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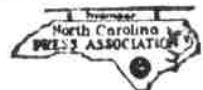
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Something Wrong

We notice that down in Haver county last week fifty per cent of the best lettuce crop in that section in ten years representing a value of \$250,000 was plowed under, according to the county farm agent.

The reason given for this apparent waste was that the prices set by the OPA was such that small crops were held down and did not allow truckers to make enough money to cushion them against post war inflation.

This is an appalling situation to us. Something is definitely wrong when this much effort can go to waste. We all know the problems of labor today and to grow a crop of such magnitude and then to plow it under is poor inducement to continue to produce.

Wrecks

After a few weeks of intensive checking of cars and trucks by our state highway patrol, over 15,000 cars have been either taken off the highways entirely or sent in for necessary repairs.

While this is a small percentage of the cars in operation in North Carolina, fifteen thousand road hazards could endanger a great many lives as well as cause an immense amount of damage.

The unfortunate thing about the operation of a bad car or careless or drunken driving is that one occupant of such a car, can endanger the lives of hundreds of people in a day's run.

The state patrol is doing an excellent job in getting these cars and drivers off the highway and it is to be hoped that they will keep up the good work until the appalling number of wrecks has been reduced to a minimum.

A Crisis Met

It did not take the 204 members and guests of the Chapel Hill Kiwanis club, which included representatives from eight neighboring clubs of the Fifth Division of the Carolina District of Kiwanis International, long to take charge of the situation when the waiters refused to serve either meal unless they could be guaranteed tips amounting to 10 per cent of the cost of the dinner.

They did take time out to learn that the waiters received a weekly wage of \$19.80 for six days and an average of \$20 to \$25 weekly in tips, plus three meals a day when they work, and some of them hold additional jobs. When they learned the foregoing facts, they rolled up their sleeves and the volunteers were told struck out for the kitchen and the banquet was a self-served affair by their own members.

Among the waiters were none other than Representative John W. Umstead, Alumni secretary Spike Saunders, Grady Pritchard and Roy Armstrong.

While some of the plates, according to the account, might have been passed over the wrong shoulder, and maybe a cup or two of coffee spilled over, the guests agreed that never had they had such efficient and speedy service. No doubt the temperature of the emotions of the hosts helped to stimulate quick action.

At any rate there was no further offer made to the waiters, but they returned the next day to work.

The Guehnsey Sale

The third annual Guernsey Promotional sale which was held at the State Test Farm last week should be gratifying both to the promoters of the event and to dairymen of Haywood county. The fact that 35 out of the 17 head of cattle offered for sale will remain in this county is sufficient proof that dairying is profitable and has become a permanent part of our agricultural life.

While it is to be recognized that the larger and more remote grazing areas are better suited for sheep and beef cattle and not adapted to dairying, almost every farmer in the county can keep at least a few cows at home that will provide a regular monthly income.

Whether operated on a large or small scale, there is money in converting Haywood county grass into milk and the purchase of these high grade animals by Haywood county farmers will do much to improve the productiveness of our cattle.

It's A Fact

Did you know that responsible officials of the government are actually proposing and making plans to reduce the public debt? It's hard to believe but it is a fact.

Secretary Vinson of the Treasury calls for it and has a plan and is pushing it, to hold it at \$275 billion, and for further reducing it from year to year. That is the best financial news that has come out of Washington in ten years.

It seems that even officialdom at last recognizes that debt can get out of hand. It couldn't be avoided during war but a continuation of it in peace is senseless.

There used to be talk of the debt going to \$300 billion, which would have been the last straw, the signal for inflation with all the wraps off, national bankruptcy.

I may be that the war debt will be paid off before the 100 years that had been estimated, and there is just one way to pay it—to save the money with which to pay it, as all debts are paid if, when and ever.—The Charlotte Observer.

The Food And Feed Situation

Recently the Department of Agriculture issued a report to the effect that the North Carolina farmers this year would probably produce record breaking crops. It would be remembered that these forecasts are put out a month in advance and what was a true picture 30 days ago may be an entirely different story now.

Such happens to be the case today and on account of the continued wet weather, and much land that was expected to be in cultivation a month ago still remains unbroken and in many sections of the state farmers have been unable to replant or work those crops already planted.

That there will be both a grain and feed shortage in the state now seems to be inevitable. There is still time to plant some forage crops and the farmer who is wise will still plant some kind of feed crop, for unless he raises his own feed this year the price he will have to pay for feed to carry his stock through next winter will probably take the greater part of his profits.

