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Congratulations

The Mountaineer, our neighbor newspaper at Waynesville, this week is beginning publication of a semi-weekly paper instead of weekly.

The publishers, W. Curtis Russ and Marion T. Bridges, who have taken progressive leadership in the weekly field of newspapering in this section and in the state, announce that they are adding some new features, and will maintain for the twice-a-week papers the same high standard that have characterized the weekly issues.

The Scout rejoices with The Mountaineer that its field of service has grown to such an extent that the additional issue weekly is possible and feasible. We wish for the paper continued growth and success through the years.—The Cherokee Scout.

Our Crowded Schools

Ever so often public services that are functioning get behind, either with necessary equipment or personnel. They outgrow themselves, so to speak. Today here in Haywood county our schools as we are told they are elsewhere in the state, are in need of assistance. They are over-crowded and the teaching personnel has dropped off in alarming numbers.

There has been a surprising number of resignations and only eight of these have been filled to date, it was learned this week.

During the war years when teachers left the profession for war jobs and to enter the armed forces it was not surprising that there was a big drop in teaching personnel. Now that the war is over and many of the war jobs are closed and most of the men are discharged, the need for teachers is still acute, according to Jack Messer, county superintendent of education.

The question of supplying the schools with qualified teachers is a serious problem which is being faced here and in the other sections of the state. A teacher invests quite a sum of money in preparation for meeting the standards required. Parents would not have this standard lowered, yet the teachers do not receive salaries comparable to other fields which in many instances do not require half the money for training.

The citizens of this state will have to make changes in the salary scale of teachers if they expect the schools to maintain the standard they want, for unless the salaries are more lucrative, competent teachers will continue to leave the profession for other fields. This will be one major piece of legislation that the coming state assembly will have to solve.

With the addition of the 12th grade to the high schools there is a great need for building expansion to take care of this extra grade. In the Waynesville Township high school there will be around 250 new students entering the junior high next fall. It is an unusually large group and will require more class room space. It must be remembered, that this year only five graduates left the school, so the addition of 245 more students to the already crowded conditions, it is a problem, and a serious one.

Adollar bill now lasts seven months, says the United States Treasury. Wonder if they didn't mean seven minutes?

A doctor tells us that lumbago means that the blood is poor. Or that the lawn needs mowing.

Those "Yankees"

Is North Carolina in "the South"? Most people have the notion that it is, and the map bears them out. But it all depends upon the point of view. The North in North Carolina really means something to the inhabitants of regions farther south. There is a story about a Florida citizen who remarked: "Every year we're having more and more of those Virginia and North Carolina Yankees coming down here."—Chapel Hill (N. C.) Weekly.

Waynesville Paper Steps Ahead

Last week The Waynesville Mountaineer, heretofore one of the best weekly newspapers in the State, went semi-weekly, and is already setting an example in its new field that will make other twice-a-week papers hustle to keep pace. Such a paper and such enterprise reflects in no uncertain manner the spirit of Waynesville and the progress the town is making. The Mountaineer is not only keeping step with Waynesville but is out in front helping in its march forward.

To Co-Publishers Russ and Bridges and their helpers The News-Herald extends congratulations on the changes and best wishes for their continued success. — The News-Herald, Morganton.

Cooperation

In the annual campaign for a clean-up drive sponsored by the board of aldermen of Waynesville and Hazelwood, the public is urged to make special efforts this year by the officials to see that their premises are cleaned of every possible suggestion of rubbish.

While the trucks run each week on routine trips collecting trash, they are on extra call this week, and there will be no plausible excuse for anyone failing to get all debris hauled off from their places during the period designated.

As the officials point out this is the opening up of a new season, the first since the war, and they are making an appeal to have every piece of property in this area as clean and presentable as can be made by the owners.

A Bad Job

We heard a great deal of talk during the war years of post war plans. The period of reconversion was discussed almost as much as the progress of the war. All groups, as well as individuals seemed to be ingrossed in post-war plans.

We heard such talk of the mistakes made following the First World War. We were preparing ourselves to see that history did not repeat itself. Instead today we offer not only to ourselves but to the world a bungled job of coming from under a war. How can the other nations of the world look to us for leadership if we cannot manage our own affairs any better than we have done so far?

