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What's In A Name?

The Secretary of United Nations is a Norwegian, a diplomat-lawyer, its Foreign Minister, whose name is Trygve Lie.

"And Sudden Death"

Do you remember the realistic article "And Sudden Death" which came out a few years ago in the Readers Digest? It was widely circulated at the time, for it brought vividly home to its readers the realization of the traffic accident problems.

It is said that the article had much to do with reducing the fatality rate on the highways, and then the war came and there were other traffic headaches.

Now the State Department of Motor Vehicles feels that the time has come when the public should be warned again of what is happening and what can happen on the highways.

With fatalities reported running 26 higher than last year, we would judge that this effort on the part of the department is a timely warning to stimulate more precaution on the highways.

Youthful Outlaws

We see by the Asheville Citizen that the school children of that city are offering a real problem by their unruly conduct and that there have been meetings held of the parents, teachers and student groups as well as law enforcement officers.

But to our mind they do not get at the root of the problems. These young people who are arrogant in public, who do not respect the property rights of others have not had the proper training at home.

No matter what changes that come in this turbulent world, no matter how chaotic conditions, there are some things which never go out and never change. Character and respect for other people are as essential to the making of a good citizen as they were in the days of our forebears.

So we suggest that the parents of these unruly children be given a stiff lesson in their duties as parents as a beginning toward helping the children to better conduct.

Benefit To All

The location of the 4-H Club site here in Haywood county will offer advantages both to those who attend the camp and to the local people.

Located next door to the State Test Farm those who attend the camp can combine pleasure with profitable observation of improved farm methods.

The program of building with a cabin for each of the 18 counties served by the camp and assembly hall with its seating capacity of 300 will offer lodging space and recreation facilities that should be greatly appreciated by those who attend.

Operated on a weekly basis, with a new group coming in each week, with accommodations for 200, it will serve this eastern area with gratifying results.

On the other hand the camp will bring many visitors to Haywood county, including not only residents of the Western part of our state, but also many agricultural leaders from the Eastern part of the state and outsiders.

Highway Accidents

The appalling increase in deaths and accidents recently occurring on the highways calls for some kind of immediate and drastic speed regulation.

When the restrictions on gas were lifted several months ago, automobile travel increased very rapidly, the larger number of accidents and wrecks were attributed to bad tires, old cars and inexperienced drivers.

It later developed, according to the authorities, that most of the accidents are chargeable to two things, excessive speed and drunken driving.

Much as we regret to make the statement every term of Haywood County Superior court reveals that our highways are far from free of drunken drivers.

If speed limits are too high for safety, they should be lowered and lowered immediately. If people are driving drunk they should be arrested, put in jail, and their driving licenses revoked.

A certain amount of postwar leniency is excusable and perhaps justified, but when it endangers the lives of innocent people it is quite another matter.

While the records of our courts here in Haywood County are abundant proof of the foregoing statements, the same condition must be true in other areas in the state judging by their records.

Rural Industries

The prospect for an increase in rural industries is encouraging according to the plans resulting from the formation of the rural industries conference.

Following the meeting Governor Cherry assured the members of the group which consist of State leaders in every field that the creation of rural industries had his complete support.

Governor Cherry subsequently appointed an executive committee headed by Dr. L. D. Bayer, of State College, who has in turn named two sub-committees, one headed by Dan Stewart of Raleigh and the districting committee headed by former Governor J. M. Broughton.

It is planned to have a series of meetings at strategic points throughout the State to find out what the various communities have to offer and what they want in the way of industries.

According to Paul Kelly, director of the Division of Commerce and Industry of the State Department of Conservation and Development and secretary of the industrial conference, the division has received, since January 1, more requests for information about industrial sites in North Carolina than ever before.

One reason given for this increased interest in the potential advantages of North Carolina for industrial sites is that many industrial groups have long contemplated making a move, but the war interrupted their plans. They are now looking toward the future and plan to establish their business on a permanent and long time program.

