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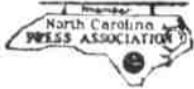
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Taking Advantage

Often we fail to take advantage of things because they are near at hand. We congratulate the county farm agents on their latest 4-H club activity—that is taking all the members to the State Test Farm for tours of inspection and study.

These same theories which are being put into practice might be studied thoroughly in text books, but they would not be so clearly demonstrated as they are in actual practice. We feel sure that these tours of observation will result in proving a great stimulus to the members of the 4-H clubs in the county.

Encouraging

We have heard much during the war years of the shortage of nurses. We have only to visit the Haywood County hospital to realize what a hardship it is on the superintendent and the nurses to give the proper care to the patients, to know that registered nurses are needed in increasing numbers.

In view of this shortage we note with interest that 236 graduates of nursing schools took examinations given by the North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners in Raleigh last week. It was said to have been the largest class to ever take the state exams. Surely out of this large group, Haywood county will become the professional home of at least one or two.

Starting On Time

With Canton taking charge of Labor Day in a big way attracting people from all over the county, it is a fine thing for this section to also have an annual celebration of county-wide interest.

We are glad to know that plans are starting on time for the big day to be observed at Hazelwood for all of Haywood county on July 4th. We understand that the committee in charge, which was appointed last fall in time to give its members a chance to think their plans over, is taking its duties in a serious manner, and are making extensive plans for a gala day.

Coming at the opening of the summer season, it should start things off with a bang not only for the local people but also for the summer visitors who will be arriving in large numbers by the first of July.

Time To Help

We congratulate the Chamber of Commerce in securing former Governor Broughton for their speaker at the annual banquet to be held Friday of next week. We feel that the banquet will attract a larger crowd this year than in any years past.

This year is the starting point back from the war years that demanded such concentration on the essential activities pertaining to winning the war. Now we are finding more time to look closer at home. Our vision was of necessity directed on affairs far away from home, and our part in them.

The citizens of this community look to the officers of the Chamber of Commerce for leadership. We all know that the Chamber of Commerce is not a rich organization, for it is utterly dependent on the annual contributions made to it by our citizens, but it can offer leadership that spurs and stimulates worthwhile civic movements.

It is time now for the citizens of this area to pick up on their responsibilities to their own civic groups and lend a helping hand to those who have been designated to serve as leaders in this central community wide organization.

A New Era

Last week we read where the Southeastern North Carolina strawberry growers are contemplating transporting their berries by air. It seems that berries can be brought to the airport in Wilmington in two or three hours and within six hours could be served in Chicago, St. Louis, and other mid-western cities.

While it may be too late, according to the growers to ship them by air this year, they are expecting to do so in 1947.

This is a fast moving world, and strawberries by air we suppose is a natural result of this air-minded age in which we live.

A Surprise

North Carolina Revenue Department officials were a bit dubious what the end of the war would do to income tax collections. They felt sure that the collections would decrease from that of last year.

Actually they had a big surprise in store for them. The income tax is reported to be running far ahead of figures for the past year, when collections reached the highest peak ever on record. Instead of there being a decrease there has been an increase of \$1,421,404 for the same period last year.

Which set us wondering about next year. Will we still find the incomes running higher—or will there be a slump?

A Weak Spot

We see that President Truman's famine emergency committee has recommended a seven-point program for channelling more American food to overseas starving areas. The President is also asking that we tighten our belts, so that we can "save more lives" in starvation areas.

Among other means of raising food is the President's endorsement of a two-day-a-week national diet. Now for those of us on the plump side this will be a help as far as our weight is concerned, but those on the skinny side may find it a real hardship.

We approve of any measure by which we can meet our obligation to our starving neighbors across the sea, but while we are doing this, and at the same time asked to grow more food, should the draft still be taking our young boys from the farms.

If our food production is to be greater than ever in our history, it seems to us at such a critical time, that the man on the farm regardless of age should not be drafted at this time for service in the armed forces.

Their Turn

Regardless of how many improvements or how much construction some of us civilians had planned "when the war was over" we should all feel that the step taken by the government in the nation-wide clamping on non-essential building is only fair. None of us should complain when we know that the drastic step was taken to fulfill our obligations to the millions of veterans who are faced with no place to live.

Of course we realize and grant that there will be some hardships on the rest of us, for in many cases homes are needing repairs, but we must take it on the chin, for the housing of the veterans is a national problem as well as obligation.

It is said that prior to the clamping down more than \$50,000,000 a week in scarce labor and material has been going into non-residential building.

We like to see new buildings going up. We take pride in improvements in our community, but if a choice had to be made between the veteran and the civilian needs, we will have to cast our vote with the former.

These men who have braved the hardships of winters in Germany, of the tropics and the jungles in the Pacific have earned a decent place to live back home. We step aside. It is their turn.

In the meantime maybe some of us can profit by the delay. Maybe we will know more about what we want to build and will have time to plan and change our plans and revise them ere our turn comes to build.

It's been a long time since we read about an old-fashioned case of arson. Which proves there's no need to burn goods when you can sell anything—and we mean anything.