Perhaps in our effort to improve ourselves and make this a better country in which to live, we have forgotten that after all work is the panacea for most troubles. There have been too many people who have simply folded their hands and cried for more, expecting to have the world dumped in their laps without honestly earning it.

We seemed to have forgotten that only in economic progress made by greater increased production will we have what we are looking for—and this means work. Only in greater output from our factories can be found higher wages in those and other fields. We won't reach the goal by merely sitting down and crying for more.

An individual may have the right to quit work, but does a large group which affects a nation have the right to stop and obstruct the business of other groups, is a question in the minds of most people. It seems to us that the right to damage the public as a whole is forfeited when the influence is so nation wide.

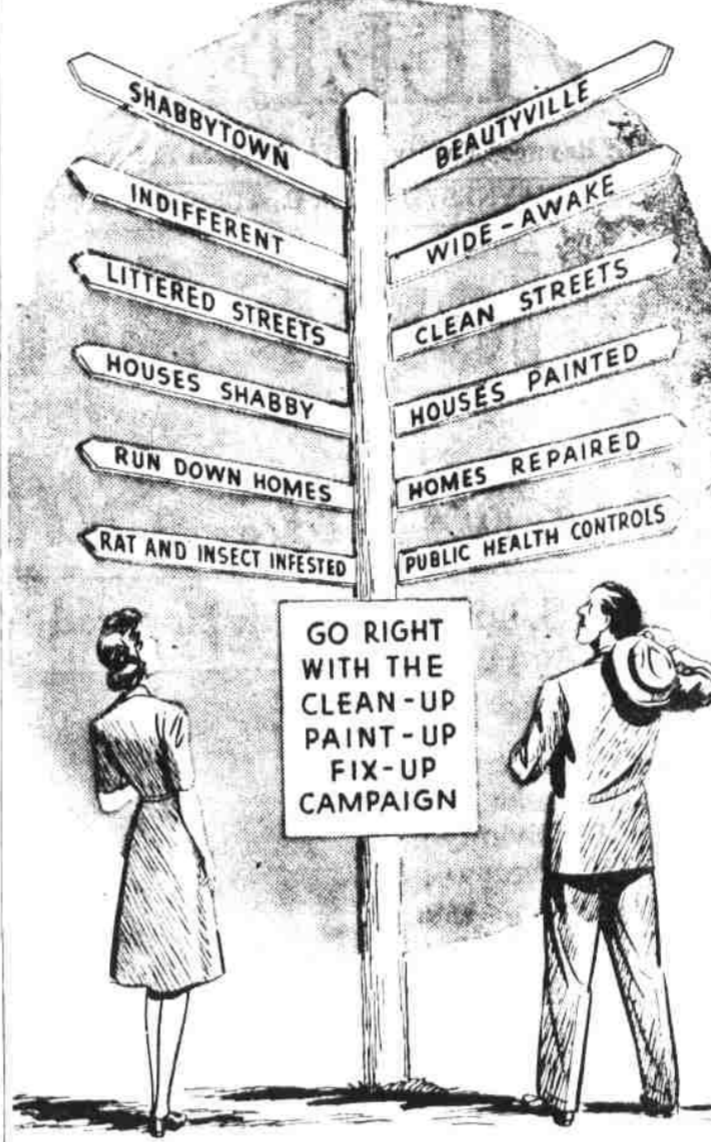
There is something akin to a "rebellion" in a strike, that is not wholesome. We come back to the start, nobody will reach a goal of greater reward, if we continue to fight over what we hope to have.

It is time the pressure of organized groups let up and started back to work. To give the business of the country time to reconvert back to civilian production and let the greater economic era we have heard was coming get under way, before we start scrapping over the gains, would to our mind be the solution. It looks like the "cart has been put before the horse."

Every strike delays the realization of our peacetime prosperity. Is there not somewhere in America a hand strong enough to lead us out of this chaotic condition?

Maybe we have the wrong answer, but ours would be for every man in America to start to work tomorrow and we feel that in six months with production meeting the demands of the public needs and desires, there would begin to come through some light of hope. In other words the answer is Back to work for everybody.

Which Road Do We Take?



LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor The Mountaineer: All of us at The Times were pleased this week to receive the first issue of The Mountaineer as a semi-weekly and to see that you are off to such a commendable start, maintaining the former high standards of Haywood County's newspaper.

We understand just what you mean when stating in your editorial, "A New Day," that the first issue represents a dream come true for the owners of this paper. Since entering the semi-weekly field ourselves two months ago we have learned that we can better serve both our advertisers and our subscribers, and that the work is more interesting for us and the readers are more interested in our work.

THE CLEVELAND TIMES Will Arey, Jr. LET THE INDIANS VOTE

Editor The Mountaineer: In The Mountaineer, last week, the question, "Do you think the Cherokee Indians should be allowed to register and vote?" was asked six citizens of Waynesville. In the answers were three positive yeses, one positive no, and two ifs. The majority yeses of Dr. Sam Stringfield, Col. J. Harden Howell, and Mr. M. G. Stamey, struck a responsive chord in my heart. I was glad that such representative men of Waynesville were friends of the Cherokees and wanted them to vote.

Perhaps I should remain silent and steer around problems that are no immediate concern of mine, but I know that what affects one people ultimately affects us all. Besides I was named Chewani by my Indian preacher friend, the Rev. Sibald Smith, great, great grandson of Chief Yonaguski, the Cherokee's last chief, the others following him being elected leaders with more or less white blood in their veins. I am a friend of the Cherokees and proud of it. The following may explain why.

Not long ago I had to make a bus trip to Asheville. On the return trip, I sat in front of a Cherokee couple. I found them very good company and talked with them most of the way to Atlanta. The man had been a scout in the first World War. When the American command wanted an order to go through to the front lines without the enemy knowing what was said and even though the enemy may have tapped the communication lines, it was a simple matter to use two Cherokees, who talked the Cherokee language, and my new found friend did. "If the enemy couldn't understand our kind of talk," laughed my Cherokee acquaintance. And, he continued, "Our country ought to keep the language a secret and for our own use in case of another war." He objected vigorously to people coming to the reservation from other countries trying to learn the language.

Waldo Swagum, Hazelwood, a veteran of this last World War told me that had it not been for a Cherokee Indian scout, whom the boys called "Chief," crawling through the enemy lines at night and returning in the morning with chickens and other food, he doubted if some of them would have survived. It seems that Waldo and a small number of soldiers were cut off from the others and their position was pretty desperate until they were spotted by an airplane from which food was dropped to them. "Our men tried to crawl through

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE ALONG BROADWAY

By Walter Winchell

Due to the fact that the State Highway Commission has been able to contract only 200 miles, or an average of 2 miles per county of secondary roads, do you think that major constructions should be temporarily held up until more secondary roads are improved?

It. H. Holt—"I would be in favor of concentration on the construction of secondary roads to a certain point just at present."

Mrs. D. D. Alley—"In as much as major projects on the highways are underway, I would suggest that the citizens of North Carolina get busy and contact their prospective representatives and begin now on a program to see that improvements will be made on the secondary roads through the necessary legislation."

Bob Ferguson—"I am in favor of better county roads, for the farmers have to get to the markets with their goods, which are necessary."

Joe Davis—"I think contracts for new roads and repair work on the main highways is not essential right now, for they are passable, but we have impassable secondary roads, and these farm to market roads mean much to the people, so feel that the major highways should wait for improvements until the secondary roads are put into better shape."

Chas. H. Metcalf—"I would approve of the improvements on the main highways first, for on them is the greatest travel."

Dick Bradley—"I am in favor of fixing the back roads for much of the business that comes to the farm to market roads."

Indians their land in solemn treaty, but, as Mr. Crawford undoubtedly knows, land-hungry whites and Andrew Jackson were determined to have their land even if they had to defy the law of the land to do it. Today history is repeating itself in regard to the Negro voting. That is another story, though, and the Negro never owned a foot of land until after the War Between the States, while the Cherokee Indian did, about 40,000 square miles at the time of the White man's coming. By all rights of priority the Cherokee should be allowed to vote.

From the very beginning, the White man has misnamed, misunderstood and mistreated the Red man, Columbus, thinking he had reached the Indies, named the scantily clad, copper-colored men, with high cheek bones and straight black hair, who came running down to meet his ships, "Indians" and (Continued on Page 3)

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