense Transportation says it is not permissible. Yet it looks like the public will be allowed to go to the Kentucky Derby.

The Park And Its Future

With the close of the war in sight people will begin to turn their thoughts once again to vacation centers, and to many that will mean the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We must begin in this section to look forward to that day and be ready to receive them.

The completion of the entrance into the Park from Haywood County through the Soco Gap Road will eventually mean that it will in time become one of the most popular entrances into the area, due to the scenic attractions as well as the shortened distance for those entering on the North Carolina side.

In many ways Tennessee has made more of the Park than we have on the North Carolina side, and in this we have missed an opportunity that we trust we will grasp when the war is over. We are told that during every week-end of the year the hotels in Gatlinburg are filled to capacity. There is no reason why this side of the mountain could not also attract its share of visitors, for the drive through the Park by Soco will make an ideal trip from Waynesville and Haywood county, if the tourists once get the habit of traveling this way.

It is up to us to develop this side of the Park from a standpoint of publicity and facilities, so that the tourists and vacationists may understand that along with the Park, Haywood county has scenic trips in every direction, that are accessible in a day or much less time.

Let us all work toward this end to tell the world that Haywood county is literally the eastern entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains Park. Let us cooperate with the Park officials and let them know that we and also wish their support in bringing the people to view the attractions in this proximity area to the Park.

We have all been so absorbed with the war, which is as it should have been and it is not yet over, but in our post-war planning we should not overlook the magnitude of the Park in our tourist developments. The natural beauty of the North Carolina side is certainly equal if not more scenic than the Tennessee, yet in the latter state they have built facilities of accommodations and entertainment which have attracted the tourists that we have overlooked.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We are still a little breathless over the magic with which the news of the world comes to us—for today with its events flashed around the globe in a few minutes is a far cry from the way news traveled in the early days. We doubt if anything in history was ever more dramatic than the announcement of the unconditional surrender of Germany, as it came over the radio. Andrew Jackson fought and won the Battle of New Orleans after the Treaty of Ghent was signed and it took the news a month to reach Washington. When Lincoln was assassinated on April 15, 1965, it appeared in the Liverpool Post on April 27, the news having been carried to England by steamship. But in 1945, the news of the death of President Roosevelt was known on every continent and island of the world within a few minutes after it had been announced in Washington. As we listened to the news on May 8, and heard President Truman speak, we realized as never before that never again would America be isolated—and likewise the need for a federation of the countries of the world. The miracle of communication and transportation has made us neighbors to every nation of the globe. Today another miracle not so great and yet showing the changing times right here in our own community was the fact that The Mountaineer could come out with an extra—in fourteen minutes, of course everything was organized in the perfect system which the editor and the foreman of the shop can do when they put their wits together. It was none the less a feat for a paper of this size—and just between us everyone connected with The Mountaineer has lived under the anticipated strain of this emergency. Personally we jumped for weeks every time our phone rang, expecting the editor to call us and tell us to get busy on our "assignment for VE-Day."

We did not especially want to go to church on last Sunday morning. Not because we did not want to attend services, but we felt that after the mixed emotions of VE-Day during the week, a combination of a prayer service and a Mother's Day theme would be just too much. But after we heard the pastor of our church we felt sure it was the case in all the churches in the community, we changed our attitude. For certainly never in the history of the observance of Mother's Day was the occasion so fraught with such significance as it was this year. As Mr. Madison, the Methodist pastor pointed out, Mothers are the unsung heroes of today. They stand back of the firing lines. Upon the Mothers is falling the final and crushing weight of war. Millions of them have experienced their Gethsemanes and have broken-heartedly "walked up Calvary's hill and felt the blessing of its crucifixion." And there could be little comfort to a mother to know that she was partaking of a sorrow that is being experienced around the world. There is one thought that worries us, and that is, have these boys died in vain? Time alone can tell.

Speaking of mothers who have paid the costly price of war, brings to mind Mrs. Roosevelt. As time goes on we have felt a growing admiration for her. We have heard numerous eulogies of her continuation of her column. Even intimations that if she cared she could not write. Just how hard it is for her to keep our column going, can only be known by those who write a column year in and year out, regardless of mood or circumstances. We have often quoted Dorothy Dix, who in an interview we once had with her said, "When you start a column, it must go on; your heart may be broken, but the show must open." We think Mrs. Roosevelt shows magnificent courage to continue writing. With her rich experiences she is bound to have a wealth of material at hand, and it gives her an outlet

of expression that she may gain comfort from as time passes. We hope she keeps up "My Day." Naturally it may not have the glamor that accompanied the life of an active First Lady, but her interests are too numerous and she is too alert for it not to continue to be full of variety—as she recently expressed it, she "is now at Hyde Park, but the outside world does press into one's personal affairs with dramatic impact."

