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A New Official Family

Of the changes in the cabinet, none perhaps will prove of more concern and interest than a new Secretary of Labor, for Miss Frances Perkins has been on the spot for the past ten years and drew much criticism to President Roosevelt for keeping her in the official family circle.

Miss Perkins, while reported to be an excellent social worker, seemed in the minds of the majority of people to be a "misfit" in her job as Secretary of Labor.

Her successor, Judge Lewis B. Schwelb, a former New Deal Senator from the State of Washington, seems to meet the approval of the public. He will no doubt have a good sized job full of complicated problems in the unfolding of post war affairs in the nation.

Eat More Lamb

Southern people as a rule are not large eaters of either lamb or mutton. It is perhaps more or less a cultivated taste, but to our thinking there is no finer meat than a well cooked mutton roast nor anything more appetizing than a broiled lamb chop.

Just now with the Spring lamb market season in full swing it seems a pity for all the good lambs to be shipped out of Haywood County to Jersey City and other distant markets.

While we are not familiar with the OPA regulations as how these lambs may be slaughtered for home consumption it doesn't make sense to ship them away to packers to be slaughtered and then shipped back to our local meat markets.

We do not want to encourage any "black market" of native lambs, but if more of this excellent meat could be butchered and kept at home it would certainly relieve the anxiety of home makers and those who are feeding guests in hotels and eating places.

More Teachers Needed

Teacher shortages are on the increase, according to the National Education Association, and unless high school students of today can be persuaded to adopt teaching as a career the schoolrooms of America will soon be too crowded for proper instruction.

During the past four years there have been so many other fields of work, which have paid better salaries, with shorter hours opened to teachers that the National Association estimated that there were 10,000 vacancies last fall, with prospects for more this year.

In addition to this situation there has been a million-and-a-half annual increase in the birth rate, observable since 1942, which will be something to reckon with along with the teacher shortage when these children start to school.

Yet on the other hand when we consider the shortage of teachers, the war has taught us the crying need of more and better educational advantages, so it is of vital importance to the welfare of America and our own state to encourage young people to become educators if they show talents along this line.

Hate Gets You Nowhere

A social worker won cheers of 2,000 teenage students at a London conference on world citizenship when she told them they must "learn to hate." Without hate she does not think we can bring this war to an irrevocable conclusion and build a decent world.

It is simplification to personalize hate, making scapegoats of one man, or a dozen, making serapgoats of one man, or a dozen, or a million, we are off the track.

We must hate not men but things. Men are mortal, mere mouthpieces for the forces they are identified with. We doubt whether hating anybody is a sound basis for citizenship in a nation, or the world.

Youth Responds

High tribute was paid to the students of the Waynesville Township high school and for that matter to the students over the county by M. H. Bowles, acting county superintendent of education, for their work in selling war bonds. This response from the American youth must have been nationwide.

The United States Treasury has given a salute to the nation's school children. Since August, 1941, the bond purchases of school children have totaled \$107,741,730. Equipment specifically purchased by school children and marked with the name of the school responsible includes 7,866 ambulances, 115 hospital service planes and 219 fighter planes.

This should be an inspiring thought in contemplating the future, for it shows that even the potential American citizen, who will have a large part in the future of this country is already conscious of their patriotic and civic responsibilities.

Thirsty Prospect

The sugar situation is not only going to affect the jam on your biscuit, but it will also take that soft drink out of your ice box, according to the latest reports about the scarcity of this item.

The sugar shortage seems to be a rather complicated affair, which includes the fact that our government failed to offer Cubans enough to induce heavy planting; the use of 990,000 tons of sugar that went into the making of synthetic rubber; plus 26 per cent greater demands by the services; plus strikes in Puerto Rico; plus a drought in Cuba, according to Time Magazine.

The total amount available for U. S. civilians compared to last year's 6,100,000 tons, will this year be less than five million. Then added to this, rationing has allowed over half of the year's supply of sugar to be used up in the first six months of 1945, which was before the peaches, apples and berries were ripe.

This shortage of soft drinks will be a real hardship for the average American, who has formed the habit of quenching his thirst from a pop bottle.

Back Them Up!

America's home front is being asked for proof of its strength, sincerity, and devotion in "winning the war" with Japan. This unspoken demand is coming down the gangplank with every battle-ried Yank as the Army's great re-deployment gets under way and the G. I.'s enjoy "stopover" furloughs.

Realistic, matured, tough-minded veterans—poised between two great global battlefields—are judging the civilian effort. And they are well prepared for this job.

These are the men who have come home because they were able to "observe, evaluate and act" wisely and promptly in Normandy, the Ardennes, or Italy. One phase which will receive their close scrutiny is that of the discharged veterans. They will want to find out if their comrades are being fairly treated by government, business, and labor.

Wholehearted support of the Seventh War Loan, honest observance of rationing, sticking to his war job where needed—these are answers that John Citizen can give which will send the fighting men off to the Pacific fortified and revitalized.

Wise homefront support of these magnificent fighters—guests of honor—at this crucial period will speed the V-Day of tomorrow.—Christian Science Monitor.

In Germany it's all over with but the shouting—in Japan, but the shooting!

