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Another Record

The general fund collections of the North Carolina Revenue Department have been reported to be around \$80,000,000, said to be some \$4,000,000 higher than last year.

It seems almost certain now that the bonus in salaries voted to teachers and state employes on a contingent basis will be paid in full.

Congratulations

We have noticed that traffic jams are not quite as prevalent recently, since the lid on observance of rules has been screwed down a bit tighter on Main Street.

We have also observed that the cars are parked in a much straighter line recently which gives more space for traffic and also adds its part to easier travel.

With our main thoroughfare not originally planned for the heavy load it carries today, the time has come when it is necessary to observe all traffic laws.

Food

Food is literally and figuratively a consuming question these days. If one doubts the statement they should go shopping for meats and groceries and they will learn from patient waiting and the necessity to take not what one might like, but what one can get.

We might as well prepare for the worse, if Secretary of Agriculture Anderson was right in a press conference. While his remarks did not cast special gloom over the dinner table, he stated that we would find ourselves eating five per cent less food in the remainder of 1945 than 1944.

He further pointed out that despite these shortages Americans were still able to fill garbage cans more richly than any other country, but that while the reduction in food might be irritating, it was in no way harmful to the nation's health.

The Season

On every hand comes the news that this tourist season is far above that of last summer. It might be said to point the way to post-war days, an indication of the times to be.

We have heard rumors of a proposed hotel, which has been reported about as a project of post-war days. This is not new, for we have heard it periodically for many years.

We agitate the development of our section as a recreation center, but we are doing little about providing the means of making it such. The time is shortly at hand when something will have to be done, if we maintain our reputation as a resort and expect to increase our summer population.

Again Absenteeism

So much has already been written, explained and requested about the great harm done by absenteeism that it is almost impossible to find a probe that will enter the consciousness of workers to show them how much importance is attached to absenteeism.

No employer but will gladly cooperate with his employes on occasions of illness, death or any other "within-reason" cause. But this habit of just not coming to work—or asking for days off—with no justifiable excuse is getting to be a nuisance.

This war isn't over by a long shot and every man, woman and child, whether wearing uniforms or not, is a part of the great army working together for that day when the guns will be stilled, the destruction over and the glory of Peace returned to us.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We are receiving the "Shipyard Bulletin," which is published monthly by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, but do not know to whom we are indebted for putting us on the mailing list.

We have the money to buy it I don't see why you can't supply us. "It certainly is strange to me how some people can get sugar and others can't, my neighbor has all her canning sugar and I don't have a pound, but she got her stamps before I did."

We want to take this opportunity to pay a last tribute to the work of J. C. Brown, who has guided the Future Farmers of America in the local chapter in this school district.

As we listened to the music at the Methodist church during the Siler-Rothrock wedding, we wondered how many times Mrs. Matney has played the binding strains of Lohengrin and Mendelssohn.

Voice OF THE People

Do you approve the proposal before the House which would limit the tenure of a president to two terms?

W. R. Francis—"I would be willing to leave it just as it now stands."

Hayes Alley—"No, there is too much possibility that there might be another great emergency."

H. E. Atkins—"Not if we had a man like Roosevelt in office and we were having a world crisis."

Mrs. J. B. Siler—"Because of the terrific strain on a man, I think the tenure should be limited to two terms."

J. R. Boyd—"Yes, I would approve."

V. M. Thomas—"Yes, I would favor such a plan."

Mrs. Edith D. Alley—"Yes, except in emergencies."

Mrs. Fred Campbell—"No, I don't think I am. I think that President Roosevelt set a shining example that circumstances alter cases."

Walter Hyatt—"No, I would not approve of making such a rule. I think that circumstances might be such as in the case of President Roosevelt when it might be necessary to have a president serve more than two terms, and he certainly did a good job."

W. L. Harin—"I think generally speaking I would approve. Of course in the case of Roosevelt it was different, but we all hope that such an emergency will never happen again."

Methodist for more than a half of a century as they entered the Holy bonds of matrimony.

We heard Mr. Chas. Webb, of the Asheville Citizen, at the meeting of the park and parkway officials at the Piedmont Hotel say, "You know every town needs a Charlie Ray," and then the visitors took up the subject of what a civic minded person our fellowtownsman was, they spoke of his vision, how constructive his ideas were, how he always saw a problem in its entirety, and was broad and unbiased in his ideas.

