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Here's Hoping

We sincerely trust that the citizens of the Crabtree-Iron Duff section get their community cannery established.

And Now It's Reckless Fliers

According to press reports, a 20-year-old pilot stunting over a high school campus in Fayetteville, Ga., swooped low and struck a student, killing him instantly.

The stunting aviator attracted the attention of the school children, and through curiosity, they gathered on the campus to watch the plane.

This incident brings to mind the time a plane flew over Waynesville last summer. The pilot flew so low that he barely missed the tree tops, and in one instance, the plane touched the top branches of a Main Street tree.

A Reminder

We do not wish to sound a pessimistic note, but merely to call attention to the fact that the ten per cent cut in Burley allotments is an inevitable sign that we are entering a new cycle.

The high tide is starting to recede. It may be a slow process, but it is on its way. The ten per cent cut is significant that the heights have been reached and that we must gather our forces to meet a new day.

The first sign should not be necessarily alarming, for we knew it would come, and it is not a total loss, but merely a reminder that money will not continue to flow like milk and honey in a land of plenty always, and we must look with a more thrifty eye to the future.

Hell Fire and Brimstone

One writer compares the program of the National Committee on Atomic Information with the old-fashioned "hell fire and brimstone" type of religious evangelism.

Atom bombs are so cheap, the Committee says, that "even a small nation may soon possess the means of obliterating a large nation at will."

"It is possible today," we are warned, "to smuggle an atomic bomb into a large city, and detonate it at any time—even decades later—by means of a radio signal from another country."

And don't trouble to try doing anything about this terrible situation, either, because the Committee says that there not only is no defense now, but there isn't going to be none, neither.

Goodness, gracious, what's this world coming to? What's the use of trying, if we're predestined to be blown or scared into unrecognized atoms—or maybe molecules or protons or neutrons?

Of course, the Committee could be over-excited, we hope. Let's see, now—

It cost the United States two billion good, hard iron men—two billion, not million, dollars—to develop the atomic bomb.

We had to apply mechanics so exact that most big nations, even, would be incapable of imitating the job if we provided scientists to tell them what to do.

How many small nations are capable of such an effort? Where are they going to get the stupendous quantities of uranium required for even one little atomic bomb?

The United States, Great Britain and Canada are so far in the van in atomic fission that if anybody ever overtakes us it will be our own silly fault.

And in our opinion the Committee is speaking out of its own ignorance when it says that no defense can be devised against the atomic bomb.

The atomic bomb, used for destruction, is a frightful thing. Make no mistake. But this earth has survived a lot of frightful things already.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

"If Winter comes, Spring cannot be far behind" . . . Well, we have definitely had an authentic winter, as far as cold and stormy days are concerned.

Who doubts that we will have the largest stream of tourists ever to come our way? This faith and hope is based on some definite signs of the travel picture in general over the nation and we feel sure that we will come into our part of visitors.

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Voice OF THE People

Many towns and cities are installing parking meters. What would you think of having them in Waynesville?

R. N. Barber, Jr.—"I do not think that Waynesville has grown quite big enough yet nor has congestion that would call for meters."

Mrs. Edith P. Alley—"I would think that would prove to be a systematic parking regulation that would not offend car owners."

Stanley Brading—"I think it would be a fine idea. It would help business men and the tourists too."

R. L. Coin—"I do not think it would be practical in Waynesville. If our streets were wider it would work. Personally I would rather see parking prohibited on Main Street."

J. L. Carville—"Yes, I would approve of parking meters."

W. E. Davis—"I don't think that Waynesville would have any trouble with parking if people have enough self respect and respect for the public in general."

Henry Davis—"I think the town is too small for parking meters."

Dr. N. M. Medford—"I think it is nonsense."

John M. Queen—"I don't think the town is big enough."

C. Reagle—"I would approve of a parking meter system for the town."

38 years the contest has been held some of the boys who later have become our most prominent citizens, have carried off this medal.

We wonder which men are relieved or disappointed about the number of women who have entered politics, seriously seeking office.

For all the predictions about how voting was going to sidetrack the women has not come true.

We noticed recently that Mr. Josephus Daniels is suggesting that the North Carolina women be drafted for office.

He refers to the fact that in the House and Senate of the last General Assembly there were 169 men and one woman.

We have an idea that after all women are not as strong on gambling as their brothers—they might like the office after election, but the nerve-racking method of getting it does not have much appeal.

Among the things I recently learned about schools: THAT the national average salary paid school teachers is \$1,755 per year.

THAT New York State leads the union by paying \$2,726.

THAT Mississippi is the lowest, and pays \$790.

