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## There Might Be A Dry Spell

The unprecedented rainfall of this winter would indicate a good crop year the coming season so far as moisture is concerned. However this is not so true of the mountain section as it is of the level lands of the Piedmont and Eastern part of North Carolina.

In this area the greater part of the precipitation runs off instead of soaking into and remianing in the soil as a reservoir for crops in the summer. If Haywood farmers are wise, as quickly as the ground is dry enough to work, they will begin plowing, or in cases where the land has already been plowed, give some kind of light surface cultivation in order to conserve moisture.

## Milk Bottles

From the Pet Dairy we learn that the bottle situation is critical. Perhaps it is a good thing that spring cleaning is just around the corner, for maybe in the cleaning out of basements that are hard to get at until the warm days come, bottles, which have gathered dust, will be unearthed.

When we read of the starving millions in foreign countries, when we hear our Haywood men who have served overseas say "they can't get enough milk," they are so hungry for it, it appears positively ungrateful of our blessings, not to be more cooperative with those who sell us milk.

prove of the plan which the company states it may have to resort to, that is of leaving milk only at places where they pick up an equal number of empty bottles. This is the rule wiht some soft drink companies, so why not with a drink which is far more health giving and vital?

## Main Street Problems

There are many "pitfalls" on Main street here. They are encountered alike by both the motorist and the pedestrian. We have reference to the condition of the the street. We would like to call attention to the town authorities regarding the sidewalks and to the State Highway and Public Works Commission about the latter.

When the last "patching" of the street was made by the highway department on our local Main street which by way of its being a part of the state system is under the maintenance of the state, the local citizens told the highway officials that in time the traffic would wear down the type surfacing and that it would not hold up.

At the time the state officials evidently were not impressed with the warning, which has become an sad reality, for there are holes and depressions, some might be more correctly termed ruts, which offer difficulties in both walking and riding.

We understand that the responsibility of the sidewalks belongs to the town and we trust that the authorities start at an early date to set the state highway officials a good example. There are many breaks in the sidewalks especially at the entrances of driveways which are a nuisance to pedestrians.

There is only one redeeming feature of the condition of the pavement on the street, with its uneven stretches, it automatically slows down traffic, for motorists don't like to bump along, which is just what happens at certain spots.

We trust that during the Spring the Main Street-State Highway can be put in better condition, for we hate to start a heavy traffic season, which all predict, with the main thoroughfare, which should be smooth traveling, full of cracks and breaks. If it is to be done in time to be of real benefit it should get under way at once.

## Confusing

We had about made up our minds to pattern our opinions about the armies of occupation in the various areas of the world along the lines of the military authorities who are urging that they remain where they are, and that it appeared where they are needed. Now we read that it was necessary to evacuate one thousand American troops on leave in Calcutta, to safety, while British troops sought to quell anti-British riots that killed 22 persons and injured more than 200.

It seems that the injured include 18 U.S. soldiers. It brings up the question, why should American troops be kept in India?

It is easy to understand just how the families of these eighteen men feel. Bring it home to your own. The war is over, and our Americans in India were innocent victims of affairs that did not concern us directly. This comes close to us here in Haywood county. We have had and may still have men

After all the problems in India are Great Britain's and we are definitely not going to tell England how to manage her possessions.

### E. C. T. C.

No public institution is very apt to prosper so long as the management is in a state of uncertainty and there is no permanent head to the organization. Eastern Carolina Teachers College has long been noted for the thoroughness of its work and the high standard of its students.

Since the indictment of the former presi- find there was a line down one eran of the Spanish American War dent, Dr. Meadows, the college has seen but aisle clear to the back of the buildlittle peace of mind. The trial was first ing to the entrance on the next said, "To register his discharge dragged out for an inexcusable length of street, then doubling back to the time. A mistrial resulted and again for main door. As we lifted our eyes months the case was in the courts.

A committee was appointed to select a new the question, even before we could president or at least recommend one to the Board of Trustees. Almost small and the magic word, "Nylons." Since there week was Mary Margaret Smith. Board of Trustees. Almost another school was no room in the aisle, we took and her associates. Miss Smith is year has gone by with no election and no of- the line of least resistance and so proud of her new office and it ficial head of the school. Such delays in mained in line where we had been erally been pulled from "pillar to handling public matters are inexcusable and shoved through the door and had a post." She has been county home should not be tolerated.

