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Merchants Look The Town Over

We would say that the merchants have been giving local problems a great deal of thought by the report from their recent meeting.

We are glad to note that the Town Hall is going to have a coat of paint. We heartily agree with the merchants, that while the town should be responsible for certain projects in an effort to keep the streets clean.

We also noted with interest and concern the suggestions about traffic and parking. These offer serious problems. Main street was not built for cars, and yet it would be a grave matter to widen the street at this stage.

We were happy to note that the vote to close on Wednesday afternoon, and likewise to have some means of the tourist securing gasoline in passing through Waynesville on Sunday.

Wore we off the beaten path of heavy travel it would be another story, but it only seems the courteous thing to do to offer these small services to those passing through our town.

Hunger

It is difficult with the high drama of the war over for Americans generally speaking to realize while we are living in the land of plenty that millions of other people are suffering the pangs and ill effects of hunger.

When we are asked to save and share our food with others, with those whose homes were battle fields, who have not had time to build back, it is a sacred obligation that we cannot refuse to assume.

We often speak of readjustment and conversion in this country, and we are having headaches, but what are they as compared to the nations that are having to start from scratch to build back and readjust themselves during a period of want and starvation?

The ministers of the county are calling upon us to make contributions of food, to do our part to help feed the world. What are a few cans of food in our lives? Yet on the other hand think what they might mean to those on the other side of the world.

The agricultural leaders are asking us to help them carry forward the national program of conserving foods, of eating more vegetables, and less fats and wheat. They are putting on an intensive campaign. Can we refuse to do our part? If we feel that it will be too much bother, and if we can get the things, we will disregard the call for aid for others, we are not worthy of the price of victory.

We must bear in mind that we have not won the peace yet, even though the war is over. We have shown in Haywood county during the war years how we can rally around and go over the top in drive after drive. We have formed the habit of exceeding quotas. Let us show we are still in training and follow the Haywood county preachers and the county farm leaders to another victorious conquest by helping do more than our part in feeding our hungry neighbors across the sea.

We have faith enough in our people to believe that they will respond to this call to beat "The Battle of Famine," as they have won other battles along firing lines during the past few years.

Even though it's still hard to get enough meat and butter, says Uncle Mat, just think how much harder it would have been to learn Japanese.—The Wall Street Journal.

A little boy on seeing his first banana thought it was a sausage. The great difference of course is that the banana is one hundred per cent of what it was before the war.—Punch.

So far, no Army recruiting poster has put it baldly to the prospect: "See the home front—then sign here to escape all this"—Detroit News.

We don't think capitalism will ever be destroyed. Someone must furnish the money to carry on the experiments.—Greensboro (Ga.) Herald-Journal.

Nearly all those sugarless recipes produce something that tastes as if it had been made without sugar.—Indianapolis News.

Our flapper friend says the iron must be hot, because everybody is striking.—Louisville Times.



HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

As a faithful reader of Eleanor Roosevelt's "My Day," we have often wanted to compete with her on one of her crowded schedules— that is, in coverage of a strenuous routine. Take for instance last Saturday. Of course we made no cross country trips by plane, and yet if the gestures made in the process of coverage on the ironing board were put end to end, we might have found ourselves far from home.

Saturday night, it was a madhouse—a three-ring circus. They were playing games, they were dancing. Some sat around and looked on. We noticed at first how few places there were to sit. We found ourselves very comfortable on one of the Chamber of Commerce green benches. Then as the evening wore on, we realized that they did not need seats, for practically no one sat. They were up doing things. In fact it was amazing how much orderly confusion there was, for everything was under perfect control.

Which brings us to Mrs. Tsvoglou, manager. She is from Chicago, sister of Mrs. W. H. F. Millar, and has worked with young people in Chicago and Minneapolis. This is an old story to her—managing youth. She is known affectionately to the boys and girls as "Miss Mary." She has a way of talking to you with the most flattering concentration and the next thing you know, you hear her soft voice lifted and you hear her clear across the room, "no, that is not allowed," and then she returns to her conversation with you as if nothing had happened, and things move on. Her word is law in the Youth Club, and yet she is beloved by all its members.

Now don't get the impression that this youth club is a free for all. There are strict rules, and if you don't live up to them out you go as a member. For the first offense you are excluded from the club for one week, for the second two weeks and for the third, dropped from membership. The main rule, according to "Miss Mary," is the "Golden Rule"—and if we stop to think it does about cover everything.

