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Happy New Year

This time last year we could not enter into this greeting as freely as we do now, for last year we knew could not be a wholly happy year.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the customers, and readers for their fine support. We say it without boasting, but we feel that we have been rewarded by our efforts to edit a readable paper by the confidence that the people of this community which have been expressed in both word and deed.

It our pleasure to carry the news of the local happenings, and with your help we try to print all readable news. It has been a year of events that at times have descended on us with such rapidity that we have felt, no doubt, as you have, snowed under at times, but the sun would come out again, and we would make a new start, and try to keep the faith.

We feel that the year which lies ahead will be a banner one for this section. It is a potentially successful year. Things will start back with a flourish when we do get going at full speed. Let us not get demoralized, but keep our heads clear for the events which will mark the year of 1946.

We must study the field as we enter 1946, for there are already pitfalls along the way to working out peace among civilians when they have been trained for war for four years.

Honor To Them

Those of us who have not lived near army posts perhaps do not fully appreciate what the entertainers have done during the war years to boost the morale of our armed forces. The USO Camp Shows are now celebrating their fourth birthday, and they have a lot to be proud of. They have done a grand job.

They have followed our men all over the world, on deserts and in jungles, they have brought laughter to thousands of homesick boys. They have made them forget how tired and battle weary they were. They have brought a note of normalcy amidst the grimness of war.

Some of the entertainers have been glamorous and famous, while others have been little known, but they gave alike in giving their talents. They had to travel in any fashion they could find to reach some of the far-flung spots they went to entertain our boys.

These workers of the "Foxhole Circuit" did their part and with their cheer and willingness to go anywhere they might be sent, have won a place for themselves in the history of World War II. If you doubt this statement ask a returned veteran from overseas.

In Looking Back

The year 1945 was chock full of momentous events. It had a little of everything. It was filled with anxiety until the nerves of the people of the world were keyed up to the breaking point. Then Germany surrendered and the tension was loosened, and then Japan threw up the sponge, and the relaxation increased.

But the swinging back into peace after being so highly keyed up, has been both easy and hard. The discharged veteran is not the only group to have to face readjustment, for the civilian also has his problems.

The problems of peace are not and should not be as hard to get settled as those of war, so as we face the new year, it should be with high courage and gratitude, that we and the rest of the world have actually started to build back.

Winter Battle

The coming winter will be critical for the American driver. Though manufacturing has resumed, new cars will not be available in any quantity for a good while, and tires are still obtainable only by eloquence addressed to the local ration boards.

Against American Principle

The following taken from the Biblical Recorder will find response with many people; "For some reason President Truman, as well as President Roosevelt before him, persists in sending Myron Taylor as personal representative to the Vatican despite the protests of practically all religious groups in this country outside of Roman Catholic circles.

The protests against this representation at Rome are not because of religious prejudice or narrowness at all, but in support of our cherished American principle of separation of church and state.

Main Street

While the year 1945 marked both war and peace, progress marched on with steady feet in our community. A look in review on Main street brings one to the realization of the faith that the people here and from other sections have in this year.

Start up one side of Main street and go down the other and mark the many complete changes and renovations, as well as new business ventures.

We trust that this is only the beginning of a bigger and greater development of our community, and that this revival in business means a long and steady trend toward a permanent progress.

Tripled

The incomes of individuals in the United States according to the Federal Tax Administration have more than tripled since the depression of 1933. The administration also points out that per capita income payments to individuals reached a new high peak of \$1,117 in 1944, as compared to \$368 in 1933. In 1940 the average was \$575.

Average per capita income—counting the entire population, ranged from \$202 in Mississippi to \$896 in Delaware in 1940. By 1944 the range was from \$528 in Mississippi to \$1,519 in New York.

There were sixteen states in 1940 that reported income payments above the national average of \$575. They were: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington and Wyoming.

Fifteen states reporting above average in 1940 also went over the 1944 average. The figures are very misleading, for there is such a difference in the buying power of the dollar in the years mentioned that in the final analysis, the smaller income bought almost as much as the higher one does today.

Investigations

North Carolina is the first state to have a fact finding survey made in it to determine the needs of children in the post-war world by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The state was chosen because of the excellence of its pediatric groups and their interest in child health, according to the public health official, Dr. Joseph Lachman, whose services have been loaned to the North Carolina Pediatric Society.

We wonder if there were other reasons too—as for instance the fact that there were more medical rejections under the selective service system in North Carolina than in any other state. This fact is something to make us all more interested in all child welfare studies and services.

While right here in Haywood County we have made a glorious contribution to military records, we also have a sad side to what was uncovered along this line, when medical examiners brought to light the large number of our own Haywood boys who were not physically fit to serve.

