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## Secrecy Policy

Chairman Sandy Graham of the State Highway and Public Works Commission seems to have brought down the disapproval of the state in his recent "meeting behind closed doors" of his department.

The Raleigh News and Observer had the following comments to make editorially on this manner in which Mr. Graham is handling "public business":

It is most unfortunate that the new Highway and Public Works Commission has seen fit to adopt a policy of secrecy as contrasted with the open door policy of its immediate predecessors.

Public business should be transacted in the open. Ordinarily, there is no more reason for the commission to conduct its business secretly than there would be for the General Assembly to pass laws in secret session or for the courts to conduct secret trials. If any extraordinary condition arises to justify different procedure, such occasions should certainly be the exception and not the rule.

It is even more unfortunate that the type-written statement given out by Chairman Graham at the closed session should have failed to include any mention of important business said to have been transacted. It is reported reliably that the new chairman asked and received authority to create a new office, that of Assistant Chairman, to carry a salary of \$400 or \$450 a month. Yet that action was not mentioned in the chairman's report of the meeting to the press.

Secret meetings always lead to rumors and garbled information. Chairman Graham and the new commission will doubtless find that an open policy will be more satisfactory to them and to the public than a policy of secrecy.

Chairman Graham is a man of wide experience in public affairs. It is to be hoped that upon reflection he will recommend and the commission will adopt a policy similar to that followed in the past.

Public business is public property and should be transacted in public.

## Bethel Baptists

The 100th anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Church is not only interesting from a standpoint of what it has meant in the life of the people of the Bethel community, but also because it is typical of hundreds of rural churches throughout America.

These rural churches have been the center of community life and have trained the people for generations to lead Christian lives and develop a higher type of citizenship. They have given us some of our outstanding preachers and religious leaders.

It was a fitting tribute to the founders of the church and to the influence through the years to observe the occasion with an all-day service, and review the years of usefulness of the church.

In reviewing the work of the church the part the late R. E. Sentelle played in the upbuilding of the church is remembered by those who are old enough to recall his faithful service.

We are glad that throughout the county may be found these small rural churches, that are giving spiritual sustenance to our people.

## We Vote For Churchill

English politics are a bit hard for us Americans to understand, yet the fact that they have not had an election since 1935, should be in some measure understood by a nation who elected their president for as many terms as we put President Roosevelt in the White House.

The resignation of Churchill as prime minister and head of the British government, while sensational news to us, is not so much so to the English, at least that is what we have gathered in reading of the coming election on July 5.

Churchill's resignation is simply the first step toward submitting to the English voters the question of approval or disapproval of the policies which he has pursued and which he may in the future be expected to carry out. Therefore to enable the British to express their opinion, Churchill has resigned.

We would like to be temporarily, of course, an English voter and cast our vote for this hearty old fighter who has carried on so nobly and wisely during the war. If he has played a little astute politics in bringing the election some months before his opponents wanted it, we cannot find it in our hearts to criticize him for that. This man who led Britain through "blood, sweat and tears" to ultimate victory is entitled to the privilege of asking the voters for the confidence when and under such circumstances he chooses.

We hope that he polls a big vote when the returns come through in July.

Too many people fall down on the job of growing old because they don't take their time about it.

## GERMAN MEASLES



## HERE and THERE

HILDA WAY GWYN

We recall how for many years we read the ads of Dayton Rubber in magazines. We were deeply impressed, but we turned the pages without much thought, for after all Dayton Rubber was a far away from Haywood County. It did not concern us. Little did we dream that someday our own Haywood County people would be adding their talents toward making the products of this company which is known nationally and internationally for its superior goods—and still less did we ever expect to see a large manufacturing center built on the cornfield of our own ancestor, over which we had ridden horseback on many of our childhood adventures. Yet these things have come to pass.

Three Steers, Six Pigs and Five Lambs to be Barbecued for Saturday Event  
 "WTHS Band to Play"  
 "Soco Gap Dance Team and Band to Provide Free Entertainment" (Aug. 21, 1941). Then after the party the headlines read instead—  
 "4,000 Attend Open House of Dayton Rubber Company" (Aug. 29, 1941). The hosts found out that if you don't expect them to come, you needn't invite Haywood folks, for they are friendly and when you make them a gesture they respond. The hospitality of Dayton and Rufus Siler's famous barbecue brought them out in full force.

