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Building Progress

We congratulate the board of trustees of the Methodist Assembly for their forward step in planning for a greater expansion of accommodations to take care of the increasing crowds that visit Lake Junaluska each season.

It is also encouraging to note that there is prospect for a greater building program right here with a number of plans under way, all pointing to an expansion of tourist accommodations, which will be needed to meet the influx of visitors who are making this area headquarters.

Like the Lake we need an increase in varied accommodations for the tourist from high class modern hotel rooms to a simple housing unit. We sincerely trust that the signs of future construction are not false, but will be realized even in greater evidence than we now anticipate.

If both the Methodist Assembly and the Town of Waynesville can have the seasons they have enjoyed this year during a time when the nation has been at war, certainly the future with travel restrictions lifted offers assurance of a permanent and prosperous tourist industry.

Tokens Of Peace

Each day we note returning peace signs in the community. Most of them are little things, but they represent a tremendous change. The termination of gas rationing was the biggest token of a world about to enjoy peace.

However it does not mean that the rationing of foods will not continue during 1946, but that the spares in Book 4, may be able to take care of the needs until things become more plentiful.

It is said that the rationing of meats, fats, and oils, butter and sugar will be continued "until military cut-backs and increased production meet civilian demands." Most of us can take this without complaint, for we know that we have not suffered and our lot has been easy compared to the civilians in those countries the war has raged.

Nevertheless it will be nice once again to shop without rationing books, and the manufacturers of women's pocketbooks must have some reason to cut down on the size as we have noticed in the newer models.

How the world welcomes these tokens of peace. They help restore our vision of an untroubled world—a world at peace.

What Of The Draft?

President Truman has already authorized a cut in inductions from 80,000 to 53,000 a month, but has insisted that the draft go on so that replacements may be provided for men in the occupational forces who have done the fighting and earned the right to a discharge and a return to civilian life.

There are others in Congress, including Senator Thomas, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and Chairman May of the same group in the House, who do not approve such a program. They would like to see a bill introduced at the earliest possible moment to end all draft calls.

There is much to be said on both sides, but with a long occupation in Japan and key points in the Pacific and also in Europe, where it is planned to keep 400,000 men on duty indefinitely, it would look like the draft would be a necessity, if the veterans are to be relieved.

In the meantime most civilians have a few ideas of their own, and to them it would seem only fair to send as replacements first the men who have been trained for long periods in this country who have not been in combat rather than keep adding to the army. At least it might be advisable to make a close survey, which we admit would be difficult at this time with so many being discharged, and then start from the findings to organize for the occupational groups.

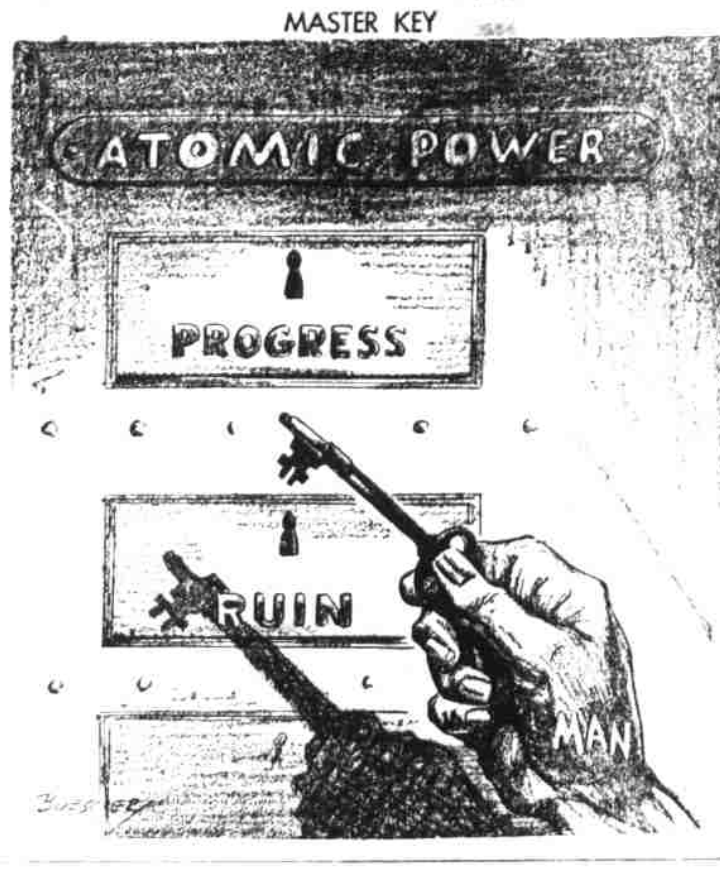
There are some who feel that voluntary enlistments might fill the need, as the younger boys become of selective service age, who would want to enter the army.