We have an increasing number of facilities to improve these conditions. Once each month there is a health clinic to which any person in the county may come. Many a child has been handicapped for life for lack of attention at the proper time.

When we pass by the office of the County Health Department and see the crowds of mothers with their children, who have come for miles out in the county, we have hopes of a better record in the future years in health surveys. Let us take advantage of this service which is ours for the asking.

The architect covers his mistakes with ivy, the physician with sod, and the bride with mayonnaise.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

The picture we face in this country as we enter the new year is quite a contrast to that of 1945. We were centered last year on Victory over our enemies on foreign soil. We felt that if we could end the war all would be well. We might turn back to the old American way of life. Now victory has come, but the picture is not so bright as we had hoped.

We read every day of the bitter antagonism in many cases between the employed and their employer. During the month of November alone, there were 335 new strikes throughout the nation, according to figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the number of workers directly involved totaled 405,000. From V-J Day (Aug. 14) through Dec. 21, the Bureau reports strikes and walkouts have produced 1,650 work stoppages, involving 1,550,000 workers.

We deplore the attitude of trying to get all the money you can, with the idea of giving as little as possible. No person is worth employing, who is not willing to do extra in a pinch. There will come that inevitable day when the employee has to ask a favor, for nobody's life runs so smoothly that there are not intervals when they need special consideration.

We often wonder if these employees have not been misled by leaders who are first and foremost thinking of their own welfare and are profiting by their influence on others. We do not mean to intimate that all labor leaders have such selfish aims, but we do feel that many like to keep the pot boiling between the employer and the employee. We admit that there was a time when capital had the upper hand, but legislation and education have changed things.

Our great nation was built on team work and team work is necessary in all groups where people are working toward a definite goal. Just how great our country is, has been impressed upon us all by the returning veterans from overseas. America is young in years, but old in achievement. It seems deplorable that this spirit of team work is going out of fashion.

Start with the home—where perhaps there is only one person employed. Think in terms of ordinary happiness of living—what lack of cooperation of that one employee can cause in your own family circle. It can destroy some of the joys of living. You pay for certain services. You would like for them to be rendered in a cooperative spirit of personal interest in your household.

type of cold blooded employee is a shock. This is a change that is depressing, because both the employee and the employer are losing something.

Then from the home enter the business world and work up to the top ranking business concerns that employ thousands upon thousands of persons. This undercurrent of unrest and ill feeling can undermine the pleasure of work. There is one thing we have never been able to understand, is the fact that the majority do not grasp the fact that if we were all as smart as our employers we might be executives ourselves. If the heads of big business have been keen and alert enough to create and build up a business they have had a vision that has passed over the heads of most of those employed. Had it not been for the farsightedness of these leaders there would not be so many jobs to clamor over today.

To us it seems one of the most vital issues as we enter the new year. This lack of understanding between labor and capital. It is the glaring defect in our American life today. Yet on the other hand one of the finest things about the American system is that the man who starts at the bottom may be the executive of tomorrow.

So our biggest wish for our country in 1946 that Victory comes on the home front, and that we can enjoy peace in the true sense of the word. We are lucky in our niche of employment, for from the front office to the pressroom in the basement there prevails a spirit of cooperation and good will that makes each day's work a pleasure in its association with employers and employees.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Voice OF THE People

Do you approve continuation of the present of the price control system? Mrs. Ruth Craig—"Yes, I do."

R. M. Fic—"Yes, I do, for I don't know how else to keep prices down."

Linwood Grahl—"Yes, for that is the only way to hold down or control inflation."

Paul Davis—"I think there should be some control on prices for at least some time longer."

Mrs. Richard Rogers—"Yes, I approve of price control for I am afraid if control is released things will have no limit as to prices."

D. D. Yorke—"Yes, because if it has ever been needed in this country, price control is needed today. I recall what happened in the First World War. Take for instance, we might be having to pay 50c a pound for sugar and the same raise in price could be applied to other items which are being held at normal prices."

Miss S. A. Jones—"Yes, I believe in price control."

Chas. D. (Shorty) Ketter—"Yes, I believe in continuation of price control, because in Europe I have seen inflation at its worst."

Herman Francis—"Yes, I think it should be continued for a while longer."

R. L. Prevost—"Yes to some extent, I believe in price control. Certainly on articles that are scarce until they are available in large quantities, for they would go sky high and we would have inflation of the worst kind."

