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Welcome Back

We greet with pleasure the return of Col. Wayne Corpening, veteran who returned to his post in the county farm agent's office this week.

To Test Or Not To Test

We have seen much written about whether or not the greatly discussed atomic bomb test should be made. There have been many appeals made to halt the test which we understand will not take place for some weeks, later than first planned.

Grin and Bear It

We always grin to ourselves when some public speaker or civic leader starts enumerating the "things this community needs."

Army Day

Saturday, April 6th, is Army Day, set aside by Congress to do honor to the men who have made and who make up our army.

This April is quite a contrast to April of last year, when our great forces were bending every effort in the European theater to break through the German lines and out in the Pacific they were battling with the Japs all in one mighty offensive to stop the war and bring peace back into the world.

It is fitting that in this or any other country the people should have one day a year in which to salute their valiant armies, who have protected their people.

They have done their job, and now it is our turn. Are we going to be wise enough, diplomatic enough, and far seeing enough to stem the tide of another war?

Then there comes another pertinent question. Have we kept the faith with these men who braved danger and life itself? Have we kept the faith with those men who are buried in the countless graves scattered over Europe and on the islands out in the Pacific?

Traffic Laws Ignored

T. Riddie Ward, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles took a big dig at the state's lower courts last week for their lack of cooperation in meteing out sufficient punishment to violators of motor vehicle laws.

At the time Mr. Ward lashed out at the courts, he issued a report which revealed that 82 persons were killed and 433 were injured on the streets and highways of North Carolina during the month of February, as compared with 44 killed and 242 injured during the same month last year.

If sentences were meted out for speeders, reckless and careless drivers, on a real deterrent basis, such as forbidding the violator from operating a motor vehicle for at least 60 days for the first offense, an appreciable decline in accidents would shortly make itself manifest, based on experience where such measures have been put into effect," said Mr. Ward.

The rate of driving, Mr. Ward pointed out is a matter of habit, it is much easier and admittedly less dangerous for one to drive at a moderate rate rather than a high rate of speed.

Of the 82 persons killed during February, 71 of the fatalities occurred in the rural areas and only 11 occurred in the cities and towns of the state.

These figures remind us that only two weeks ago four persons were injured on a Haywood highway. They might have lost their lives, all because of disregard of the laws of the highways. During the war it was considered and rightly so a great tragedy when four men were wounded, yet we are inclined to take accidents on the highways as "all in the day's run of events."

"I have yet to hear of a mass meeting for the purpose of curbing the continued unnecessary slaughter of human lives, on our highways and streets. And yet if a small fraction of as many lives were being lost due to some new and incurable disease there would probably be mass meetings throughout the state to arrest and control them," Mr. Ward is reported as having said.

Mr. Ward is right to demand stricter recognition of the laws by the lower courts of the state, for often it is with the first offense that many drivers learn their lesson which ultimately results in more careful driving, but if their misdemeanor is considered in a casual way, the offenders will naturally take the matter lightly.

Finger bowls are returning to some of the tonier hostilities. It is years since these were last seen, except when served under guise of a clear soup.—Detroit News.

Headlines: Men's Summer Suits to Have Lace Insets. Whither are we drifting, fellows, whither are we drifting—Scanlan in Buffalo News.

Experience is a dead loss if you cannot sell it for more than it cost you.—Northwestern National News.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Maybe you read it and even if you did we offer no apology for including it herein, for it will do us all good to read it and re-read it. We have reference to the prayer that was found in the receptacle in the black steel ballot box in which the United Nations Organization Security Council will place its secret ballots.

"May I, who have had the privilege of fabricating this ballot box, cast the first vote?"

"May God be with every member of the United Nations Organization and through your noble efforts bring lasting peace to us all—over the world."

A German toy spitz was holding court last Saturday morning on Main street as passersby stopped to admire the pet of Mrs. Marvin Parton, of Hazelwood, "Peter" was brought by her husband, Pvt. Parton, who has been in the European theater for 31 months, in Germany.

The likeness of Mrs. John N. Shoobred and her sister, Mrs. Horace Frost has always furnished abundant surprise and conversation, but the night of their 80th birthday party, as they received, wearing the same model gowns and flowers, their resemblance seemed more marked than usual.

While we sometimes think of gossip as a thing spun of malicious intent, it is often merely an accumulation of circumstantial evidence, patched together. Edna McKay, clerk of the draft board, wrote to a mother about her son. Not long after her assistant, Edna McCracken, also sent the same information about the son.

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Rationing has held restrictions for housewives, but we wish that it applied to one hard to get item now—Maybe we would have more of it—SOAP — How can we do Spring cleaning without plenty of

laundry soap to get last winter's grim out of our curtains and other household furnishings that have to be tubbed at home. We guess most of us have not realized "how long a war lasts," for we had an idea that by the first of the year, things would swing back into regular civilian routine—and they certainly have not. If you can scarp up enough drippings of grease, and you are hard put to it for soap, we advise you to get in touch with Mrs. Jennie Ray Breece, who can give you a formula, for she is an artist when it comes to turning out home-made soap—which is both cleansing and easy on the hands.

