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"Bored With Boards"

A recent editorial in The Raleigh News and Observer in dealing with the proposed measure to join the army and the navy departments under one secretary of National Defense, which should be studied through a board, claims that people are "bored with boards."

We wouldn't be surprised if they have something there, for all of us recall countless boards that have never actually been worthy of the name, for they have never actively functioned.

We have all seen many a proposition delayed until it was out-dated by the reaction of a board to make a study and report, rather than resort to definite action taken at the time the board was named.

An Over-All Effort

No doubt the recent report of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey will come as a surprise to a lot of people. The members of the commission were disinterested civilian analysts sent into Germany on the heels of the armies in order to collect and sift all possible evidence upon real military effect of the great aerial effort of the Americans and the British.

The findings show how important the air forces were to the war effort, yet they also reveal the limitations of the air. It seems that many of the factories thought at the time to be destroyed continued with slight interruption to function.

While the air weapon was fully proved over Germany, the findings bring out the fact that the air forces could never have won the war alone, and that it was the over-all allocation of our resources of fighting that subsequently won the war, and that it was sound judgment to have all branches of the services in the fight.

Homecoming

Demobilization! What a cold word for such warm, happy events as those photographs coming to life in the streets, the restaurants, the buses. How often have we seen acquaintances—yes, and strangers—start a conversation at the drop of a parcel. Then out of a pocketbook or billfold would come in pictured form the son, or husband, or sweetheart on Okinawa, in Normandy, or on the high seas. And the letters—millions of them—being written and read in all places at all hours. Now G.I. males are rapidly replacing the V-mail and stepping right out of the pictures into the present.

Demobilization! What an unfeeling word for those breathless first greetings between soldier and sweetheart, wife, and husband. And the first time they have been taught to say but never seen. For the meeting with Dad, who had determined to greet his high-school lad turned soldier with a man-to-man handshake, but found that nothing but an old-fashioned hug could quite meet the exigencies of the moment. And with Mom, who's been baking and buttering and readying Johnny's room into its familiar cluttered state.

No, "demobilization" won't do. But there are three little words that will, perhaps tucked onto the evening prayer—"Thank you, Father."—Christian Science Monitor.

Signs Of Progress

We note with interest that Rural Electrification program is being extended by 150 miles in four counties served by the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation.

The program was just getting a good start when the war came and as a result during the past three years comparatively little construction of lines has been made due to lack of material and labor.

The extension of these lines into the rural areas is another link between the town and the country. We point with pride that while the corporation is serving four Western counties, it was organized in Haywood County, by Haywood citizens.

Encouraging

The mountain counties will suffer less and prosper more through reconversion than most sections of the country, according to Gene Ochseneiter, acting manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

We trust that Mr. Ochseneiter is correct. He bases his statement of the fact that there are no war-born industries to close and no population to move, and that industries that have remained in operation during the war are now expanding or preparing to expand.

He further stated that payrolls in the 12 western counties, of which Haywood is part of the group, are 100 per cent higher than in 1940-43 period. He brought out the fact that industries were being attracted to this section and that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park would boost the tourist business.

Is Hitler Dead?

We read from time to time and often hear discussions on whether or not Hitler is dead, for regardless of the report of the British Intelligence Service that Hitler committed suicide, speculations continue about his disappearance.

But after all it is not so important whether Hitler lives or not as it is whether or not Hitlerism is dead in Germany. We know that the German people have been disillusioned about the many promises he failed to make good for them, but whether or not his gospel of racial hatred and arrogance will live again is of vital importance to the world.

Unless his ideals are completely crushed a new crop of gangsters may rise up and threaten the civilization of the world. The personal fate of Hitler is nothing as compared to the fate of his ideals.

Victory Loan

Most of us may have bought War Bonds to the limit of our pocketbooks, but we must remember that the Victory Loan still holds a definite obligation, one that would heed as we did the urgent call for money to carry on the war.

The Treasury lists five main reasons why we have to buy these bonds which we should purchase with joy and thanksgiving:

- To pay for munitions and material already delivered and used. To pay the cost of guarding Germany and Japan. To pay for the care of our wounded and disabled. To provide benefits for eight million men to be discharged by next July. To keep the lid on prices and prevent inflation. To a thinking American any one of the reasons offered should be worthy of a sacrifice, if it takes that, to buy a Victory Bond.