The club is sponsored by the Woman's Club and other civic organizations are helping finance this community center for the teen agers. The club is open every night but Sunday and closes each night at 10 o'clock except Saturdays at 10:30. The ages are from 14 to 20. Saturday night we saw two veterans, renewing their youth, but in reality plenty young enough to be eligible to attend. They

You know the funny thing about youth of that age is that they so often feel that older people do not understand them at all. They feel a bit superior in growing up at a more advanced stage of civilization. It is a common trait of each generation, we feel quite sure. When in reality there is only the difference of social customs, for underneath youth continues to have the same impulses and instincts. Then on the other hand, boys and girls, let me give you a tip. Don't ever forget that while the older ones may frown on you, deep in their hearts, they are envying you, your very youth, that they may be up-raiding. You have something very precious. It is true, you are young but once, that is young, in the sense that the teen age feel. Don't get us wrong, life is good all along the way—but you teen agers have something all your own. Keep your memories sweet of those years—That is up to you.

Voice OF THE People

How do you go about picking a candidate? G. C. Platt—"Most of the time it's not especially for the fellow whom you vote for, but against his opponent."

Mrs. Noble Garrett—"It depends on how well I like him whether I think he's the man for the job."

Howard Hyatt—"I pick him for the manner of man he is."

Jimmy Reed—"The man and his platform."

Mrs. Crews Moody—"I see who is running on the Democratic ticket and try to pick the best man, and in cases where the ability of the candidates are equal would favor a veteran if he is running."

Claude Reece—"Pick the man according to his qualifications."

Mrs. Claude Francis—"His personality means a lot to me."

Ralph Prevost—"I can't answer the question because I don't know."

Major H. L. Baughman—"The only thing to do is to pick the man with the best qualifications for the office and if he's a Democrat vote for him."

James W. Killian—"I'll be John-Browned if I know."

Foreign Wool For some years now, mills in this country have been making more and more use of foreign grown wool. Ten to 15 years ago, only about 10 per cent of the wool they used came from abroad. But even before the war, our mills were getting more of their wool from foreign countries. And during the war years, an average of about 45 per cent of the wool United States mills needed was supplied from abroad.

were looking over the town to see what had happened in their absence.

In the midst of the games being played the jute box peeled forth "Down Yonder" and the couples got organized for a square dance. Then this was followed by some jitterbug numbers. At all times there were girls out on the floor doing some fancy steps, experimenting. Mrs. Leo Martel was in charge of the register and the candy table.

We enjoyed watching the girls, some in sweaters, some in fancy skirts and blouses. We noticed one young thing especially in a white blouse with a full skirt trimmed in a full ruffle, who seemed to be mighty popular as a dance partner. Now comes arriving were greeted with welcomes. Everybody seemed natural and at home.

The boys have organized a softball team and show how they feel about "Miss Mary"—they want her to go with them when they play in Canton, for somehow they always get in a fight there, and they want her to go so she will be on their side. We overheard one of the boys asking "Miss Mary" if she would lend him the use of her mirror. Somebody had ruffled his nicely combed hair. Tough on a fellow when he had it parted and set just right.

These Teen agers are much excited about the open house they expect to have on Easter Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, when they are asking their parents and friends to the club. The members are arranging a musical program and we are sure it will be good for we noticed one of Mrs. W. L. Matney's grandsons at the club. Now this invitation is for you—for anyone interested in the youth of the community—to see where the young people are finding wholesome entertainment—a place to go where their parents can feel they are being well cared for—and safe.

POINTED PARAGRAPH By WALTER ALLISON

Many a cheap wedding ring turns green in the spring.

Waynesville is going to have a new filtration plant so you won't have to visit Florida to see Clearwater.

In many cases where a war veteran is running for office, G. I. stands for Good Intentions.

Farmer says if he doesn't find a new pair of overalls he's going to have a coming out party next week.

Why not post the weather report in our city jail? Saturday night, stormy—cooler Sunday.

The Waynesville Merchants Association is certainly active every week. Mundy always starts off with a bang!

Raleigh needn't worry about a housing shortage. She'll get her lot of new timber after the election.

Fire broke out in a tobacco shop, but the firemen got there in plenty of time. The Camels were slow burning.

A juvenile delinquent found who picks up a couple of stragglers, his mother told him to rock the baby.

Some politicians are fond of coffee, while others are more interested in absentee.

Music teacher lost her little girl, and the police found her over at the Chinese laundry playing chess sticks.

When Easter rolls around, a married man doesn't have to run a filling station to Shell out.

Why should a war veteran need a Turkish Bath when he has to sweat it out waiting for a new home.

A Waynesville golf widow says on rainy days her hubby chooses string beans, but just as soon as the sun comes out he shifts to greens.

It's getting so you can't even find lumber in a two-by-four town these days.

In Hendersonville last week the nylon line formed in front.