The United States Mint turned out four billion brand new coins last year, and, as we have said before, one of the greatest problems of the day is the matter of faulty distribution.

President Truman drove the engine on the special train taking him to Missouri with Winston Churchill. Even in this land of equal opportunity, not every man lives long enough to realize his boyhood ambitions of growing up to be both President of the United States and a locomotive engineer.—Dallas (Tex.) Times-Herald.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

The atomic bomb has been like a huge shadow lying over the world since that eventful day in 1945 when its destruction brought terror to the Japs—and to the rest of the world. We have all lived with a kind of dread for what might happen next—and we'll be right. Yet as we listened to the Easter morning service conducted by our pastor Rev. Paul Townsend at the First Methodist who said if he had one sermon to preach he would take as his subject, the resurrection, we thought how despite the invention of the bomb, life goes on as before and the fundamentals remain the same. While it does seem that the atomic bomb possesses greater potential destructive powers, than any other invention of man, we wonder if every great change of discovery of damage to life has not been hailed with terror and misgivings. But as Mr. Townsend pointed out, the biggest things that matter are eternal. The sun continues to shine and nature goes merrily on her way. Changes by man are signs of growth and development on this earth—but after all man made things are "surface things"—trimmings on life—and never alter the fundamentals. The atomic bomb in its infancy of development is geared for destruction. Maybe as the future unfolds its peacetime potentialities will bring about more complete and easier living. In the meantime faith, and working for peace must be forever heartened by the promise of eternal life.

We read in Time Magazine this week where Dorothy Dix had turned 50 years of age, while Mrs. Gilmer, who started signing her writings thus was a lively 75. We doubt if there is any newspaper woman who is a greater inspiration to those of her sex as to what a woman, with no special journalistic training can accomplish when she is forced to earn her living. Starting her career at the age of 25, with a sick husband to support, she was paid \$5.00 a week by a New Orleans newspaper, while today her income annually reaches over \$75,000. We will always cherish an interview we had with her a few years back when she was a guest at Grove Park Inn. Not particularly for the printed account of our interview, but for the conversation which followed—off the record. We recall how she said, "My dear I have done thousands of these. Let's get through with it in a hurry. You ask me some questions quickly and I'll answer them—then let's just talk..." and we did. We remember how she said the questions had changed with the times—what would be a matter of no question today would have been a scandalous thing to put in print, much less ask forty years ago. But most of all we remember how she received an unknown country newspaper reporter with just as much respect and graciousness, we feel sure, as she would have bestowed on a high-rating daily reporter. Among our prized papers is a letter in her own handwriting thanking us for the interview.

Speaking of prized letters, Aileen Williams, 12 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Williams, of Waynesville, is a collector of autographs and insinias. She is writing some of the high officials in the army for both. Before Christmas she wrote and asked Gen. Eichelberger for his and the insignia of his division. She had given up hope, but recently it came, the answer from Yokohama. She is overjoyed with this new signature to add to her collection. The army insignia collection is also becoming a most interesting feature, with a history of the various military units.

We are not only glad for the visitors, who have business with the Chamber of Commerce, but also for our efficient secretary, Miss S. A. Jones, that the offices of the C. of C. will be just a step off

Main street—with not one single stair to climb. Now in case you have not visited the top floor of the Reimertson building, you cannot imagine the feeling behind the statement. We are confident that in the routine transaction of her business in an ordinary day, that S. A. Jones has "stepped up" enough to have climbed Old Bald or Mt. Pisgah.

We would like to page the veterans who are being and have been and who are about to be discharged from the American Air Forces, to ask them to start the ball rolling toward an airport for Haywood county. We hear that Murphy is about to have an airport—and Sylva, down the road a short ways, has a landing field—with a run way to take off from and land. About the time the war started things looked a bit hopeful for us here in Haywood, but the project was dropped for urgent matters. Now with all the air minded citizens, many of whom are learning to fly, plus the arriving daily of discharged veterans it is time to take action. How about it boys, you who flew the long distances out in the Pacific and you who dropped bombs over Germany? If you start the movement, we feel sure you will get response.

We see that the fence across the Stoval property on Main street which was excavated sometime ago, is getting a coat of green paint, which is helping the appearance of this informal enclosure very much. But while the paint is going on, we would like to make a suggestion—Either to the owners or to the Town Officials—After the paint is dry, please see to it that the barrels and barrels of waste paper

and trash of every known size are removed from the bottom. Unless this is done, the new paint only calls more attention to the unsightly debris. We hope it is removed before Carl Goerch gets here for his Rotary speech. He might start regarding the towns of the state for cleanliness and in the revision of grades, Waynesville might not rate so high.

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Voice OF THE People

Do you think that radio stations should charge professional evangelists for the time on the air, or ration "free time to all religious groups?"

Dr. R. Stuart Robinson—"Yes, I think a reasonable length of time should be rationed free to religious groups."

Prof. Chas. F. Owens—"I think they should ration free time to preachers."

Edna McCracken—"I do not think so."

Mrs. Sam Queen—"There are two sides to the question, but I guess that ministers should be given some time without pay on the radio."