Peace Prescription

We read last week in the New York Herald Tribune of a prescription for Peace, as prescribed by a Lindsay Russell, of Wilmington, N. C. He recommends that we get together and make the world be "one place in which to live," with uniform laws relating to marriage, child welfare, and many other codes for common problems which would advance international understanding.

The sins of one generation or a few men who have usurped authority should not be visited upon the innocent generation and grievances perpetuated for agitators to thrive upon, is cited by the writer. There is much food for thought in his idea, and goes back to Wilkie's idea of one world.

We may feel that we are far away from such ideas here in Haywood County, but we are not. We are just as much a part of the pattern as some obscure German village. It behooves America as well as the other nations of the world to wear down misunderstanding as much as possible and get together on as many problems of common interest as we can.

Mr. Lindsay also prescribes an unhampered and responsible press giving a better interpretation of the facts and ideas that underlie international questions essential to everlasting peace.

BUT IN CASE WE DO!



HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

A lot of water has gone under the bridge since last Armistice Day. We feel sure that as the years go by this national holiday will come to have a double meaning, for while its original significance was with World War 1, the sons of these veterans who went forth to fight in World War 2, will be associated together. It will long be a day of remembering for the veterans and their families.

Every week brings back a familiar face on Main Street here and it is interesting to realize that what is happening in our section is taking place all over America, as the boys come home. Maybe it is somebody who has been out in the Pacific two years. Maybe he has been with the air force at a base in England. Maybe he has been in Germany. It is like a dream come true, this steady change that is taking place. Often we have seen a boy in uniform one day the next he might be in civilian clothes and we would find ourselves passing him by thinking he was some stranger. On the other hand it is going to take much longer than most of us realized when the great news of the final surrender came before the picture of peace will be complete. We doubt if anything, next to the boys returning has given the realization of "back to normal," more than the lifting of the gas rationing, for the free flowing of gasoline has started American traveling and going places. Even those of us who are not traveling are conscious of how fast America is coming back to her old habits on wheels as they pass our doors here in Haywood County—which brings to mind another phase of peace time.

We have been surprised at the number of people we have heard say recently, "Well I bought a bond during every drive while we were at war but it's over now, and I can't make it any more." We are shocked each time we hear such sentiments. It may look like we civilians are having to fight the war longer than the armed forces, but we must remember that we have fought it from an "armed chair," and that our job has been nothing compared to those on combat. We should all be glad to get the corners on those things we had planned to buy when the war was over. They can wait, for we must not forget that our job is not finished "until the last service star goes down" in the homes of America.

We have a suggestion to make. Ere this appears in print it may not be necessary. We hope it won't be. Housewives, you know, think a lot of their furniture, and the same can apply to a community. Last Spring there were a number of green benches put out and they have been a source of pleasure not only to the tourists, but also to the local and county people. During the celebration on Halloween some energetic young celebrators put one of these benches down in the excavation near the Masonic Temple. And for all we know it is still down there, at least it was the last time we passed. How about putting it back, boys, where it came from?

We bet the editor of Time Magazine will be a little more careful the next story his publication carries about North Carolina, for we understand that his mail has stepped up a notch or two since the story of President Frank Graham of the University appeared in print. Louis Graves in a recent issue of his well-known paper "The Chapel Hill Weekly," cited some of the "boners" the Time reporter pulled. He also quoted excerpts from a letter from President Graham to John Shaw Billings, editorial director, in which he thanked him for his recognition of the founding of the State University 150 years ago, and from there he made a few corrections. Time gave President Graham credit for bringing a number of

nationally and internationally-known professors to Chapel Hill who were there when Dr. Graham was a student. Another correction was about how young Graham went forth in 1920 and was assigned to beg money from every one of the 100 counties in the state and returned with \$5,500,000 to his boss, President Chase. It so happened that the money came through legislative appropriations and was the result of an educational campaign in which many leaders took part. At any rate Dr. Graham can have the satisfaction of knowing he has made a name for himself as president of the Greater North Carolina University that outsiders want to give him all credit for the prestige the University is gaining.