Haywood people liked that first introduction to Dayton Rubber. They liked the spirit of friendliness that promoted the open house. Then Dayton Rubber was on its way. When the attack was made on Pearl Harbor things were already getting down to business at the plant and the following three years were to see a busy center turning out thousands of articles as fighting equipment for the Army and the Navy. It has been thrilling to know that items made right here have been used by our fighting men all over the world.

We know that it was not easy for the officials to get going for our people, for the most part, were untrained to the jobs they were given. But with patience on the part of the employers and the desire to make good on the part of the employees the plant has steadily increased its production and kept its high standard work on 24 hours production shifts have gone forward, meeting the deadlines of orders. With a look through the "Thoroughbred" published for the employees of the company, one can find proof that the officials also think of their employees outside of working hours as individuals with the right to lead normal lives. The activities revealed in the paper show that the company has interest in the welfare and happiness of all who work for Dayton Rubber.

We are glad that the plant was not a fly-by night war emergency company—here today and gone when the Japs have decided to stop fighting. When the war orders are filled to the last order and the peacetime production items start rolling, we trust the same fine spirit of cooperation between employer and employee and between Dayton Rubber Company and the people of Haywood County at large will continue to the mutual satisfaction of both.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

John B. Morrow, of Waynesville, to Virginia Lemon, of Charleston, S. C.

## SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



## Voice OF THE People

Do you approve of bringing German prisoners to this country?

T. L. Green—"I do not approve of bringing German prisoners to this country either to feed or work them."

Grover Davis—"I am not in favor of bringing German prisoners to this country, but I am in favor of sending them to the countries they have destroyed and force them to work hard and build them back."

Bryan Medford—"No, I am not in favor of bringing them over here. We don't need them."

M. H. Bowles—"I do not approve of bringing German prisoners over here, for we have sufficient labor here and when the men are discharged from the armed forces we will face a problem of finding jobs for them all."

Thad Howell—"I do not approve of bringing them into this country."

A. E. Ward—"I am opposed to ever seeing a prisoner in this country."

Joe Davis—"I do not think it is advisable."

Jimmy Neal—"If they have to send them somewhere they might as well send them to this country."

M. G. Stamey—"I do not approve of bringing German prisoners to this country. We have sufficient laborers of our own. I feel that German prisoners should be made to share the consequences of their own acts in their own country and suffer what they have brought upon themselves."

Miss Edna McKay—"I do not approve of bringing German prisoners into this country."

## State College Hints

Carrots in the Kettle: Carrots, now so plentiful, offer much in appetizing color, fine flavor and nutritive value. To make the most of vitamins, minerals, and flavor, home economists offer the following cooking suggestions.

If carrots are peeled, peel thin, or scrape no more than skin deep. Young tender carrots may not need to be peeled. Just enough water to cover. Have the water boiling before putting in the carrots. Cover the kettle to speed the cooking, save fuel and conserve vitamins.

Cook only until tender. Young carrots cook in 15 to 20 minutes, older ones in 20 to 25 minutes. Slicing or dicing shortens the cooking but may mean greater loss in vitamin C. Variety in seasoning helps prevent monotony, if carrots are served frequently. A little lemon juice over the top, chopped parsley, or tender onion sprouts, or chopped onion heated in a little fat, are favorite seasonings for this vegetable. Leftover drippings from cooking meat are good for pouring over carrots.

The nutritive value of all grades of eggs is identical. Top quality eggs are ideal for cooking in the shell, frying and poaching. Other than top grades are good for scrambling, omelets and general cooking.

## Winter Bloom

Outdoor geraniums can be made to bloom throughout the winter, if brought indoors before the first frost. Place the plants in small pots containing loose, friable earth. Plants must be pot-bound in order to keep blooming; otherwise all strength will go into the foliage. Keep plants in a cool, fresh atmosphere and water sparingly. The growing tips should be pinched to produce stocky, bushy, shapely plants. Apply plant food every five or six weeks.

## The Everyday Counselor

—By—

REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

The war isn't over yet. We wish that it were. Thousands are praying that it soon will be. To that end we must continue to devote our prayers, our time, our money, our best efforts. War production must be kept up.

Adequate equipment must be provided for our servicemen. A necessary part of this equipment is the Bible. The War Emergency Fund of the American Bible Society still needs your help. We appealed to the readers of this column once before and the response was generous. We have been asked to make a "new appeal."

The end of the war in Europe does not mean that the need for Bibles will decrease. On the contrary it will increase. Before the Italian campaign the Army had on hand six pairs of shoes for every soldier. We don't know what the figures were for the campaign on the Western Front, or for the campaign in the Pacific, but they are probably not much less. Then consider the number of men who are casualties on the battle front, the number who are being discharged, and the number of new men entering service, and you will gather some idea of the continuing need for Bibles and Testaments for servicemen.