This college is a state supported institution of time (as we were) for a pair she has had to move her office as Western Carolina Teachers College, estab- of precious nylons. The stream lished for the teachers in this section, and its of people was orderly, but deterusefulness has been greatly impaired by the mined and there were all age groups, with the number of men manner in which its management has been surprising.

The public was burnt out with the trial and fided, "I promised my niece that now they will soon be equally so with the if she would keep my baby this delay in the matter of a head for the insti- afternoon for me to go shopping.

## Brevard's Views On Parkway

W agree with The Transylvania Times on We hope she is right. It could be their views regarding the Blue Ridge Park- that the aunt was innocently startway. In fact, it appears that the newspapers foot and then the other, as we waiton both sides of Pisgah have the same ideas ed and watched the clock, having and outlook on the matter.

Last week the Brevard paper said edi- waiting at Ivey's side door. We torially:

Plans are now being made to resume work brown envelopes with the coveted on the Blue Ridge Parkway on or before the hylons were diminishing in number. The girl just in front of us first of July and this newspaper is firmly reached for hers and she said convinced that this work should proceed in "Nine and a half, please," The accordance with the general policies that "You are lucky, that is our last were used by the Park Service prior to the pair of nines and a half."-Our

This general policy was to construct sev- generation in our family, and or friends who wear Number 9, and eral sections along the 480-mile park-to-park we knew that our life would not secnic highway at the same time, and we be safe, if in the presence of a belive it would be a serious mistake to con- we could have bought a pair of centrate efforts now on the incompleted sec- nylons, but let the golden opportions from the Virginia line to Asheville and tunity slip by. Like all the other leave the 75-mile section from Asheville to the time spent. Incidentally we the Smoky Mountains National Park un- used to think men did not undertouched.

Before the work was stopped because of the war, several sections of the Parkway west | they have had it impressed upon of Asheville were graded and altogether, them. totaled approximately 28 miles. Construction was also under way at that time on two Saturday was a dull day in Dixie, or three other sections in this vicinity and in a certain little town down in engineering work on the remainder was completed and ready for bids.

On the crest of the mountains in the us what he meant. Then he added, Pisgah National Forest near Brevard, two we reany put a comp in the sections known as Wagon Road Gap and ton, for we sold five marriage Beech Gap were completed, but they are sep- licenses on Saturday. That is the arated by a three-mile connecting link. This three-mile section runs next to the proposed ter of deeds. It looks like our 50-acre lake at Yellowstone Falls and if it folks here in Haywood county were finished, as previously anticipated, would give local tourists and motorists a loop of sneaking off down in Georgia. drive that is unexcelled in beauty and thus Maybe from Saturday's record they serve an effective purpose for Transylvania, Haywood and other adjoining counties while ting tied here at home," he added. the entire Parkway is being completed.

In Haywood and Jackson counties there are other similar instances where a resumption file at the courthouse, according to of construction at this time would prove highly beneficial.

Already it has been eleven years since a of Canton, of the U. S. Matine decision was made to establish the famed Corps. Pvt. Plemmons' discharge Blue Ridge Parkway through America's most scenic section and we urge the Congress, the Department of Interior, and the Park Service War II, but the dates were rather to resume work as quickly as possible and to startling. The discharge stated that Pvt. Plemmons had enlisted push it to completion.



# HERE and THERE

HILDA WAY GWYN

gloves in a special shade. We en- months and 25 days and was atsqueeze in the front door, only to April 1898, to Sept. 1898-a veton a preliminary gesture to ask (willingly, we can assure you) re- is not surprising for she has litgrand time watching those who demonstration agent for the past

if I could find them. I would bring her a pair of stockings, but I never dreamed at the time of finding nylons. But since I have been in this line, I have changed my mind. I will buy them for myself. Do you see that young fellow down the line, well he is her husband, so I am sure he is getting her a pair.' ing something. We stood on one made a bet with our husband, that for once we would not keep him finally drew near the counter. The size, but we thought of the rising 'waiters" we felt fully repaid for stand what a pair of nylons meant to a woman, but not after watching the number in that line. We guess

"Well, I know one thing, last Georgia," said Bryan Medford to us Monday, with a well satisfied air. At first it did not dawn on "We really put a crimp in the biggest record for one day since would have some sentiment about getting married at home, instead are changing their minds and are going to start the fashion of get-

"All the boys are getting their discharges registered and put on the law, so I thought I would get mine in, for I have been intending to," said Private Crease Plemmons. was on a very fine parchment, and with this exception was similar in size to the current issue of World on December 29, 1897 in Washing-

tered the store and could hardly tached to an Artillery company of sonal attention, if the money was the First Marine Battallon, from T. L. Bramlett--who had been planning, so he before the turn of the century some 46 years ago, but had just not gotten around to it.