Increasing Interests

The proposed movement sponsoring the erection of an airport here seems to be daily growing in interest and support, judging by the response with which the petitions which are being circulated about the county are meeting.

We are told there is a psychological moment for all things. It would seem that this is the time to press the cause of an airport here in Haywood county. The government has appropriated money and will give half of the amount required to build an airport in the county. This appropriation may be transferred to other purposes if the county does not in time take advantage of the offer.

The Civil Air Patrol has been quite active in this area, giving proof of the large number of those who are interested in flying. It is said that at present there are more than 40 persons who are sufficiently interested in operating planes to go out of the county to nearby airports to take lessons.

The addition of an airport to supplement the other means of travel and transportation is a definite part of the post war world, and towns and communities which are isolated from this service will be in many ways cut off from the beaten path of travel, for the airplane and its rapid means of transportation has come to stay and is being used for all types of service in addition to that of passenger travel.

It is to be hoped that at this time every citizen in the county will lend his or her influence to put over this project which will put us in direct route of air service, and insure Haywood county a place in the picture of progress.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Late one afternoon last week we saw a car drive in from the mountains. Stuck in the back seat were some branches and good sized ones at that of cedar. They had been once lovely, but they had been picked for some time. Now after being "transported" in the back of a car shut up, they had faded. They were not worth bothering to put in water, they were so far gone that there was little hope of their reviving. The husband said "They aren't worth taking in, let's throw 'em away."

There flashed in mind an article we had recently read of "getting the poses to pose," instead of picking them, which pointed out that wildflowers soon wilted beyond any point of beauty or desirability and how much more practical it was to photograph them and leave them for others to enjoy than to pick and eventually discard. We have an idea that wildflowers will be particularly tempting this year, as they must have multiplied profusely during the gas rationing days, when extra riding was out. We hear about such violations as "transporting" applied to leverages of certain types, we would like to inaugurate one about wildflowers. It would give the patrolmen another check up to make—in the name of the preservation of beauty on American highways.

Overall, and points don't sound a alluring, yet these two articles drew one of the biggest shopping crowds seen in one spot here for some time. When the sun first came peeping over Pigeon Gap on Friday morning, would be buyers of these products were gathered in front of Berk and one's Store to

be in front line. The news was practically a battle cry for moving forward. Going down the aisles were men, women and children, young and old all with an expectant look and after receiving a paper bag with the treasured merchandise, they looked relieved and satisfied. We watched one big fat son down the line, it's owner using it for a fan to keep her cool as she made her way to the buying spot. Only one casualty reported, a young girl fainted. One small boy was left near the front and he found a place to sit under some banners. We worried about his little bare toes in the path of the determined shoppers, but he cheerfully showed his grin and we never heard a cry so he must have escaped. One young nation with a 15 months old child, exhausted and "never again, but I did get this child some pants and his Daddy some overalls." What more could she ask? We let her forget her fatigue the next time the call goes out for something she wants.

One thing about the scarcity of things, is that we have learned to appreciate the simple things of life. The other day Isabelle and Ben Colkitt picked us up down town. They must have been on a regular shopping spree for the back of their car was filled with packages, but there was one that Isabelle was holding on to as if it might be of special value, (which we found out it was). She asked us to guess what it might be—and when we failed she said, "A rolling pin." Her daughter, Doris Colkitt McFroy, married nearly two years has not had a rolling pin, but has been forced to roll out her biscuits and pie crusts with anything at hand. The only comfort we could find in such a lack would be the beautiful abin it might prove in

LETTERS TO EDITOR

CONGRATULATIONS

Editor The Mountaineer— My congratulations upon your forward step in expanding the Waynesville Mountaineer to a semi-weekly paper. From the beginning of my association with you when you took THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR feature, it was the most progressive of the weekly papers which I serve. You have now put me on your staff who know how to get out a good newspaper.

Sincerely yours, Herbert Spauld, THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

CONGRATULATIONS

Editor The Mountaineer— I just noticed in the North Caro-

lina Free Press Bulletin that you have changed publication of your paper from weekly to semi-weekly, and I write to offer congratulations and the hope that it will not be a great while before you will find it possible to go into the daily field.

With personal regards, I am Yours Sincerely, The Kinston Daily Free Press H. Galt Braxton.