The boy who wouldn't pay a dime for a watermelon unless it was really ripe now has a son who is sucker enough to pay \$1.50 apiece for anything the grocer gives him.

Financial assets of Nazi leaders have been frozen, with only \$30 a month allowed for living expenses. How long will they need living expenses?



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

"The Future Is Now" by Pierre Van Praussen, author of "Days of Our Years" which appeared in a recent issue of a popular magazine is one of the most fascinating articles we have read in some time.

The question is one we have all been wishing to ask someone for we have heard so much about that "World of tomorrow" and we certainly have wondered when it will start.

When our attention is called to the fact that we realize that the World of Tomorrow is being shaped right now.

While speaking of attitudes, we have been greatly impressed with the large number of Haywood men now returning from overseas and how they have reacted from their experiences.

The article which gave us so much food for thought also brought to mind the difference between the current viewpoint of the generation old enough to recall World War I and the youth just coming of age in the World War II era.

Yet we must admit that material advantages, many of them of a permanent nature do seem to offer new fields that a quarter of a century ago were not known in this section.

Voice OF THE People

Do you think legislation on peacetime military conscription should be settled now or deferred until after the war is won?

E. P. Martin — "I think we should wait until after the war to settle it, but I am in favor of compulsory military training."

Mrs. Jack Taylor — "I think it should be settled right now while the American people are still vitally interested."

Mrs. J. J. Ferguson — "I am in favor of settling the matter right now."

Zeb Curtis — "I think it should be settled at once and put in operation."

Mrs. Henry Foy — "Yes, I approve of it right now if it is going to take this type of military preparedness and military training will be good for any boy."

R. V. Welch — "I think the matter should be settled at once."

Mrs. Harry H. Luther — "I think they should wait until after the war has been won, for the draft is taking care right now, but I think we should have it."

John Boyd — "I don't think we should delay getting military conscription for peacetime set up."

T. C. Norris — "I think we should start right now on the matter and I believe we should always have compulsory military training and have a big navy."

Jack Worthington, U. S. Navy — "I think it should be at once, for I am afraid that after the war is won people might forget how important this movement is."

M. H. Bowles — "All legislation that affects our national life should be deferred until the men in service are home, so they can have a say so in settling the issue. They have been through the war and they will know whether or not military training would have helped them."

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

Beaverdam Township W. T. Payne, et ux to R. E. Rhymer, et ux.

Clyde Township Bon-A-Venture, Inc. to R. A. Spears, et ux.

Jonathan Creek Township Walter Hammel, et ux to Weltha Ashby.

Ivy Hill Township General Fire, et ux to Robert W. Martin, Jr.

Pigeon Township Emma Lee Keates, et al to Paul Franklin Sheperd, et ux.

Waynesville Township Bessie L. Abel, et al to George A. Brown, Jr. et al.

White Oak Township Elizabeth P. Brady to John H. Smathers.

line cooperation and the navy seems to be defending not only the sea but the land in this war. We like their attitude and we like to think of it as the great American Spirit that is leading the world today—and will take its place in the World of Tomorrow.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



The Everyday Counselor

REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

What are you doing to cultivate your inner spiritual life? What are you doing to enable you to carry on profitably in the presence of God after your friends and relatives have left your earthly remains in the cemetery?



They way so many people live and act one would think they expected to live here on earth forever. I know people won't even attend a funeral; they don't want to have to think about the inevitable. They won't make a will, because that compels them to think about death.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



Inside WASHINGTON

Labor Leaders Fear Post-War United Auto Workers Loss of Many Union Members May Lose as High as 30

Special to Central Press WASHINGTON—Unemployment is only one of the factors labor leaders say they contemplate reconversion.

The other specter is the prospect of heavy losses in union memberships as thousands of women, soldiers and normally outside the country's labor force, return to their homes.

The big CIO United Automobile Workers' union, headed by Thomas, is a graphic example of this. The UAW, which during the war gained a membership of more than 1 million, already has lost heavily due to early layoffs.

Now Thomas foresees the possible loss of 600,000 members—workers who migrated to the south and areas, attracted by the lure of highly paid manufacturing jobs.

Such a man, Ramspeck told the president, should receive \$25,000 a year. And, said Ramspeck, Mr. Truman is very interested in the idea.

THERE IS A GROWING belief in Washington that circumstances will force President Truman to retain Edward R. Stettinius, secretary of state for some months to come despite recurrent rumors that he will be removed from his high office following the San Francisco conference.

However, any summary dismissal of Stettinius, it is said, would be construed as a reprimand for failure at San Francisco, an indication the administration could not afford to have even hinted it wishes to have the United States play its part in a post-war organization to maintain world peace.

For this reason, it is now generally accepted in the capital that Stettinius will be retained in the cabinet at least until the Senate completes the task of ratifying the United Nations' peace agreement document, which Stettinius must steer through the Senate.

THE SUPREME COURT threw a scare into the ranks of divorced persons who have remarried after Divorcee No. 1 of those six weeks' residences in Nevada where they get unhitched the easy way.

In two decisions the high court ruled that each Supreme state has the right to decide whether or not it will regard Nevada divorces as legal. The cases came up from tribunals in North Carolina and Pennsylvania. Now divorced sons in states from Maine to California are wondering if they or Las Vegas decrees will be challenged.