The calendar says that Christmas is just around the corner. One of the big things about the season to us has always been the fun of making "home-made candy." This year it looks at this stage of the game that the sport will be obsolete in the year 1945. If the present rationing of sugar has to last until January 1, it looks like instead of holding back a little for candy, as we have during the past "critical years" we will do well to keep our coffee sweetened until the New Year. We were on the eve of a good bit of griping, when we read that the British housewives are still standing in line for the most ordinary foods that we have never felt cramped for and that children in Europe are actually gathering acorns for puddings.

To us the radio is one of the marvels of modern life. It is truly "something out of this world." We were rather surprised in reading a sketch of the first 25 years of radio to realize that the world had been "wired" for sound only around 25 years. We had taken it so much for granted that we had overlooked the time. I think that the world has been filled with music for centuries and yet we could not bring it into our homes. Rapid progress was made following World War 1 when government controls on wireless were taken off, and experiments started and developed until the airwaves are now a part of our daily lives. Today it is said that 90 per cent of the homes in this country have radios. "A \$100,000,000 baby has grown up." Yet inventors today tell us that the radio is a mere youth compared to what the next 25 will bring and that we will look back on the first 25 radio years as the hardest—so great will be the improvements. If they get much better it will be dangerous for we may be able to hear what the neighbors next door are saying—which might be all right, but maybe we wouldn't like to know our conversations were being broadcasted.

Voice OF THE People

Would you favor abolishing all elective offices for two year terms and only have elections every four years?

J. Yates Bailey—"I prefer two year terms in child needs the watchful care of

Richard N. Barber, Jr.—"Yes, I think it takes a certain amount of training and experience after a person takes over an office before they are capable and efficient."

W. A. Bradley—"I think it would be better to have elections every four years. It takes a person a year or two to learn about an office and there would be the saving of time and money in holding elections."

S. F. Connaster—"I think it would be better to have elections every four years for it would save a lot of election talk and money."

W. Clarke Medford—"Yes, I would favor such a plan."

Walter Crawford—"Yes, I would favor such a plan, for our present system when a legislator can change the term at any general assembly, it makes the term of some of the officers nothing but a football to be tossed about as the politicians wish."

J. S. Black—"No, I would not, for I think it is better to have two year elections."

C. E. Munday—"I would not be in favor of such. I think we should have elections every two years, for I think we have better public officials in short terms, even if they are re-elected. The shorter the term the more attention the official is bound to be, and the element of competition makes better officers."

D. Reeves Noland—"No, I believe in two year terms. Four years is too long for any lemon."

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Inside WASHINGTON

Latin America Needs Aid In Readjusting to Peace Unification of War Departments Sought

WASHINGTON—State department officials foresee as they seek to reduce the dollar investments of taxpayers in buying good will for the United States. The officials realize that Congress will not allow the use of dollars to sustain the political and economic status of countries now that the war has ended.

Still, they feel that disrupted economy caused by the United States interest, that peace, and that America must aid in creating stable world conditions. Although the granting or loaning of European nations to aid in their reconstruction is a matter of paramount discussion, department officials regard steps needed to be taken in Latin America as importance. War goods orders from below the being terminated rapidly, and officials the terminations may create an economic within the western hemisphere. They make every effort to aid "good neighbors" adjusting themselves to peace.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS ARE CERTAIN that Congress enact a bill unifying the Army and Navy and their armed services into a single executive department. Under the measure, a single secretary of national defense would be named, and possibly other undersecretaries for war, navy and air and possibly other supplant the secretaries of war and navy in the cabinet. President Truman favors unification of the armed forces. The Army is all-out for the plan. The Navy, however, is against the scheme, but is expected to come around after limited way. Proponents of the measure in the making emphasize Army Navy and Marine Corps and their flying branches maintain their individuality. Actually, the Army and Navy exist separately, and the Air Forces probably would be parated into a department of the air.

REXFORD GUY TUGWELL, former FDR brain-trust now governor of Puerto Rico, is likely to remain in his post indefinitely, despite rumors to the contrary. Although factions in Puerto Rico and in Washington are violently to Tugwell, responsible sources in the government say that President Truman has no intention at the moment of "firing" governor. This was not the case a few months ago. It was known administration was seeking a successor to Tugwell and had offered the post to at least one person who refused it.