LIKES SEMI-WEEKLY

Editor The Mountaineer— Just a word to tell you how much I enjoyed your paper. I congratulate you on your decision to step your paper up to twice-a-week. I have read with much interest the copy I have and it is a pleasure

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The Old Home Town By Stanley



THE FRINGLES COULDN'T SLEEP... AFRAID THEY WOULDN'T BE THE "FIRST" TO GET A NEW CAR... STANLEY

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think the new highway cut-off from Lake Junaluska to Dellwood will affect business materially in Waynesville?

C. B. GRUBB—"Yes, I certainly do, I don't think it would have an immediate affect, but that gradually the towns to the west will gain and Waynesville will lose."

MISS S. A. JONES—"Not if Waynesville will get the roads leading to the new highway at both ends of the cut-off widened and improved, and if we put some attractive signs at the intersections encouraging visitors to see Waynesville."

PAUL DAVIS—"If through traffic affects the business of a town, I feel that the new cut-off definitely will affect Waynesville."

H. O. CHAMPION—"Yes, I think it will."

G. C. PEARSON—"I think it will have some effect on business. Not a great deal, though. If we can get the highways connecting Waynesville with the cut-off improved, that will help us a great deal."

case one had a husband who referred to "the kind that Mother used to make." One could put the entire blame on the lack of a rolling pin. However in the case of Doris, she would not need such, that is if she is as good a housekeeper as her neighbors across the way in the Kirkpatrick apartments report.

Allergies and nerves are taking such unusual forms these days that we should not be surprised at any turn any more, but it did give us a jolt to read about the case of the nervous Greensboro chickens, suffering from the noise of the low-flying army planes, and their owner took the matter up with the U. S. Supreme Court and the matter is now giving Congress a headache. The planes upset the chickens and killed themselves. The Supreme Court ruled that any plane flying below the prescribed 500-foot minimum deprives persons of property. But despite the opinion of the majority Justice Hugo Black points out that noise from automobiles does not entitle home owners along the highway to damages, and the same thing should be applied to planes. He wants Congress to pass some legislation. It would be interesting to look forward 50 years from now and know the reaction of the public to such legislation, if passed. We have an idea it would be as obsolete as the law governing the size of the stick an early pioneer in this country could use on his wife is today.

ALONG BROADWAY

Newspaper Man Staff: INS foreign news chief J. C. Oestreich tells about the pompous general who gathered a group of war correspondents and bored them by outlining the broad strategic situation without giving them any worthwhile news. When the general asked for questions, newsboy Johnny Florea promptly double-talked: "That is great, General. But when will your troops take Unterstutzen on the Bleiweis?" ... The general looked uncertainly at his maps. Of course there was no such town. He asked Florea to repeat the query. The reporter did so, emphasizing that Berlin could not possibly be reached unless the Bleiweis was crossed and Unterstutzen captured. Afraid to admit he didn't know something, the general confidently replied: "My men will take it in a few days at the most."

Probably the most bumptious publisher of all was James Watson Webb. During the Civil War he wrote to Lincoln suggesting that he be made a major-general. Lincoln offered him the slightly lower rank of brigadier-general. Webb returned the commission with the words "Respectfully declined — J. W. Webb" written across it.

Some legislators are again whooping up plans to clamp a mix on newscasters who tell the truth about them. Which isn't anything novel. Years ago, only reporters who were friendly to Congressmen were allowed to enter the Halls of Congress. Henry Clay fought such undemocratic procedures. He pointed out: "Liberty is not the private property of Congress. It is America's heritage. If freedom is only accorded to our friends, then we are the foes of democracy."

When Floyd Gibbons covered China for a news service, he didn't communicate with his home office for many weeks. Finally Gibbons' editor asked another news service to cable their correspondent in China and find out what happened to Floyd.

The whimsical newsmen cabled his report: "Have located Gibbons in the bar-room of Cathay Hotel in Shanghai. Do you want me to interview him?"

A steel sheathed Bible carried in the left breast pocket saved the life of Flying Fortress bombardier Robert Turner of Lexington, Ky. ... Returning after a mission over Germany, Turner discovered several jagged flak fragments embedded in the Bible.

During World War I the life of Ross Neal of Lebanon, Tenn., was saved when his Bible instead of his heart absorbed a German bullet. In appreciation (during World War

The Tourists Are Coming

Western North Carolina looks forward to one of the best tourist seasons in many years. And of course Waynesville and Haywood County will attract much of the traffic that comes from all points of the compass to vacation among us.

It is a good time to count—and appreciate—our blessings in this respect. Those of us who come in contact with visitors can do much to make them glad they came our way. The reverse is also true.

A courteous word, a thoughtful act—they are the small things that make departing visitors say: "I'm coming back next year."

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