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Welcome

The Mountaineer takes pleasure in welcoming the members of the Haywood County Home Demonstration clubs, the largest group of organized women in the county...

The annual reports and exhibits made by the groups combining their Achievement Day program, will, judging by other years, reveal outstanding work and progress that is being made by these rural organizations.

Along with our congratulations to the rural folks, we are going to take the liberty to invite the people of this community to attend the meeting at the courthouse on Saturday and get acquainted with their near neighbors who live out of town.

While our Haywood folks have gone forward in the agricultural developments and home improvements, we feel that we must not forget their fine leaders, for in this county we have been exceptionally fortunate in the high type of county farm and home agents who have had a vision of what could be accomplished here.

New Commission

We see where they have set up a new commission in Chicago — the anti-divorce commission which is to work with churches, welfare agencies and educators to stem the rising divorce rate, which appears to be one of the nation's post war problems.

Judge Edwin A. Robson, of the Supreme Court states that while commissions exist to combat traffic accidents, crime and poverty, there are none to carry on a fight against evils that tend to break up the nucleus of decent living—the home.

The nationwide divorce rate is now one to every five marriages; Wayne County, Mich., had one divorce to every two marriages; California one for every 1.65 marriage; while St. Louis, Mo., County in the first four months of 1945 filed more divorces than marriages.

Haywood County always has kept up with the outside world, and it seems that we are doing very well along this line, too, according to the records, we regret to point out, of our courts.

A Bad Sign Of Peace

The National Safety Council, Chicago, has reported that traffic fatalities in September, the first full month of unrestricted gasoline buying jumped to 2,830 or 40 per cent more than a year ago.

There are now only six states that have retained their 35-mile per hour speed limit. We have noticed recently a number of wrecked cars in the local garages, which shows that we too are feeling the effect of more gasoline, more speed and more wornout tires.

Too Slow For Us

Maybe we are impatient to see the hands of the clock of justice complete its rounds, but it seems to us that compared to the ruthless and hurried manner in which the Nazi leaders went after their victims, that the trials of these criminals are moving entirely too slow.

We certainly trust that the delay does not mean that they will not get their deserved punishment. We notice that recently the first international trial of its kind in the world history got under way in Nuremberg. The trial it is stated, will be a "model of objective judicial procedure in the field of international law, with the German defense lawyers admitted.

We don't quite get the idea, regardless of the explanation that otherwise the defendants would be represented by lawyers who did not believe in the cause of their clients. We feel that it often happens right here in our own county, for certainly many a guilty defendant has been tried by his lawyer who knew his guilt.

But of course there does enter the question of how it will look in the future, for if a merited verdict and punishment are given the end will justify the means, and the records will certainly show a fair and just trial. Maybe we are too near the war to have a broad vision of justice, even to criminals.

Renewed Interest

It is said that G. I.'s when they went overseas and began to see themselves against the backgrounds of other countries they began to wonder more about their own than they ever had back home. How and why were they different? How did America get to be the kind of a country it was?

They felt that the answer lay in the history of their own country, of which they were more curious about than they had ever been when at home. We have been told that they asked, "Why weren't we taught that in school?"

No doubt their teachers did try to teach them, but perhaps the greatness of America did not register with the thoughtful mind, which knew from actual experience no other country.

At any rate this renewed appreciation of one's own land and the place that America has in world affairs today, should give the schools a fine background to capture and build as never before into their teachings, the history, civics and all the assets of this nation.

Why can America be one of the leaders of the world today. Why can we make a unique contribution to world affairs today? The answer lies in the history of our nation.

It Reminds Us

We read last week that in 1955, according to an estimate of the Civil Aeronautics Administration in a 150 page report, that one out of every dozen families may own both an automobile and an airplane. One out of 20 trips using public transportation will be by air; two million Americans will fly abroad every year. Civil aviation will provide 901,000 persons with jobs as compared with 142,000 in 1939.

The report also revealed that about \$100,000,000 million a year Federal spending will be needed for the next 10 years to stimulate building of airports, pilot training, and technical improvements.

It was pointed out that the government will also have to spend \$750 million to \$1.4 billion a year, order 3,000 bombers, fighters, transports annually, if it wants to keep the aircraft industry flexible, able to expand in case of war. It was brought out that six well-placed atomic bombs could smash every plane factory in Los Angeles area.

Which all reminds us, how about that airport we heard planned for Haywood County back before the war.