We want to welcome Henry MacFayden, new manager of the Waynesville Country Club, to town and back home. Henry knows just how a country club should be run and if our statement is doubted, we suggest that you ask some Asheville resident and they will burst into glowing enthusiasm about what a swell job he did when he was manager of the Biltmore Country Club. We are also happy to welcome Mrs. MacFayden, with her musical talents and personal charm—and if you have met Joy and have heard her sing there is no need to elaborate—you will understand—and if you haven't, you have something in store for you.

Practically everyone you meet today is complaining of jagged nerves. We want to recommend an old time remedy. We had a short outing in the woods during the week and it so happened our nerves were just like the kind you hear described every day when we started. They were wound up to the last notch. If you live in town we advise you to take to the country. As we drove along the countryside with its vivid fresh green, we began to feel an undercurrent of peace creeping into our heart. When we reached our objective we sat beside a singing stream and drank in that pungent fragrance of black rich earth, with new ferns and the spring foliage of wild things. It was late afternoon with the sun casting its last rays over the mountain tops, and without warning we suddenly felt all tension leave and a lovely state of peace descend upon us. So if you can get the gas, and if your nerves need loosening, take to the hills, and relax and let the good earth possess you—and take a new start.

Biscuit Spread A delightful biscuit spread which saves margarine or butter is plum glaze. To make plum glaze blend two tablespoons cornstarch with two tablespoons plum juice from drained canned plums. Mix until smooth. Combine one-half cup plum juice, one tablespoon lemon juice, two teaspoons grated lemon rind and two teaspoons sugar. Cook three minutes. Add cornstarch mixture gradually, stirring well. Cook until clear and thick, about five minutes. Drop by teaspoons on baked biscuits, pan rolls, or use as filling for coffee cakes.



Voice OF THE People

What type of a memorial would you suggest to honor the Haywood County men who have served in the World Wars I and II?

R. E. Sentelle—"I would suggest that we have a bronze plaque erected on the court house square or inside the building, carrying the names in bold relief of our boys who made the supreme sacrifice for us in the World War."

Mrs. Jack Felme—"I would like to see a community center erected to honor our Haywood men in service so that it could be used by the young people coming on."

G. C. Platt—"I would like to see an appropriate marker placed somewhere about the court house."

Noble Garrett—"I would like to see a community center building erected."

Mrs. W. D. Ketner—"I think some kind of a recreation hall memorial to honor the men with."

J. Harden Howell—"Something permanent, that would serve everyone."

Miss Almarie Robinson—"I would approve of the establishment of scholarships in memory of the Haywood county men so that the youth of the county would be given advantages."

Guy Massie—"I would like to see a marker with the names of the men killed in action from Haywood county erected at the court house, so that the future generations may know them."

Paul Martin—"I think a recreation building that we have been discussing in the community would be the most fitting way to honor our men."

W. A. Bradley—"I would like to see a community center. I think it would serve the people in a very fine way and honor our men."

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

Beaverdam Township W. S. McCracken, et ux to T. B. McCracken, et ux. L. C. McCracken to C. J. McCracken. Lawson Henserson, et ux to H. M. Clark, et ux. Jesse N. Brown, et ux to C. E. Hendrix, et ux. L. C. Henson, et ux to Samuel Green.

Cataloochee Township Sarah Marinda Groons to Carr Lumber Company.

Clyde Township Bon-A-Venture, Inc. to William Battison, et al. S. C. Haney, et ux to J. P. Crane. R. V. Welch to A. C. Arrington, et ux. Herman Holder, et ux to Roy Holder. John W. Haney, et ux to John G. Carver. R. V. Welch, et al to Fannie J. Stinnett.

East Fork Township Ralph L. Wells, et ux to Minthorne W. Reed.

Fines Creek Township Ernest Trantham, et ux to Ellen Trantham.

Ivy Hill Township Robert L. Sutton, et ux to J. H. Woody.

Jonathan Creek Township J. J. Ferguson, et ux to W. T. Rainer, et ux.

Pigeon Township W. W. Russell et ux to Perry Russell.

Waynesville Township A. T. Ward to J. L. Weaver. U. G. Moody, et ux to Louis B. Stevenson. J. M. Palmer, et ux to O. H.

The Everyday Counselor

REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

The self-styled life is miserable and unhappy. How can it be overcome? Make your life God-centered.