About the happiest person we ten years and during that time seven times. If the commissioners needed her office for some governmental agency out went the Home Dem. agent and her files and supplies. She had two different locations in the basement. Then she was promoted to the small office across from the current farm agent office, having also at one time had her office in that space. She had been in the jury room and so on. Now she is in the office occupied by the Haywood Farm Security office for the past ten years. She has room enough for her smaller meetings, which are important in the been reversed. Before the war food work of the county council. She sales contributed has room enough for her files, and one-quarter of the industry's inthe necessary equipment that her come, with liquor sales slightly less, art of home making requires for but in wartime both divisions each successful operation. We hope that have been each responsible for apthe county commissioners have a proximately 28 per cent heart this time, and "leave her be for a long, long time. It's a lot of trouble to move.

We were trying to find some ton, D. C. He had served for 10

were under the county. Frank Byrdtem.

mocks themselves, nylon in light-The world's 1945-46 rice harvest weight coated ponchos subtracts as : listed at 6,200,000,000 bushel: a much as four pounds from a man's decline of about 10 per cent when pack. It weighs less than cotton compared with the output of the and has a tensile strength almost twice as great.

Central Press Writer

IF THE hoop skirt stages that promised come-back we predict a short life for the fad Today we have a vertical civiliation, not a horizontal one

When a hoop-skirted shopper ands she can't get within two lest of the basement bargain counter she is going to yearn for that old toothpick silhouet.

With hoop skirts fewer people will be able to get into a department store elevator, but it will be more crowded than ever.

And when the family goes for Sunday spin in the family jaloppy Mom will just have to put on a pair of roller skates and hang onto the rear bumper. ! ! !

Some gals we know would look, in a hoop skirt, like an Eskimo squaw peering out of the chimney of an igloo.

The only advantage in a hoop skirt we can see is that it would effectively hide the runners in one's pre-war nylons.

Zadok Dumkopf, who usually is tolerant about changes in women's fashions, says that in regard to a return of the pre-Civil war hoop skirt he draws the line-and he doesn't mean the Mason-Dixon one either

### THE OLD HOME TOWN Angineral U. S. Perers Office By STANLEY



# Voice People

It has been suggested that the earth. counties in the state take back the wood man had weatlh, position, or blankets before maintenance of the secondary roads. Would you approve such a proposition?

L. M. Kililan-

"I think it would be better to leave them with the State.

John M. Queen-

"I know they should be fixed at once, but I doubt if the countles joying himself, with not a care in that one would should take back the maintenance of the secondary roads.

H. B. Angel-

"Up until the time of the war I think the State was doing a better job of the roads than the courties had done up to that time. Since that time neither the counties nor the state could do much on account of the war. I believe that we had better leave them with the State, for I think if we give them time, they can do a better job than the counties."

Rufus Siler-

No. I would not I feel that the State will do a better road job than the counites.

"I believe it may be the counties

might give the roads better per-

"I am in favor of the State keep-

ing the maintenance of the county rural roads. W. H. Burgin-

"Yes, I am in favor of such a

proposition. I think the local peo-

J. H. Way, Jr .-"I would not favor such a plan,

that is judging by Haywood county for the roads have been one hundred per cent better under the State maintenance than they ever

"No. I would not approve. I am in favor of these secondary roads being kept under the State sys-They would have to allocate the money to the counties and it would get in polities, so I think it best for the State hgihway to keep the roads in the counties

In normal peacetime years food and liquor sales produced less hotel income than room rentals but the situation in the past two years has

Nylon oxford cloth goes into ham-

## olis next November most cabinet change rumors.

Mr. Truman's choice of his friend, the

Pauley, as undersecretary of the Navy pa new rumors that Navy Secretary Form resign shortly. One report stated that would succeed Forrestal as Navy semil

The White House authority stated, by that Forrestal was anxious to return to vate business interests but had promise chief executive to remain so long as his were desired.