There Is Improvement

Some things are improving, particularly the length of sermons and speeches and official proclamations. This year the President and the Governor managed to give expression to the causes justifying setting apart Thanksgiving Day in a bold and comprehensive way. The proclamations were short enough for all to read and inwardly digest.

It was not so when Governor Gerry of Massachusetts, grandfather of Senator Peter Gerry, wrote a proclamation to be read in the churches so long it required two hours to read it.

One cause of thankfulness this year was that we did not have to listen to a two-hour proclamation.—Relig News and Observer.

The fellow who used to pay \$12 for a suit of clothes can add \$3.00 to that amount these days and get himself a sport shirt—but let him try to buy an ordinary white shirt.—Indianapolis News.

It's the same old story with the Germans; now that we've got 'em what are we going to do with them?



HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

We had a summer resident make some grievous complaints about our people here in this community during the summer. We have had the things he said in our mind for some time, pondering whether or not to bring them out in the open. We decided it best to wait until the visitors had gone, and discuss his counts against us during the winter. The man has built an attractive summer home here, where he planned to spend at least half of the year. He and his charming wife would be an addition to any community. The man feels that he has not had a square deal, and that due to the fact that he was an "outsider" who came in, that we have taken advantage of him. Instead of showing him our better nature we have given him a raw deal. We deeply regret his impressions of us, for it is just these kind of things that can create undesirable publicity. His impressions should serve as a lesson to us all. We should remember that when we are not courteous to a visitor, here we are not only damaging our own personal reputation, but our community. The visitor can, and will carry this unpleasant reaction to others. It is bad business any way you look at it. We hope that this particular summer resident has enough nice things to happen to him next year to make him forget the past.

While we were writing the above a Marine, with five years service record came in with another grievance against us here—but in his case his own home folks, but we did not take him too seriously despite the fact that he showed great feeling on the subject. His request, "Please try to teach the people of Haywood county the difference between the four branches of the service. I am so tired of being taken for a soldier, when I am a Marine, and I am sick of people asking me about what my ribbons mean. They should know. It looks to me like the people here in Haywood county have worked so hard during the war that they have forgotten everything else."

We tried to get his view point, but the more we argued with him, the more our sympathy flowed in the opposite direction. We attempted to tell him that it was not idle curiosity that prompted the folks here at home to ask about his 21 decorations, but honest and sincere interest in a man who had been on combat. We tried to tell him how THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER had followed the Haywood boys around the world in coverage of their part in the war. How we had practically turned the paper over to them at times, leaving out other news to give them full space. We also hinted that if the civilians back home hadn't done a fairly good job at hard working the war might still be on. So in our interview with the young Marine, who refused to tell us his name, we found that you "may" tell it to the Marines, but don't ask 'em any questions.

Now after registering two sets of grievances, we are adding one of our own, but we hope that you join with us. The spirit of vandalism is hard to understand, and when it comes to religious centers it is definitely inexplicable. We have reference to the robbing of the cross overlooking Lake Junaluska of light bulbs. The cross is a kind of beacon to most people in this section (we thought all when we came into the Lake after dark. It seems to welcome us home. It is significance of the association with the assembly grounds, and like His spirit shines even in the dark. We wonder what could be in the heart and mind of a person who would deliberately rob the cross of its rays of light. We honestly don't believe that there is anyone in this area so needy that they would be forced for the sake of light to steal a single bulb. We hate to think of any person in Haywood county who would consider such an act as a joke, so there is only the spirit of vandalism which prompts such an act.

We don't know whether it is the influence of his pilot veteran son-in-law or that he just keeps up with the times, but Carroll Bell is completely sold on the idea of flying. He made an initial trip from the Hendersonville Asheville airport on the PCA recently to Norfolk. He left the airport at 1:30, and the plane stopped in Greensboro, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, and Elizabeth City, and he was in his hotel room in Norfolk, by 6 o'clock the same afternoon. On his return he left Norfolk at 7:05 and arrived at the Asheville airport at 11 o'clock. He made the trip in about one fifth of the time he might have made it by train, he said, and it did not cost him any more. We nominate Carroll to revive the agitation about an airport for Haywood county, for it is just such enthusiasm that puts things across. Maybe he and his air-minded neighbor Dan Watkins, can start the movement.