If you are unhappy, blue, discouraged, depressed, you are probably thinking too much about yourself. While not admitting it, you are selfish. So many letters come to this desk from those afflicted with selfishness in its varying forms. They are self-centered instead of God-centered. Selfishness shows itself in many ways: inferiority complex, self-consciousness, bluster, bombast, nagging, bullying, self-pity, worry. Many take refuge from this in alcohol, which is a depressive. It depresses a man's consciousness of his troubles temporarily only.



When He set forth a new way of all of God's Commandments. Love God and love your neighbor. He left no place for self. He is nothing in the Bible, excepting self in the center. It is the opposite. When we give hearts to God, then our hearts receive His power. That helps us but little if it is limited to pass through us. It is like electricity in a wire. It is like electricity in a wire. It is like electricity in a wire. It is like electricity in a wire.

Howell, et ux. H. P. Carpenter, et ux to Stanley G. Child. Hardy Liner, Jr., et ux to H. I. Liner, Sr. J. M. Palmer, et ux to Norman Grant. J. M. Palmer, et ux to Farmer Rogers. C. W. Davis, et ux to L. J. Massie. J. M. Palmer, et ux to Sylla Davis. J. R. Walls, et ux to William M. Ferguson, et ux. Frank M. Davis, et ux to C. A. George. J. W. Underwood, et ux to W. G. Burgin, et ux. Edna Schulhofer to C. N. Allen. Sylla Davis to Lewis N. Green, et ux. W. S. Mauldin, et ux to Thelma Trull. Howard Clark, et ux to Elzy Caldwell, et ux. L. H. Bramlett to Maggie Bramlett (first deed). L. H. Bramlett to Maggie Bramlett (second deed). J. M. Palmer, et ux to Charles H. Gaddis. Georgia Mull to Nancy Shuler. Oliver Webb, et ux to Mary E. McElroy and E. H. McElroy. Joe N. Francis, et ux to Elmer Palmer. Carl Francis, et ux to William

Edith Smith.

Inside WASHINGTON

Demos' Hopes for 1948 Get Boost With Truman

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Democratic thinking on the outlook for the future, paradoxically, is that their chances for a 1948 victory are enhanced by the death of President Roosevelt.

This is the picture as unfolded to practical Democratic politicians. Mr. Roosevelt would have retired at the end of his fourth term, he lived that long. The Democratic chieftains would have had the building up another contender in a situation where a figure in the party would have been dwarfed by the personality and the reputation of the time president.

Some elements of the party had already been thinking along this line in their promotion of Henry A. Wallace, who might, by his own secretary of commerce, finally have gained support of business leaders as well as the groups which he already had.

Thus, in 1948, the party would have had a task of building up a new name from among the most intimately known to the American people. By that time President Truman now will have established himself as an outstanding chief executive. His views will be known as domestic and international affairs. He will be to present clearcut issues.

Moreover, the United States has shown an inclination to elect presidents who have been elevated to that high office by popular vote.

Calvin Coolidge was overwhelmingly elected to succeed Harding after he completed the term of the late President Harding. Though, in the interim, the Teapot Dome scandals had been uncovered. And the assassination of President William McKinley gave the Republican party its great progressive president, Theodore Roosevelt. Until McKinley's death he was a comparatively unknown figure. He was easily rejected.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S DEATH may prove as much a boon to the German people as it was to the people of the United Nations. The "herrenvolk" had counted on Mr. Roosevelt to alleviate the lot when they were finally defeated. Russia has made no attempt for her plans to reduce the Germans to slavery. Britain, however, the blitz of 1940, the robot bomb and the V-2 rocket terror, likely to be inclined to show mercy to the beaten Germans.

But Mr. Roosevelt had always been careful to draw a distinction between the Nazis and the German people. He represented a ray of hope that they might have a representative at the peace who would voice a humanitarian note for them.

Truman is untried as to his feelings toward Germany's post-war treatment. He may, because of his junior-in-years position, be a member of the "Big Three" not push for their sympathetic treatment. Hitler, by branding Mr. Roosevelt as the "greatest war criminal of all time," appears to be playing F. D. R.'s death along the line of hope of carrying the German people along with him on the road to daemring; resistance idea.

VE DAY, strangely enough, will not add appreciably to congressional legislative programs. High administration officials say that no special legislation will be provoked by that anticipated day. They say that most matters which might arise after VE Day have been disposed of. If an exodus from essential industries should develop among those seeking firm peace-time jobs, President Truman might ask legislation to "freeze" them in their positions.

Otherwise, Army plans for the mustering out of unneeded soldiers—a small fragment—will soon be discussed in closed session by the House military affairs committee and war department representatives. Extension of the draft and foregone conclusion although the bill is faced with the battle of the Senate for an amendment to bar the use of 18-year-old young men in combat.

Army appropriations will probably be cut considerably. The funds will remain virtually unchanged.