Inside WASHINGTON

Fear House Committee May Block Minimum Wage Bill

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The Truman administration is working hard to save its minimum wage bill from Congress. Postmaster General Robert H. Bennett, national chairman, has stepped in to try to persuade the House to pass the bill. Supporters anticipate that the Senate will pass a present 40-cent hourly minimum wage and that the bill will get by the House. It is feared that the House will consider consideration of either bill.

In 1938 the rules committee of a House vote on the fair labor act establishing a minimum wage of 40 cents for interstate commerce. Supporters, however, via the petition method, appeared at the House and secured signatures—218, a House majority could be obtained in time to prevent the legislation before Congress adjourns for the summer.

Robert Hannegan • DURING THE London UNO Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin told Ambassador Guillermo Bolt to a small group in the Oval Room that he had been in the White House. It happened like this: After the luncheon Bolt, whose country regards itself as source of the finest cigars, a Puerto Rican cigar. Bolt took the cigars and mumbled "ersatz" under his breath. He slipped it to the cigars. Bevin smoked it and, according to Bolt's report, luxuriated in the aroma.

"I knew I had won a victory," the Cuban report. "It would be hard after that for Bevin to return to me. I had scored a point for Cuba in international relations."

BRASS HATS in both Naval Air Transport and Port Command are worried over the lack of brass hats as the result of too rapid demobilization. Many of the shortage are refusing to fly in their military uniforms. One naval commander reports that on a flight to San Diego the crew brought the NATS plane in to land under a flyer himself, noticed that the other crew members no one in the crew knew how to cut off the main engine did it for them.

REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS are confident that they can carry the House at least in November. The country can expect a series of investigations into objects—a few on the actual conduct of the war effort. Asked whether the GOP had such investigations in mind, House Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Pennsylvania replied: "Sure. Our slogan is: 'Open each account with a probe.'"

EVEN THOUGH GREAT BRITAIN JOINED France and France in warning Spain to quit, the government is expected to go slow in taking punitive measures for non-compliance. Diplomatic observers, noting that France has served notice he will not quit, point out that former Prime Minister Winston Churchill virtually pledged non-interference with El Caudillo because he "got out" the war. The present British government, on the left of the Churchill regime. But current London officials are viewed as applying the brakes to further strong schools of thought in Britain support the Russians might attempt to institute some form of the guise of a republic in Spain. This, it is pointed out, would lower British prestige on the continent.

Search For Oil

We hope unless they are dead certain that there is oil before they start digging a well in Haywood county. If it was found after such effort that there was no oil, the let down would be terrible.

We guess many a dream has been blasted for the folks around Cape Hatteras when the Standard Oil Company made their test with no results, and moved over to Pamlico Sound. It is possible that the next well will be dug in the waters of the sound, as the engineers claim that the findings of the geologists justify exploration.

New Stock

Since we have all been stumped by the unexpected high cost of living in general and the prices of special things we want in particular, we know just how Wayne Corpening, county farm agent, C. N. Allen, and M. O. Galloway felt when the prize bull they had planned to buy got boosted in price to the tune of \$25,000.

But who knows the calf they purchased sired by this famous Hereford bull may not be dependent on his ancestral chart for his high standard, but may make a name of his own. Just give him time and plenty of Haywood's green pastures and the vintage of the full silos of our farms, and he may even surpass his sire. At any rate we know these three men are good pickers and we are counting on this new addition to the Herefords in Haywood to be a high rater.

Wildlife Conservation

There is a growing interest on the part of the public to conserve the natural resources and the wildlife in their community. We note with interest the program that will be inaugurated by the newly formed group of fishermen and hunters in Haywood county.

We also note with special interest that the farmers of the county are invited to the meetings of the organization and we understand may maintain membership in the organizations at a reduced rate. It was well for the sportsmen and the farmers to get together on these things. Often in the past there has been much hard feeling toward "trespassers" who have hunted and fished on the property of others.

We trust in their drive for members that they obtain a large membership and that they are successful in furthering education along the lines of conservation in Haywood county.

Easter, 1946

While we are deep in the throes of trying to establish a world peace on a foundation that will never rock with war again, amidst a world of chaotic conditions, with millions starving we need to pause this Easter and ask not only the power of individual resurrection, but also the resurrection of nations.

That we might learn more of Him and His lessons is the great need of this trying hour. We know that nations need armies, that we need defense, but we must not lose sight of the need and the value of the things of the spirit.

If we could learn to follow in His footsteps and know the power of the resurrection, rather than put all our faith in the strength of armed forces, perhaps the world would need less of military organizations.

As we seek security from another war it would be wise to cultivate as individuals and nations the things of the spirit and glorify His promise of the Resurrection, rather than put all our strength in a means of continuing war.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



FIFTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE SALE STARTED—