Whatever is done, we trust that the veterans of combat will be given what he wants, for he is the man who has contributed the most, while many others might have been willing, he was put on the spot.

As far as most of us are concerned, the atomic bomb is still a military secret.

The Lady Next Door says her husband just can't bear to see her put her hands in dishwater. He always goes into the other room.

The Generals in khaki will soon step aside, please, and let General Motors, General Electric, General Refractories, and the other industrial four-stars take over at home.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN



ARACOELI GONCALVES MERENO

"I feel so much at home here in Haywood county, for you see in Brazil I am used to lots and lots of mountains," said Aracoeli Goncalves Mereno, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who spent last week here studying the State Extension Service.

"It is very hard to believe that the slip of a girl, who was so gracious and lovely to look at with her Latin coloring, dark flashing brown eyes and soft broken accent could possibly be old enough for such experiences. We might have guessed her to be a high school student, had we not known that only a girl of mature and outstanding ability would have been selected for such recognition. We ventured to find out other qualifications, but she was so modest it was difficult to obtain, but she finally admitted that she had completed all courses offered in the lead-up Brazil schools in her work, and that 'scholastic rating did count some'."

"Of course it was necessary for me to speak English, which I did not. When the representatives of the Institute asked me if I would like to come to America and study I was so excited, but I had to tell them that I could not speak English, but they said that did not matter, for I could study in America before I started my work. I tried to learn how to speak before I left, but then I could not understand the American teacher very well and did not make progress. But my first month in your country was spent at the Webster school, Washington, for the study of English," she explained.

"We came by plane from Rio de Janeiro, arriving in Miami in three days and then by train to Washington. It was my first trip to America, but I had dreamed of coming all my life. Everybody in Brazil wants to come to the United States. The program of the American Institute of Inter-American Affairs was started by President Roosevelt and it has done so much for better understanding and good will between our countries. There is much our countries can do for each other. We have great natural resources and you have great manufacturing plants," she explained.

"President Roosevelt has done more than any one man to help the relations between the Americans and the Brazilians. We all

loved Roosevelt in our country. When he visited us everyone wanted to see him. Everywhere he went the streets were crowded, all school children, men in uniform and labor came out to parade. When he died it made us very sad. We closed everything and stopped work for three whole days in his memory," she said.

"We arrived just before Christmas and it was wonderful to see how you celebrated Christmas here. We celebrate it only in the homes and here Christmas is everywhere. You have it on the streets, in the shops and in the movies. It makes one feel good and cheerful. But nothing impressed me more than the snow. It is beautiful and the first I ever saw."

"In this country you do so much for your people. We are just starting. The Providence Social Service de Alimentacao has been organized for only two years. It is our group to work for the good of the people. That is one thing in this country you have such wonderful organization. You plan your work and carry it out. Take the study we are making in America. We girls have had no trouble for the program has been worked out and we follow it."

"Learning English has been my biggest job, for the six months course I had in Home Economics and Nutrition at the University of Maryland was not new to me, for I had studied the same things in Brazil, but I learned a lot of other things."

After completing the work at the University of Maryland she came to North Carolina for three months. Six weeks of the time she is spending in six counties in addition to Haywood, Swain, Guilford, Iredell, Clay and Edgecombe. The remainder of the time she was assigned to Raleigh and has worked and studied with the State Extension Service, visiting various counties for special observation. She was greatly interested in the TVA in Clay county explaining that in Brazil they are sadly in need of water control, for in some parts of the country they have droughts, while in others there is too much rain.

"But we are making progress, for we are sending people up here to see what America is doing and we are making a pattern out of your country for our country," she added.

Few visitors in Haywood county will ever have such lavish hospitality as Miss Mereno has enjoyed. Every night was spent in a rural home, while in the daytime she worked with Miss Margaret Smith, county home agent. Her first two nights were spent with Mrs. Henry Francis, and the others with Mrs. Carl Green, Fines Creek, Mrs. D. Reeves Noland, Mrs. A. J. McCracken, Mrs. Glen Palmer, and Mrs. Paul Hyatt. We bet she had no cause to realize that there

Voice OF THE People

What pre-war article do you actually need to buy first?

M. H. Bowles—"As far as the schools are concerned I want to buy a power lawn mower. Personally I have done with make-stuffs so long I'm not worried about myself, but my wife wants a food mixer."