We have good news for (ourselves) and those on the "plump side." The Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics is claiming that fat folks are the lucky ones these days—for the very good reason that they can reduce, which is desirable for health's sake, and they can help the starving millions abroad by cutting down on their intake of fats, sugar, pies, cookies and such. For a reducing diet keyed to the times, the fat ones are told to eat almost no grain food, and (we) they will be doing even better than the 40 per cent reduction recommended by the Famine Emergency Committee.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN



Voice OF THE People

Do you think the Social Security tax should be increased and that it should be extended to cover groups not now under tax?

J. Harden Howell, Jr.— "Am certainly in favor of the tax as it stands, but am not familiar with the extent of the program to know which groups are not included."

Jonathan Woody— "Yes, the scope should be widened."

Miss Mary Margaret Smith— "Yes, I think it should be extended as there are many groups now that should be under Social Security."

Paul Davis— "I am not certain that the tax should be increased but I am definite that there are certain groups that should come under Social Security not now included."

Howard Clapp— "I think it should be extended to other groups, including farm labor, and others, but as to the increase, I do not know enough about the cost to make a statement."

Joe Sloan— "Yes, both."

James W. Killian— "I would not approve either."

Dr. J. Rufus McCracken— "Yes, without giving the matter much thought, I would think that both should be extended and increased."

J. C. Brown— "Yes, I do, definitely in both cases."

Clyde H. Ray— "I would approve an extension to other groups, but no increase in the tax."

REMARKABLE!

Crawfordville, Ind. — Charles Harmon won on a bet a dollar bill on a bet that he would not pass his physical examination for induction into the army. He decided to keep it "as long as I live." Eight months after he was killed in Europe, the bill found its way back to this place and was recognized by Robert Barton when it was shown to him by a cashier at the light company office, where it had been received from a farm woman who said she got it at a hatchery. Harmon had written his name on the bill and listed the places where he had been stationed. His handwriting was identified by his widow.

MAN, 87, LOSES \$14,700

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COLD CAUSES MISTAKE

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POINTED PARAGRAPH

By WALTER ALLISON

The sap is rising. The furniture company wants their bed back.

When asked if the atomic bomb tests would be made in May, a government official replied, "Nothing shaking!"

The Big Three today are nylons, men's dress shirts, and a place to live.

If Haywood county has a softball league this summer, many fellows should reach home before 10 p. m.

"Where are the shingles going in this country?" asks a builder. Any little boy who eats off a mantle can tell you, mister.

There's no danger of coal ever changing its color. John L. Lewis loves to keep things looking dark.

If Waynesville has a record-breaking season, we hope she smashes Sinatra's, and hangs on to Bing's.

One of the best ways to keep your windows open this summer is to have them built out of green lumber.

When they re-surface Main street, many veterans with the paving company will feel at home when they go over the top.

The little girl who had a stomach-ache last night says she can't understand why Russia wants more oil.

It's not hard to find garden seeds in Waynesville. That is, the neighbor's chickens say it isn't.

You can see the Northern Lights most any night. Some families never get to bed because of the play.

YOU'RE TELLING

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

LATEST DISPATCHES from Australia tell of a man down there who stood on his head and drank 10 steins of beer. This puts to shame those engineers whose feat was to force just water to run uphill.

A Romanian murderer is accused of killing 32 taxicab drivers. This is carrying pedestrian vengeance too far.

First the shirt tail disappeared, then the shirt. It's a neat trick but we don't care much for it.

You can tell an old-fashioned speaker, says Grandpappy Jen-

Inside WASHINGTON

Demo Senators Confident Truman Will Run in 1948

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Democratic senators high in party confidence that President Truman will be a candidate for re-election in 1948, and some of them are predicting he will get it.

This view was voiced recently by Senators Lister Hill, of Alabama, the Democratic "whip," and Carl Hatch (D) of Utah, Senator Kenneth McKellar (D) of Tennessee, who has been named as Truman's potential opponent, and Senator Tom Connally (D) of California, who has been named as Truman's potential opponent.

At the same time, a number of senators are reserving opinion on the subject. They point out that a lot of things in the next two years, that the president's nomination will depend on how he handles the reconversion program, marked political changes may occur, and that the economic upsets.

Commerce Secretary Henry A. Wallace said that he would not oppose Mr. Truman's nomination or resignation from the cabinet, but that he would take it at face value by some Democratic senator.

However, others contend that the potential candidate of the Democratic party for the presidential nomination and that he will take the nomination if the political climate is favorable.

SCIENTISTS NOW ARE EXPERIMENTING with the use of television and FM (frequency modulation) broadcasts from an altitude of 30,000 feet.

Initial experiments are being carried out by the War Relocation Authority, whose experts insist that the broadcasts and also that the use of a plane eliminates construction stations and booster points at frequent intervals.

According to these men, eight such specially equipped planes in lazy circles high above the earth could provide FM broadcasts and quickly to most of the nation's population. Broadcasts from one plane could cover several large areas.

JOHN L. LEWIS already is welding a powerful AFL, into which he returned with his independent Workers a month ago.

When AFL President William Green delivered a White House steps against restoration of wage controls were puzzled. It was not like Green to be uttering such the executive mansion.

Later the information "leaked" that Lewis had an affair. Green's statement and the official viewpoint coincided almost word for word.

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROMISING to get clothing onto the civilian market, but keep your fingers crossed.

The government has been endeavoring to do this for exactly a year.