R. T. Messer—"I think that preachers should be given some time without pay on the radio."

Mrs. G. C. Boston—"I think they should pay for time on radio just as anyone else."

Mrs. J. W. Killian—"No, I do not think they should charge ministers. I feel that we do not have enough religious programs on the air, especially on Sunday."

Mrs. S. R. Crockett—"It seems to me that they should give some free time, for we need all the religious influence that we can get today."

Theo. McCracken—"Not generally speaking as a regular practice."

Mrs. W. T. Crawford—"I think they should be given some free time, but this should be restricted of course."

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

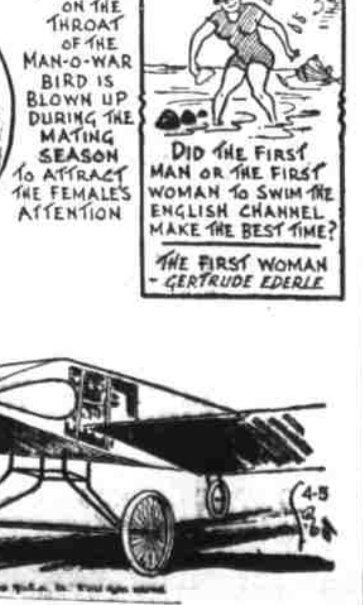
By STANLEY



WHEN MARSHAL OTEY WALKER OFFERED TO ESCORT THE NEW MILLINER FROM THE BUS STOP TO THE SHOP - THERE WASN'T A SOUL IN SIGHT

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



A HUGE RED BALLOON ON THE THROAT OF THE MAN-O-WAR BIRD IS BLOWN UP DURING THE MATING SEASON TO ATTRACT THE FEMALE'S ATTENTION. DID THE FIRST MAN OR THE FIRST WOMAN TO SWIM THE ENGLISH CHANNEL MAKE THE BEST TIME? THE FIRST WOMAN - GERTRUDE EDERLE.

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POINTED PARAGRAPH

By WALTER ALLISON

I'm only a tin can! Some months ago I was shipped from a large can company. Was I glad to get away from all that noise!

After several days on the road me and my tin can pals landed in a California warehouse.

We were so tired from the trip we went to sleep with our lids on.

The next morning a fellow marked our carton with a piece of chalk, and I thought we were being pinched for over-parking.

However, we had nothing to fear, because that afternoon we left by truck for a well known canning factory.

When we reached our destination night was falling, and our driver got out and picked it up.

Folks, I never saw such a live wire canning factory in all my life! There was so much food that me and my pals soon got our fill.

The next day we were packed and sealed. As to where we were going, we were left in the dark.

But that night we felt something moving underneath us, and two of my pals sang while the engine whistled.

Eastward we rolled! One of the firemen lost his watch out the cab window and hours flew by.

After days and nights on the road we arrived in Waynesville. Boy, just smell that pure mountain air!

YOU'RE TELLING

By WILLIAM RITT, Central Press Writer

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Inside WASHINGTON

Congress May Take Six-Month Recess Beginning Mid-Summer

As Summer Session Rayon May Open

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Congress is tentatively scheduling summer recess to carry into January, 1947, when the calls it back. It will be the first long recess, virtually beginning of the great depression and Franklin D. Roosevelt's inauguration.

The prolonged absence will give Capitol architects to force the ceilings of House and Senate chambers, and from the reverberations of congressional oratory and members time to go home and mend their frayed nerves. It may need it badly with the first session in the offing.

Estimates of the time required to repair the roofs is six months. Some contractors could do it in three.

Some members fear remaining so long, in event important post-war legislation is passed. Others fear they cannot meet their less than six months'—if at all.

DESPIITE THE DRIVE for all signs indicate he will be depressed at least for men's summer suits when temperatures rise. A representative reported this outlook.

Tropical worsteds will be scarce while cotton suits scarce. At the same time, he said, manufacturers will ward the manufacture of rayon suits, which being hampered by price ceilings.

The same spokesman said that more suits of all types on the market in the next six weeks than were available last year. But they still will not be able to meet a white.

THE JAPANESE MANDATED ISLANDS may be the theater of an international diplomatic storm, especially after bomb tests this spring.

Leaders of the Army-Navy joint task force No. 1 at the atoll, where the atom bomb tests will be held, must some time to prevent other nations from "snapping" gusher facts about the tests.

Thus, America will be telling the world that the United States property, although the Allies have won the problem of dividing the islands which were seized. Trouble is also seen brewing with Australia over the desire to hold tiny Manus island, north of New Guinea, for possible use in any future war.

Russia has been more realistic about the war than pounced on Japan in the closing days of the conflict. It had a secret agreement giving her the Kuriles.

WINSTON CHURCHILL recently visited in the Colonial capital of the Old Dominion not far from Yorktown where another Britisher made history and changed the course of the world.

Williamsburg was restored through funds donated by John D. Rockefeller II. While in the old city, one of Churchill's aides, mindful of Rockefeller's generosity, handed the chubby ex-prime minister a box of John D. Rockefeller II.

Churchill took the volume, looked at it and then said in Britain we number our Georges—over here they number our Rockefellers.