Mrs. J. J. Ferguson—"I can get by without anything."

Mrs. Harry Rung—"Hairnets."

Mrs. Howard Bryson—"A sewing machine."

Mrs. Roy Campbell—"I want a net, but more than anything else my friends know that I need it."

W. R. Francis—"I need so many things that it would be hard to pick out the first one to buy."

Miss Hattie Freeman—"At home we need some aluminum kitchen utensils."

Mrs. J. Harden Howell—"Hairpins, big ones, for my hair is long and it is hard to stay up with small pins."

Jimmy Neal—"An electric refrigerator."

H. Arthur Osborne—"One of the greatest needs in my business is metal roofing for the farures of Haywood county."

Marriage Licenses

Frank M. Childers to Hilda P. Conley, both of Canton.

Clarence H. West to Mary Harkins, both of Canton.

Hausman Moody Russell to Gladys W. Frady, both of Haywood county.

James R. Adams, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 1 to Christin Moody, of Waynesville.

All Canadians who really fought were volunteers, our volunteers were mostly the first Marines, women, doctors, preachers and Missionsaries.

was any rationing of food in America. She observed folk dancing at the Country Club, attended Home Demonstration Club picnic, observed county library work, 4-H Club work, poultry, dairy, soil improvement practices of modern methods of farming and home making.

"I am so impressed with your rural library service, for we are just starting this kind of work among our people, and are sending workers to America to study methods. Miss Smith and Miss Johnston took books with us and the people seemed so glad to get them."

"I hope to take back to my people ideas about home demonstration work, 4-H Clubs, and nursery schools. Brazil will be divided into four parts when we four girls get back. Each of us will be given a section in which to organize and supervise the work of these groups. It will be wonderful for our people. We have not had government agencies as you have here, but we hope to help our people to better living, just as you have here in America. You have a fine plan of Extension Service and the workers are so well chosen. Your Miss Smith here, everybody loves in your county. I can tell by the way they treat her."

"There is only one thing I do not like about America. I hate to say good-bye. Every place I visit I think I would like to stay always, for the people are so friendly. Your country is wonderful, but the people more yet," concluded the Brazilian girl, who returns in November to her native country, where she has high hopes of helping her people to a fuller life.

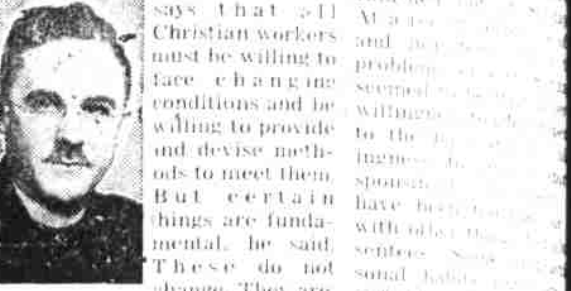
THE OLD HOME TOWN



The Everyday Counsel

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

If you are a Christian worker, Sunday School teacher, Church worker, you will be interested in this, others will pass it up.



- 1. Hold fast to the word of the Cross. 2. Bear your own cross and follow Christ. 3. Be an example to the flock. 4. Expect to have a godly household, and God will give it you do not say: 'Young folk will be rogues, what can we do?'

YOU'RE TELLING ME

IN MONTANA a minister paused in the midst of preaching an outdoor sermon to shoot a couple of rattlesnakes which were creeping by. Betcha Doljar Dyer wants to wager the sermon topic was the Garden of Eden.

Inside WASHINGTON

Stalin in Good Health Despite Many Reports

WASHINGTON—Reports that Marshal Stalin is failing to run contrary to the evidence of persons who had a chance to see the Soviet chief closely at Potsdam. Army men who frequently attend the conference meetings, though not part of the delegations, that Stalin held up better than most of his colleagues.

Commercial AIRLINE EXPERTS think that both the Army and Navy want the cargo and passenger planes now on hands.

ONE OF THESE MORNINGS housewives will find labor devices in the stores. It won't be tomorrow and it may be in months, but the day is now in sight. Production of 250,000 machines has been authorized for the third quarter of this July, August and September.

THERE IS LIVELY SPECULATION among Washington and members of Congress on the possibilities of the atomic which brought atomic energy into the world with a blast that teted Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT BELIEVED that the assembly United Nations Organization would meet in various places Chungking, Washington, Paris, London, Moscow, Buenos Aires, Ottawa, it was disclosed by Clark E. Eichelberger, director American Association for the United Nations.

There is a secret is exclusively in the hands of the United States Britain it will multiply the power of these nations in determining the rest of the world.