A Navy spokesman added that Forest NO intention of resigning until after & has acted on the proposed legislation for merging the Am Navy into a single department of national defense.

• LOOK FOR A BIG BOOM in the helicopter business the and next. The "flying windmills" will become quite of most communities in the not too distant future.

Like other developments, the helicopter rushed far the schedule under the impetus of war. The armed forces spenis of dollars improving the wingless wonders.

And don't get the idea that the helicopters of today and to are, or will be, slow and cumbersome. Recent test flights a some models carry a comparatively heavy load at speeds than 100 miles per hour.

Helicopter enthusiasts believe the unusual flying made tremendous possibilities as a cargo and passenger carrier of in small communities. Practically no flying field is necessary. Some models can in

take off from the roof of a comparatively small building Eventually, it is hoped that fairly large helicopters will be to shuttle airline passengers from large flying fields to melify

At present, most big fields are located 10 to 15 miles for ness districts, and passengers have to wait and waste time catching busses and taxicabs.

The helicopter will never replace the large, spendy long passenger plane. But it definitely has a place of its out cargo and transportation field. Watch it from now on

A RARE THING HAPPENED IN CONGRESS RECO Chairman Doughton (D) of North Carolina, of the House and means committee, held a news conference. It was the in the memory of the oldest reporters that Doughton has in a thing.

The octogenarian chairman talked freely about taxes and questions on the subject. He said that he did NOT think could be much additional tax reduction until the budget w anced. He explained that the committee would draft a bill in haul the social security-old age pension system before taxes again.

Veteran newsmen listened in astonishment. Then a light upon them. They recalled that some weeks ago Chairman George

Georgia, of the Senate finance committee, held frequent news conferences and urged substantial tax reductions. They remembered that Doughton was incensed because George did this, particularly since the ways and means committee and not the Senate originates

tax bills. Could it be, they asked, that Doughton was taking a leaf of George's book, and was beating him to the gun in his of

Just Odds and Ends of News Picked Up Whit.

There was one Haywood citizen name, but one last week that would not have ex- has dealt changed places with any person on more ways than vows that he is goin

"I've been half prestige, He was downright happy. He was an eight-year-old stu- winter, and believe dent of Central Elementary school. going to get was He had slipped off to the curb of is possible, and t the sidewalk, and taken off his tric blanket shoes, and was letting handfulls of said. dry warm sand trickle between his toes. I watched him from a distance, and he was thoroughly en- hunter-in tart the world, as he wiggled his toes could ever get

It was not that this young Hay-

It would not be fair to call his

under the falling sand.

## POINTED PARAGRAM

WALTER ALLISON

Gentlemen, did your wife eyer go to the country for the week-end, and leave you at home with a couple of cats?

Well, mine did! When those cats got through with me I felt like throwing the dinner bell out the window, and ringing their necks instead.

Cats must eat, so one of them got hold of some soap flakes and her mouth soon looked like the entrance to grandpa's shaving mug.

Well, cat No. 2 thuoght the

other one was mad, and she went over my head like a barber looking for dandruff. The last time I saw that many

stars was when a movie troupe would get the roads done stopped at a filling station for gas. I yelled for help, and a couple of Cannon towels came

out of the bathroom loaded for action. Those darn cats fought all the vay into the bedroom, and the

dresser jumped clean out of the

window without its drawers Back in the parlor they roared. One caught me by the seat of the pants, and the

other knocked the w of my Adam's apple. Into the kitchen #

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(Continued

The other day [

for round five Pals all over the floor. take the OPA to a I tried to tuck in m tail but it was no me cats got hold of it me

swing shift. The next thing I know up my back with the so fast my should their whiskers off

The last time I way

around like they wen

on that bad was when a specialist tried to get of my joints for a Con-The a miracle ha pened. Snow was on! and icicles hung around

Night began to fill when it landed the the eter jarred loose and b both cats cold.

for a hot cup of coffee

Brother, if your wife a to the country for the tell her she can have the

No Cabinet Changes

Likely Until Autumn To Stay Till Be Special to Central Press

• WASHINGTON-President Truman intends to go three coming congressional elections with his present cabinet. One of the president's closest associates is authority in statement that Mr. Truman has NO intention of change present cabinet member. This would serve to end a cur

rumors forecasting cabinet switches before the voters go The president is pictured as willing to retain Secretary Interior Ickes as long as the veteran New wishes to remain. Ickes has been the st