The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

It never pays to jump at conclusions; get the facts before you act. I have just heard a scary story illustrating this. It occurred in the Carolina coastal country during the time when German submarines were lurking along the Atlantic Seaboard and exacting their fearful toll of shipping at our very doors.

Our coast was under heavy guard and all highways were carefully patrolled. Sentry boxes were placed at all bridges over rivers emptying into the Atlantic.

In a recent conversation, as usual, the subject of the current hectic living era came up and a man in the group reminded us that the present might not be a drop in the bucket to the future busy world.

A clerk in one of the local food stores gave us some inside dope on the reaction of the public to the sugar situation. She says she could write a long story about the varied ways in which it seems to affect people—judging by their expressions. Here are a few samples she gave us.

under the bridge. They immediately telephoned from the sentry box for the radio patrol, and were preparing to call out an armed detail from the nearest military post.

Upon second thought the captain asked the sentry to walk out on the bridge and explain to him just what he saw. They reached the middle of the bridge. At first their eyes became accustomed to the darkness they could see the outlines of the trees on the banks. The sentry was explaining just how he saw the water part and could hear the waves caused by the incoming submarine. Suddenly both heard another one coming. Yes, another one was coming. Both could see the waters parting; they could hear the waves washing the river banks. They froze in their tracks. Would the radio patrol ever come! Closer and closer came the submarine! It was passing under the bridge! As they gazed downward, spell-

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Other Newspaper Editors Comment On The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

PROGRESS

This section has invested much in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the way of scenery, money and civic effort and faith. It has not yet received an adequate return on its outlay.

It is the earnest hope of the people of Western North Carolina that with the coming of peace and the resumption of normal building activity in the nation, the National Park Service will be able to address itself vigorously and competently to the fullest development of the park.

Yesterday's meeting in Waynesville should be helpful in preparing the way for accelerated activity in the park in the post-war era. The gathering was marked through-

bound, instead of a submarine they saw—a school of porpoise! The tension was broken and they had a big laugh. Then they congratulated themselves that they had not yielded to their first impulse to call out an armed military detachment. They would have had a hard time living that down.

Imagination plays us strange tricks at times. Home happiness has been marred and friendships have been broken by jumping at conclusions before the facts are known. Customers have been lost in the same manner.

He who is wise, when strange circumstances seem to be developing, pauses to get the facts before he takes action which may have comical if not tragic consequences.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps

Inside WASHINGTON

New Latin-American Highway Project Is Being Investigated

WASHINGTON—Senators on the Mead war investigation committee are privately digging into the circumstances surrounding the Latin-American highway project, which calls for the construction of an 80 or 90-mile strip in northern Nicaragua.

Republican senators on the committee intend to see to it that a thorough investigation is made of several other projects, including contracts for construction of new locks on the Panama Canal and for construction of a new harbor at Pearl Harbor.

THE GERMAN RUHR, industrial center of the Nazi Reich, continues to plague the Allies in peace just as it did in war. A major headache in the Allied plan for the future government of Germany is concerned with the question of what to do with Germany in the area along the Rhine.

What the Allies do about the future production and trade of these mammoth, cartelized industries will, in the opinion of Washington observers, determine the possibility of another war.

JAPAN'S BEHAVIOR on the international political front that Germany has folded, has become as fumbling and cautious as her military operations. On one side, Japan has been trying to appease Russia and herself from her former "anti-Bolshevik" coalition with Benito Mussolini and the believed-to-be-late Adolf Hitler.

She kept this point of view even when the Russians and Germans were bound by a non-aggression treaty. By attacking Pearl Harbor at a time when it looked as if the German juggernaut would hammer through to Moscow, she gave further evidence of her anti-Communist commitment.

Chungking is being told that association with the Soviet Union will mean only that the Russian attitude toward Poland will be followed in regard to China. The implication is that a Communist regime will be set up in China, with Soviet backing, if Russia enters the war against Japan.

The Army's Psychological Warfare Division isn't permitting a lousy slap on the back, meanwhile, but it is quietly dropping its surrender leaflets may pay big dividends in Japan. PWD points out that the red, white and blue leaflets dropped by enemy lines in Okinawa brought an unprecedented number of prisoners in during the closing phase of that bloody, bitterly-fought battle.

PWD considers this little short of a major achievement. It cites the age-old indoctrination methods of Bushido which left a Japanese soldier no alternative but "honorable death" in battle instead of surrender. PWD's surrender campaign in Europe reached its highest point the final days of the war when thousands upon thousands of German soldiers threw down their arms and trudged across to the Allied positions.