Isn't it interesting how the talents of one generation will crop out in the next? Take the case of young Marguerite Russ, third grader, daughter of the editor, if early signs are any indication she has the makings of a top rate reporter. Not so long ago she attended a state press meeting, and was present at a luncheon where an outstanding editor made a long address on what it takes to make a good reporter. One of the men nearby, thinking he would have a bit of fun out of small fry, asked her about the speech, but the tables were turned, for she remembered and discussed so intelligently the speech that the joke was on him. Her latest feat of observation and memory was her detective work in connection with the car belonging to her teacher, which was stolen one morning and found 13 hours afterward, first by Marguerite and later by the police.

CHUG-CHUG HAMILTON, Bermuda—The legislation has been deadlocked for four years over whether to permit private automobiles on this island. A compromise may be reached: The motorcycle, a bicycle with a small motor.

The Everyday Counselor By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Some people are always late, and more of us are later than we think on life's schedule. Dr. G. Ray Jordan in his new book, "The Supreme Possession" (Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.50) has a thought provoking chapter, "It Is Later Than You Think" in which he says:

"We may kick over the sun-dial and scatter the sand on the ground, but time keeps moving, and pushing out of our reach the opportunities for which we had longed. We may tear the calendar off the wall and throw it in the fire, but time goes right on. We may jerk our watch out and slam it on the floor, but the minutes keep ticking away. We may even deny the reality of time, but old age creeps up on us before we are aware of it. Unless you are a most unusual person, as far as your work is concerned, your profession, your church, your character—it is much later than you think."

This new book of sermons from the pen of this well-known minister and writer challenges us to face the necessity of evangelism, or else destruction. The author exerts every effort to arouse a sleeping Christendom to the fact that there is no time to be lost if civilization is to be saved and the world Christianized.

He pleads with a confused world to pause for a moment and think where it is headed. He makes it very personal as one can gather from some of the chapter headings: "What Is My Business? Can You

Voice OF THE People

Which do you think is harder—working in an office all day or doing the housework for a family?

Mrs. Evelyn Hienz—"I have tried both and I think it is much harder working in an office all day than doing housework for a family."

Mrs. W. L. McCracken—"I think it is harder to do housework than office work."

Mrs. Edith P. Aalley—"I could not judge as I have always tried to do both."

Mrs. S. A. Dantzer—"I think it is harder to do housework for a family."

Mrs. Ruth Craig—"I have been working away from home as many years as I have I think I would prefer housework for a family."

Mrs. David Russell—"To work all day in an office or shop is much harder to me. I would rather keep house all day for a family."

Mrs. Tom Campbell—"I think it is a personal matter. I love to work in my shop, whereas some other person might prefer to do housework for a family. It is all according to what one likes best to do."

Mrs. R. L. Burgin—"I think it is about even. You get tired in different ways, but it amounts to the same thing."

Mrs. Jimmie Boyd—"Naturally it is much harder to work in an office and meet the public, because at home you can manage your work to have some leisure and time of your own."

Mrs. R. R. Campbell—"I think working in an office or a shop is a far greater strain on your nerves than doing housework for a family."

She and her parents were driving by Central Elementary school that night and she exclaimed, "Daddy, please stop, there is Miss Hayes' car," but her father having little faith in her ability to recognize the car drove on. Shortly after the police discovered the car. She was given the pleasure of telling her teacher, even if she did not get to break the news to the police. Then there is little Shirley Mae Bridges, daughter of the other owner of The Mountaineer, whose father is a mechanical wizard. He can take anything apart and put it back together. She is not even school age, but she can take a 1,000 piece puzzle and before an adult can get the pieces arranged to work on, she has them all fitted and the picture complete.

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Reemends Your Religion? God Needs Us Everyone! When Will the Kingdom Come? Our Source of Strength. What Is Our Hope for Tomorrow? It Is Later Than You Think.

The author points to the confused condition of world thinking and the rampant selfishness which provoked World War II and how we were given solemn warning of events to come. He hurls the challenge to every Christian. "We must take Christ out of the Church into the world. The kingdom is not going to come to the earth until statecraft becomes spiritual." He makes this a personal responsibility.

There is no question but that the Church has largely ignored the command of Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The flames of personal evangelism which caused the early Church to spread so rapidly, have been fanned into flame from time to time in the past. It is during these periods that civilization has progressed and marched forward.

The destroyed cities of the world and thousands of unmarked graves are mute evidence to our failure to keep alive the flame of Christian evangelism.

In Christ alone is the answer to world peace—Christ is the hearts of men. EDITOR'S NOTE—Dr. Spbaugh's new book, "The Pathway to Contentment," will come from the press about December 1. It is being published in response to the many readers, and contains material which has appeared in this column. The price is \$1.00 postpaid. Orders may be sent to THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR, Box 4145, Charlotte, N. C. Advance orders will be autographed.