THAT North Carolina ranks 41st by paying \$1,130.

THAT North Carolina has a full time staff working on a "Child Feeding Program."

THAT North Carolina school children rank highest in school attendance among 14 Southern states.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

By WALTER ALLISON

Congratulations! A 4-H Club Camp 4-Haywood County.

A skinny gal is one who waits until her pappy kills hogs to get her fatback.

Blond walked in an uptown shoe store in perfectly good health, and came out with a fit.

A 4-H Club Camp in Haywood County will help Western North Carolina get back to earth.

Said the steno who had been sticking stamps on letters all week, "I must be working for a licker concern!"

Fellow next door wants his money back. He pointed 20 lbs. of blue grass and the darn stuff came up green.

Windy March is no excuse for a fellow coming home high as a kite.

Back in World War I a soldier home on leave wired headquarters for an extension, and they sent him an electric light cord.

Sorry, madam, that you found a spider in your paper last week. A busy paper like the Mountaineer has to come out on a web press.

Fine Business! A G.I. found a pair of pants and took sick.

THE NEW YORK harbor tug boat strike has proven to Manhattanites that in order to keep things moving you have to have plenty of pull.

The Russians, we read, have taken over a German factory called the Donaudampfschiffahrtsgesellschaft. They can have it.

The Swiss are experiencing a series of earthquakes. Must remind them of the time when there was a war going on all sides of them.

What ever became of all those annual spring baseball hold-outs? Looks like the athletes figure with all the news these days would get little pull.

Zadok Dunbar, a rare old cook book developer, meat recipes.

The UNO was rooms for its New York. This proves the some folk who believe.

The plan to buy grams of the new its merits. Some of jolts may get the ocean-dust in the way.

LOOK FOR MORE ACTION by the government to the prices of new homes to levels which the average afford.

When the government's new housing program was the stipulation read that 50 per cent of all critical be channeled into homes costing \$10,000 or less and more than \$80 a month.

In effect, this was tantamount to a ceiling. But gradually aware that \$10,000 was a pretty stiff price for who would receive preference, to pay.

They said they expected the price to be well below. But now it turns out that most new homes are costing and up. This decrease isn't enough to satisfy Representative (D) of Texas, who has introduced a bill in the would set a \$6,000 ceiling price.

Whether Patman's measure will be approved is still question, but officials feel that the price will have to fall or mand for critically-needed homes is to be met.

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Just Odds and Ends of News Picked Up While

RAMBLING AROUND

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Waynesville has had interesting visitors for the past few weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Swayne, of New York. They stopped at the Country Club, and by chance we found that Mr. Swayne, a retired lawyer, was for many years legal advisor for the Associated Press.

Mr. Swayne was a member of a law firm headed by his father, that took care of the legal work of the news gathering agency at time the United Press was organized.

Needless to say there has been keen rivalry between the two organizations from the very start, and as has always been the case, reporters for each group frequently accused the other of copying their news.

Mr. Swayne had his fling at editing newspapers before taking up law. He was editor of the Yale Daily News for four years, and later edited other publications of the college. He is now secretary of the class of 1895.

While he made his living at practicing law and giving advice, he passed on something for this community to "re-think" about, when he said, "I can't understand why there isn't a large, modern hotel here that could accommodate hundreds of people.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



MARSHAL OTEY WALKER IS ON THE LOSING END OF THE DEAL AS USUAL.

Inside WASHINGTON

Pearl Harbor Inquiry Aiding Army-Navy Merger Advocates

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Administration forces are reaping arguments for Army-Navy merger legislation through the Pearl Harbor investigating committee.

The trend of the arguments has been obvious. That success of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor been avoided altogether had there been a single command in Washington.

Gen. George C. Marshall, former Army chief of staff, ambassador to China, has long been a champion of the merger.

Retired Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, Harbor commander, who had his office after four years of official silence, that had he known all that Washington would have been ready to frustrate the plane attack that plunged the United World War II.

Although the Navy generally is opposed merger proposal, Retired Rear Adm. Kimmel, Short's opposite Navy member in 1941, has inadvertently aided Gen. Marshall's campaign.

Kimmel's claim to insufficient United States-Japanese relations has bolstered the Look for administration forces to use Pearl Harbor ammunition when President Truman's merger bill of Congress.

SOMETHING WENT WRONG on egg production urged to increase the egg output by government subsidizing the market with them to the point where there is no There isn't enough fluid milk to meet terrific demand.

Latest rumor is that the government is thinking of wheat content of bread—much against the bakers' American Bakers' association has urged OPA Chief Agriculture Secretary Anderson against "tampering" with wheat's bread.

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