Library Notes

Choice books borrowed from the North Carolina Library Commission continued from last week. Broening, "How to Use the Library;" Cowles, "Don't Be Afraid!" Sandstrom, "Your Life in Your Hands;" Vocational Guidance Research, "500 Postwar Jobs for Men;" Fenton, "Rock Book;" Whitlock, "Story of the Gems;" Pray, "Taxidermy;" House, "Wild Flowers;" Hylander, "World of Plant Life;" Ditmars, "Reptiles of the World;" Norlin, "Everyday Nursing for the Everyday Home;" Hurd, "Modern Poultry Farming;" American Kennel Club, "Complete Dog Book;" Allen, "Successful Entertaining;" Bast, "Easy-to-Make Slip Covers;" Zaidenberg, "Anyone Can Paint;" Derendinger, "Anthology of Art;" Wright, "House and Garden

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power which makes prosperity. But of course no business would be expected to pay out more than it can afford. That would be as bad for the employees as the employer, for the business would not survive.

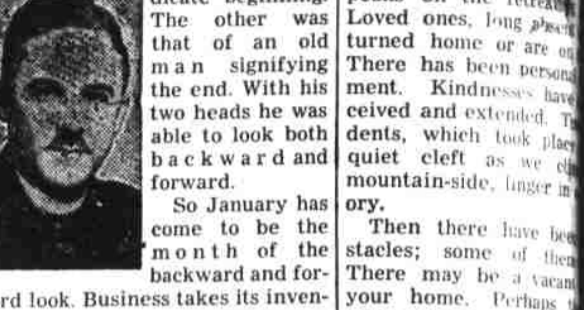
thought they saw a chance to put on some sure to get government personnel program. They figured that they had five votes 10-member committee—enough to block a report.

LOOK FOR A TREMENDOUS BOOM in air freight during the next few years, especially in service between cities. Development of the helicopter also will add impetus to program because almost any spot of clear ground can be used for landing.

The Everyday Counsel

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

January is the month of beginnings. It is a time for a backward look and a forward look. The ancient Romans, who named our months, no doubt had this in mind when they gave the first month the name of January, after one of their gods, Janus. He ranked high in the estimation of the people, and often had precedence in their prayers over their chief deity, Jupiter.



den's Book of Gardening;" Hugard, "Modern Magic Manual;" Wilder, "Our Town;" Herbert, "Kiss and Tell;" Spalding, "Love at First Flight;" Sampson, "Concise Cambridge History of English Literature;" Graves, "Fighting South;" Kane, "Deep Delta Country;" Brice, "Cocks and Bulls in Caracas;" Keith, "Land Below the Wind;" Rechner, "War Correspondent;" Smith, "Low Man on a Totem Pole;" Norris, "Fighting Liberal;" Rice, "I Came of the Eighteenth Century;" Tucker, "Some of These Days."

Army Tells of Using Radio Bomb in Burma

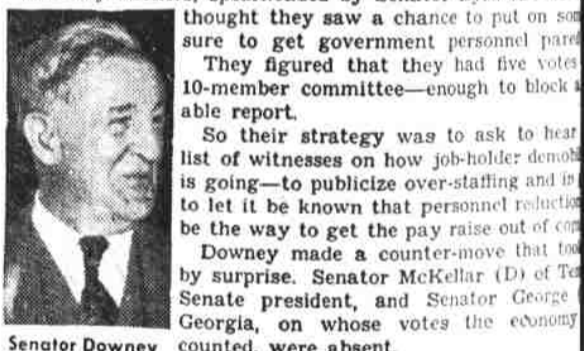
WASHINGTON—The Army Air Forces has just told about another of its store of secret weapons, the "azon bomb." This is a guided missile which was first used on the Japanese Dec. 27, 1944, when a three-span steel railway bridge between Rangoon and Mandalay was destroyed by the 7th Bomb Group of the 10th Air Force.

Research since then has produced newer types of guided missiles which already have made the "azon bomb" obsolescent. The azon is a standard 1,000-pound demolition which has a "radio brain" that enables the bombardier to guide it by remote control.

Inside WASHINGTON

Downey Bill Will Bring Sharp Words Civil Service Boost Runs Into

Special to Central Press WASHINGTON—Some very sharp words are due to me and forth over the Senate floor when the Downey bill, a 20 per cent boost for civil service workers, comes up.



So their strategy was to ask to hear list of witnesses on how job-holder denials is going—to publicize over-staffing and in to let it be known that personnel reduction be the way to get the pay raise out of control.

AMERICA'S MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR aircraft program World War II may not be a total waste after all. Government officials publicly fear the worst—that most fighters and bombers will be junked—but a roster sale of the ture has turned up recently.

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DON'T YELL FOR JOY too quickly over the end of food ing. Your food bill will be higher before long. The reason: Termination of subsidies and the lifting of ceilings.

Government economists figure that these actions will increase ranging from 10 to 40 per cent in the prices of basic food items within the next six months.