This influx of new industry into the State will mean much to North Carolina. We know what it has meant here in Haywood county, where our people can continue to live on small farms and enjoy the advantages and comforts of rural life, and at the same time supplement their income by working in some industrial plant.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Maybe it is a latent spirit of wanderlust, which we have suppressed. Maybe it is the call of "itching feet" to travel places, for we often get overcome with the thought of the wonders of this earth and how most of us live and die in one spot and never lay eyes on the far flung corners of romance and adventure.

Local sportsmen will be interested in the following which was taken from an account of the annual Naval Academy boxing championship of Midshipmen which drew a crowd of 4,000 at Annapolis.

"We rode in the finest cars of America, with every modern convenience, with radios and all comforts. During a 30 days trip we only waited on highways a total of two hours. In fact we waited far less than we might have, had we been traveling by a scheduled bus route."

"The army's radar contact with the moon as given in the movies gave us a rather uncanny feeling. The sounds when they came from the moon were not every attractive, yet they opened up a new world and we all realize that it marked another cycle of the magic of man's inventive powers and his reward for scientific research."

Another spot that jolts you is at the intersection of Haywood and Academy streets, right in the curve. After once finding these places, and getting a crink jerked in your neck, you carefully avoid them the next time.

One woman of this town is all jitters because of the good fortune that has come her way recently. First, a friend sent her a pair of nylon. That seems to be about all women talk about or desire these days.

We have long considered time spent under a dryer in a beauty shop, a most annoying waste of time. Sometimes we sleep it off, but that is not satisfying rest. Sometimes we read, but the buzzing of the dryer is a disturbing sound. Not long ago we really passed a pleasant two hours under a dryer. We recommend the book we found in the magazine rack. It was more or less a history of cartoons in America. The cartoons started with A. B. Frost, of Uncle Remus fame, back in 1884. This

of course would have a local interest for us here, for it was artist Frost who drew the pictures of life on Main Street here and other pictures of this section for a story in Harper's Magazine in the 1930's. The book gave the history of Alfonso and Gaston, Gasoline Alley, Buster Brown, Polly and Her Pals, Mutt and Jeff, and on and on up to the great depression of the '30's when men in silk hats were selling apples on Broadway, and countless others. It was fascinating how one can trace the history of this country through cartoons.

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Voice OF THE People

Do you think that the real estate values of 1945 in this section will continue through 1946?

Dr. R. H. Stretcher—"I think they probably have reached their peak but will continue through 1946."

Grayden Ferguson—"I believe that town property values will remain as they are through 1946, but I think that farm values will go down."

Mrs. R. J. Lee—"Yes, I think that present values will remain through 1946, but after that it may be doubtful."

Robt. V. Welch—"Yes, I think they will, for everything points to continued interest in real estate."

Ralph Prevost—"Yes, I think they will."

Paul Davis—"I don't think there is any doubt about the continuation of 1945 values in 1946."

R. R. Campbell—"Yes, I think that the 1945 values will not only continue through 1946, but will even increase during this year."

Henry Gaddy—"Yes, I think they will and that they will even rise some this year in price."

Guy Massie—"Yes, I think they will and will even continue several years."

V. C. Noback—"Yes, I do, for I can't see anything now that would hold back real estate prices."

BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY—A radio district attorney ran smack up against real life in Milwaukee recently. Jay Justyn, a Milwaukee native who plays "Mr. District Attorney" on the radio, was served with a summons signed by all of Milwaukee's prosecutors when he stepped off a train in his home town. It was no serious detention, however, since the radio performer was merely "collared" to address the Milwaukee group in observance of the city's Centurama.

Small Temperature Loss—When you open and close the door to your refrigerator, you lose very little of the "cold"—much less than most people think. In fact, engineers found by test that opening a large-size refrigerator the same number of times a home freezer is opened each day—even in air as hot as 90 degrees—increased the electricity consumed by less than 2 per cent.

Just Odds and Ends of News Picked Up While RAMBLING AROUND

By W. CURTIS RUSS

I have several pet holes on streets of the community—holes that always get right in my way, and give a terrific jolt to the car. About three weeks ago, a small hole developed in the pavement on Brown avenue. At first it was about the size of a baseball, and then it began to grow as vehicle after vehicle chipped off pieces on the edge, until a good-sized watermelon could be dropped in the hole. (The street department fixed the hole Tuesday.)