LOOK FOR A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION of the Congressional Pearl Harbor investigation. The committee has until Jan. 3, 1946, to complete its report to Congress under the Barkley resolution creating a man investigating group. It has become plainly evident that job can't be done in that time. November is nearing and the committee has not yet been able to begin public hearings.

SENATOR FULBRIGHT (D) of Arkansas fears his colleagues are not awakening fast enough to the danger atomic age has brought. He laments what he regards as a lation-as-usual attitude. To Fulbright, any planning for the future before the assured by an international control of atomic energy may be a waste of time. There may be no future for America, he fears. "There's no use legislating about full employment, housing, minimum wages, education, or anything else for the future unless we get this job done first," the young senator told a reporter. Fulbright, who has fully discussed the problem of atomic with scientists engaged in producing the devastating weapons, his fellow senators that "it's getting late."

are being mentally poisoned by that which they see, hear, read. Blood-and-thunder radio programs, so-called "comic magazines" and bad motion pictures poison their minds and warp their emotions as surely as certain kinds of food undermine their physical health. I do not mean to say that all radio programs, "comic magazines," motion pictures are harmful. What I want to say is that every parent should use the same care in examining the mental food which their children consume as they do the food which goes into their bodies.

The same care should be exercised in their spiritual training. The world is far behind scientific achievement in the growth of the race in spiritual stature. Every most cases, as we do now. Parents in Home, School and Church. A most helpful little book to assist parents in the mental and spiritual nurture of their children is "The Home and Christian Living" by Hayward (Westminster Press). No Christian home should be without it. It is most helpful to parents in guiding their children in those tremendously important pre-school years. The chapter headings are most suggestive: The Home and a Growing Life. The Parental Dilemma of Guidance of Freedom. Keeping Pace with the Children's Growth. Growth of Capacity in Leisure Time. Physical Soundness and the Growth of Life. The Growing Minds of Our Children. The Love Life of Children. Mastering the Use of Money. A Variety of Experiences. Attaining a Personal Religion. When the Children Are Grown Up and Gone.

Wise parents will find this a most helpful book. It is highly recommended.

PROPAGANDA REVERSED Revising the usual wartime admonition, "Copies of the Bugle are limited, so let your neighbor read yours," the Hardin County (Ill.) Independent, announcing that its supply of newsprint was better, said: "Don't moan any longer. You, too, may subscribe."—Editor and Publisher.

COULD SAY Our weather over a period of time averages up, all the experts say, but they could the same thing about a roller coaster ride—Boston Globe.

That will be an exciting moment when they remove all the economic controls and everybody waits to see whether the machine will move forward or backward. News.

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The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Wise parents realize that the mental and spiritual training of their children is as important as their physical care.

There has been a marked change in the attitude of modern parents toward child care. A woman, as soon as she learns that she is to become a mother, places herself under the care of a doctor to whom she reports at frequent intervals until the child is born. The next step is to place the child under the care of a doctor to whom it is taken for frequent check-ups. The matter of diet is adjusted to the individual child. The foods to which it is allergic are removed from the diet.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Farm Questions and Answers

QUESTION: Can I use crops for poultry as I have?

ANSWER: Yes, says C. F. Crish, in charge of Poultry Division at State College. He reminds that when chickens are feathered in the spring, they need dry heat, and the permits, they can be maintained on green ground kept there until they are lay. A variety of crops can be planted in summer. Fat can be placed on rice, grass and cranberry plants during the fall.

QUESTION: How can I get rid of ticks on my trees during the fall months?

ANSWER: Laurence W. district agent of the U. S. and Wildlife Service at State College, recommends that bit repellent which has excellent results in all the state is reported to be. He says that the repellent is one cent per quart and cannot be purchased here. County agent can help you in charge of the Apple Laboratory at North W. has found that 96-A gives results.

QUESTION: The lights on my keys lay earlier?

ANSWER: Yes, results by the poultry state of Cultural Experiment Station that the lights do have effect on the chickens. Where the lights were on the breeding pens on the and the length of the day increased so that the light on at 4 a. m. egg production about 60 days earlier than

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