Added to all of this is the problem of rehabilitating civilians in devastated Europe. There we are faced with the urgent need of planting the Christian gospel, re-establishing the Christian way of life. For this the Bible is an urgent necessity.

The American Bible Society is keenly aware of this crying need. It is the largest non-profit agency we have for the distribution of

the Bible. Furthermore, it is a world-wide organization for purpose.

A crying and profound need for the Word of God in critical hour offers an opportunity for the citizens of America to have a small part in this program of building a world of tomorrow in which helping our servicemen defeat Christianity way of life against enemies.

Tomorrow's world needs not bombs. The task of reconstruction is going to be tremendous. With it goes a gation for moral and spiritual habilitation; without this the world will be a futile effort.

Our boys still want Bibles asking for Bibles. So are peoples in the devastated Europe. Our chaplains calling for them! The War Emergency Program of the American Bible Society needs your help.

This urgent appeal is made for the readers of this column. All contributions received in this channel will be forwarded to the American Bible Society Emergency Fund. Please your check payable to the American Bible Society and mail to EVERYDAY COUNSELOR, of the newspaper in which read this appeal.



## Combat Milder

Mildewing of surfaces may in "most any region in a dampness, but is especially prevalent in warm, humid climates, the paint film, milder, takes form of a deposit, usually which spreads as the spores so germinate. Paints and varnishes have found that certain types of a type which can go a long way toward preventing mildew, attacking the paint film and mercury are among the mildew deterrents and dew resistant paint.

## YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT  
 Central Press Writer

THE FIRST KISS, goes an old saying, is the sweetest. Not if you are a baby and the kiss is bestowed by a politician seeking office.

Says Grandpappy Jenkins: "Bad weather in the Saar region—a reign of confusion!"

Zai so, G. J.? We thought what had hit the Saar was an Allied blitz-ard!

While dancing with joy at the arrival of spring, cautions the

man at the next desk, be not to slip and fall on the

A gossip's tongue is the weapon, says Zadok Dumb that does not dull with In fact, it gets sharper!

You can tell a housewife's time when Dad finds late excuses for working evening office.

Soap now sells for \$2.00 a bar in Chungking, China, that's what they mean by "luxury of a good bath!"

## Inside WASHINGTON

Franco's Latest Moves  
 Curry Favor of Allies

Admiral King Believes  
 Japs' Navy Will Fall

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The final defeat of Germany has caused Spanish government of Generalissimo Francisco Franco to look to the Pacific war as a possible means of restoring itself to good graces of the United Nations.

Already, with the last embers of the late Adolf Hitler's smouldering, the Madrid government has severed diplomatic relations with Japan.

However, those close to Franco—who remains the last Fascist dictator in Europe—feel that this is not enough if he is to remain in power.

They are advising him to bide his time and leap upon the United States bandwagon with declaration of war against the Nipponese.

There would be popular sentiment in Spain such a token fight. The Japanese have Spanish church property in the Philippines, thus the cause is clear cut.

Spain could furnish little more than a force. But Franco's advisers feel that such a gesture, even at this late date, might prove acceptable to the United States and Great Britain.

They, of course, realize that the Russian ways will hate the present Spanish regime.

ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Navy, believes the decimated Japanese navy will actually come out to sea to meet the challenge of the U. S. fleet.

King, however, thinks that its strength has been so whittled down that it is only capable of "sudden offensive outbursts."

"You must keep in mind," he warns, "that while that is one fleet, one segment possibly of power, it can be used in many directions, and we have to cover all directions."

CAPITOL OBSERVERS are analyzing the recent House on the passage of the bill to commit the United States ship in the International Food Organization. The vote was 25 to 25.

Importance of this tally is that it marks the first test measure which places the United States squarely in the international network of peace organizations.

Despite the overwhelming endorsement, there may be on future measures of similar importance. A vocal minority revealed that its strategy will be to slash appropriations which implement these bills.

THE RICH OIL OF BORNEO, which can practically be taken on ship's bunkers without refinement, has been denied the U. S. for some time—even since Gen. Douglas MacArthur severed its supply line.

But the Allies will show the Nipponese how to use it. Effectiveness of the Japs' scorched earth policy will only be its availability.

The job of restoring refineries for high octane is all proper. So are the methods of transporting oil overland into central Japan in quantities to supply any major land battle there.