RAMBLING AROUND By W. CURTIS RUSS

LEO WEILL accompanied Heinz Rollman to the New York airport and bid him good-bye as Heinz took off for London on the first leg of a business trip throughout Europe.

Mr. Weill headed for Waynesville, and in the race for their respective destinations, Mr. Rollman got to London first. You can draw your own conclusions—this old world is getting smaller and smaller, etc. etc.

MY HAT IS OFF to the maintenance men of Carolina Power & Light Company, and the telephone linemen. A job that the public perhaps don't fully appreciate. Last week we had occasion to water them go into action. The storm knocked out telephone lines, while an automobile broke a power pole in half.

The power crew was soon on hand, and worked untiringly through rain, lightning, fog and the night in removing the broken pole, erecting a new one, and connecting the wires back in place in order to restore service. They started their job soon after dark, and as the clock struck four in the morning they were leaving the scene.

With them it was just another day, another job, and in the traditional manner of "The show must go on" the linemen worked under the urge that "The power must be kept on." The public takes so many of these every-day conveniences for granted, never considering for a moment the hard work necessary to keep them running.

TUESDAY MORNING when it began to snow, everyone on the street and in places of business called attention to the fact that it was snowing. While most grown-ups grumble about snow, and pretend they don't like it, we find that there is a certain amount of childish delight in all of us when we see the white flakes lazily floating down.

A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM, according to the Scriptures, but that did not have reference to leading a group of men in singing, according to our observation at Rotary last Friday, when a chorus of 10 girls from the Hazelwood school gave a splendid program for the club. At the conclusion of the program, some inspired members wanted the chorus to lead the club members in several familiar songs. The chorus kept on with their fine singing, but their Rotarian followers did not make a high score in the music world, although they did

Inside WASHINGTON

President Vs. Congress Over Atom Control Body Lack of Funds Threatens Many Air Control Plans

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Storm clouds are forming around the energy issue. To be written is a new chapter in the history of the struggle for power between the executive and legislative branches of the government.

The new showdown will be on whether the atomic control mission is set up in a way to give the president or Congress the heaviest voice in administering the atomic policy.

The May-Johnson bill, though written by the war department, represents the "arm of congress" philosophy, while the McMahon bill Senate would bring control closer to the executive branch by having the administrative pointed by the president and by having advisory board composed of cabinet members. The latter of course being appointed also president.

Senator Joseph Ball (R) of Minnesota, middle-of-the-road proposal which would a nine-man atomic board with five cabinet members. Ball asks that the board make a report to Congress.

MANY MUNICIPALITIES throughout the nation are soon what they will do when the Civil Aeronautics administration numerous airport traffic control towers which it has many country, but shutdowns are expected to begin early next year. Most cities lack funds to maintain the type of service provided by the government agency since 1922. Removal of funds operations from most airports will deprive the CAA of funds other means are provided.

The civil aviation legislation committee insists that funds be provided for the service in view of expected heavy increase in traffic in the years ahead.

DURING A LULL in the Labor-Management conference, Secretary Lewis Schwellenbach, William Hutcheson, president of the American Federation of Labor Carpenters union, and Union Chief John L. Lewis drifted together for a friendly "fest."

Schwellenbach asked Hutcheson how things were in his shop. Fine, replied Big Bill, except that the carpenters can't get their materials. The labor secretary promptly suggested that they get busy and return striking AFL lumber workers to their jobs. Schwellenbach lost the next round of gay repartee with however, Lewis blandly remarked that President Truman's stern opening warning to the labor peace party to find ways avert strikes, was talking to "everyone but me." They avert mine not at work, the UMW chief smiled, "but month ago Schwellenbach winced at that one. Only last month he day and night for nearly two weeks trying to end a paralytic strike. Lewis finally called it off when the convention seemed to be getting nowhere.

MIDWESTERN CITIES still have time to put in their headquarters sites for the United Nations organization, government officials say. It has been decided in the to make the league's headquarters somewhere in the United States, but so far no decision has been reached on just which city gets the nod.

Most likely bet is San Francisco where the charter was drafted. However, Philadelphia has raised its own own behalf.

Here are the prime requirements for the city which will be the new world organization and its delegates from 51 nations outlined by diplomatic sources: Good climate, opportunities in the surrounding country, recreation, entertainment, palatable food, scenery and a "political spirit."