There ought to be lots of things happening up here this summer, and among them will be the Florida people who will be looking up "Judge" L. N. Davis. Several weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen spent a two-week vacation in Florida. Claude Allen took a great delight in introducing Mr. Davis as (Continued on Page 4)

The story is told of the Hazelwood man who was sipping his fifth cup of coffee. His bride of a few weeks noticed how much he was drinking, remarked: "Say, you must like coffee." "Sure do," he shot back, "That's why I am willing to drink so much hot water to get a little of it."

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS

By WALTER ALLISON

There's no place like home—if you can find one.

Little Haywood County girl asked a sailor if he had hives on the ocean. She had heard so much about Seabees.

Sign in up-town window reads, "Ladies Ready-to-Wear." So are the returning war veterans if they can find it.

The average American would rather see a hamburger sandwich than a Russian spread.

Knoxville man beat his wife up this morning. He got up at 6:00 a. m. and she slept until 9:30.

Folks, turn in your empty milk bottles. Please don't keep 'em around the kitchen for a Pet.

It's been a wet winter. Maybe that's the reason there's been so little dry goods.

If some of this political timber had a few knot holes in it the public could see through things before the election.

Woman had 12 kids to help with their home work, so she rushed over to the meat market for more brains.

If there's any argument on wages and hours in the Senate, Bilbo would probably stand for hours.

They must use lots of flashlights

ZADOK DUMKOPF, always a skeptic, wonders if that radar impulse actually struck the moon and not that cow which jumped over it.

Earthquakes, according to Factographs, cannot be predicted. Not even the political kind?

"New Yorkers Drink More Vodka"—headline. Vodka—the Russian's favorite likker. Is that the stuff they also call "Red Eye"?

In Toronto, Canada, bison steaks have been selling for 50 cents a pound. Buffalo Bill, who bagged many habs 'em, didn't know what a millionaire he really was.

The United Nations resolution has picked a sea general. That "general" superfluous since the UN peace-preserving outfit.

Baby sitters, we're here call themselves "brats" not out loud, surely.

A professional writer a divorce because his wife throw him twice. One steak doesn't want to be he gets home is to talk

Inside WASHINGTON

"Gonieship" Boys They'll Be In Await Atomic Test, If Damage Is Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The "battleship" boys are keeping man forthcoming tests of the atomic bomb against seapower, but vately they contend it won't cause near the damage that expect.

Even if there is severe damage to the fleet of 90-odd war and other vessels to be anchored in the Marshalls, old-line men are expected to argue that the tests cannot be construed less tried against modern ships under war conditions.

Several battleships were sunk on both air power in the war, but after each sinking proponents of sea power tried to rationalize results.

Battleship supporters claimed Pearl Harbor wasn't a fair test because we were not prepared to fight back on that occasion. When planes began to sink Jap battleships, it was that Nippon failed to provide adequate cover.

Thus the coming atomic tests may multiply more fuel for an old, old argument.

LOOK FOR A MINORITY REPORT by anti-New Deal committee members when the Pearl Harbor investigating group sends the results of its inquiry.

There appears little likelihood that administration committee and opponents of the Roosevelt-Truman policies will get together and agree on a single report. There has been too much friction.

Even Senator George (D) of Georgia, may sign a minority report. Administration men claim that the inquiry will point blame success of the sneak Japanese attack pretty much where the and Navy boards placed it—with possibly a complete vindication former Secretary of State Hull and less criticism of Gen. C. Marshall.

The minority findings, however, probably will soften the attached to Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter Short, Pearl Harbor commanders. Anti-administration forces they were "scapegoats" in earlier probes.

THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT is worrying these about a surplus of eggs. Prices of that food item already dropped below government support levels in South Dakota and drop soon in other states. Retail egg prices should be heading down-grade before department officials say.

THE LITERARY OUTPUT of Joseph Stalin is likely to be the greatest attention in future years when historians ponder writings of statesmen. Few Americans realize how prolific a writer he is, but in a complete edition of his works, from the earliest issues of illegal underground press of the Bolsheviks to his proclamation World War II, is being published. They trace the Communist movement from 1901 and will volumes. They will be run off in editions of 500,000 each. English translations have not yet been made.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



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