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Father Of The Year

It is fitting that the Father of the Year should be chosen from the ranks of the veterans of the recent war, and the entire nation should feel humble to honor the selection made this year by the National Father's Day committee.

They have chosen Al Schmid, of Philadelphia, a blinded Marine Corps hero of Guadalcanal, who won the Navy Cross. Father of a one-year-old son, Al, Jr., Schmid was wounded on Guadalcanal on August 2, 1942, where he and three Marines threw back an enemy landing and killed 200 Japanese.

His heroic record makes him eligible for the honor this year when the first peace time Father's Day in four years will be dedicated to honoring our veterans.

Christian Unity

Bishop Clare Purcell chose a timely subject for his sermon on Haywood County Day at the Methodist Assembly at Lake Junaluska last Sunday, when he asked the question:

"In this atomic age the church of Jesus Christ must realize its essential unit or perish, and how can we Christians demand a United Nations when we have never achieved a United Churches?"

He voiced hope in that common danger had drawn men together and that they might be held together by a deep sense of kinship. We must have a new courage, as the Bishop pointed out, which all comes back to us the fact that world peace in the final analysis is an individual affair and must start in the hearts of the people themselves, or it will never come.

"Regional Terms"

We see where Dr. Howard W. Odum, famous sociologist of the University of North Carolina is against the use of "the North" and of "the South," of "the West," any more. He contends that these terms are now old and that a better understanding of the sections of the country would exist if we did away entirely with such "narrow sectionalisms."

He points out that authentically there is a Southwest and a Southeast, comparable to four other major regions designated as the Northeast, Northwest, the Middle States and the Far West.

He concludes that there "can be no enduring reality of the Southern regime of the United States except as they are component parts of the better balanced and integrated nation."

The learned sociologist may have something, but fear it will be many generations before the terms North and South are dropped. But on the other hand we do not feel that every person who uses the terms is hoisting the Confederate flag or flaunting the area above the Mason and Dixon line, as a place set apart from the South. We believe as the years have gone by that by North or South the majority of the citizens of this nation mean merely a location, and not a regional area.

Liberty Defined

The liberty of the people consists in being governed by laws which they have made for themselves, under whatever form it be of government. The liberty of a private man, is being master of his own time and actions, as far as may consist with the laws of God and of his country.—Abraham Cowley (1618-1667).

School Lunches

We note with interest, realizing what the hot lunches have meant to the pupils in the Haywood county schools, that legislation extending the national school lunch program was signed last week by President Truman with comment that it contributes "immeasurably both to the welfare of our farmers and the health of our children."

The bill authorizes annual federal appropriations in conjunction with states and communities. It also permits the Secretary of Agriculture to spend up to \$10,000,000 a year for equipment used in storing, preparing and serving food in schools.

Appropriations to run the program will be determined each year, with state-local contributions matching the government's through 1950. Thereafter the federal share will decrease until it is one-fourth of the total.

In previous school lunch programs according to President Truman there were as many as 6,000,000 children benefited. In the future he pointed out the number would be increased and on a permanent basis.

During the past year in the seventeen schools of Haywood county (Canton district not included as it operates on a separate system), there were 687,103 hot lunches served to students, it was learned this week from Mrs. Rufus Siler, county lunch room supervisor. It would be a difficult matter to estimate how far reaching the benefits have been to the children not only in health but in better scholarship.

Call For Conservation

The following editorial from the Greensboro Daily News sounds a warning note that we should heed right here in Haywood county, for one only has to drive through our hills to know that our timber is being cut in large quantities.

Qualified spokesmen are giving over-due emphasis to what has been happening to North Carolina's forests during the war years which made such heavy inroads upon the state's and the nation's timber resources and urging that steps for replenishment be taken promptly and extensively if a serious situation is to be averted in the relatively near future.

Figures on North Carolina's total timber contribution to the war are not available, but some idea of its enormity is obtained from official report by Carl G. Krueger, federal representative at Asheville, that 75,000,000 board feet were cut in the state's national forests alone. Cutting on private lands must have raised that figure sharply for one has to travel about the state very little to realize how many sawmills have been set up and how the timber industry is humming night and day. End of the war, for that matter, has brought little or no slackening of demand as a record building program impends and high prices attract all available timber into the market.

Almost simultaneously with release of Mr. Krueger's report came similar warning from Charles R. Ross and George K. Slocum of the State College forestry department. In their report, significantly entitled "Forestry at the Crossroads in North Carolina," they emphasized that the state's stands of pine timber are rapidly declining under heavy consumption and crowding out by hardwoods. There is the startling prediction that unless measures are taken to promote pine growth hardwoods will choke out pine altogether in the course of 100 years.

This reflects a serious situation indeed for North Carolina. Not only is a record-breaking construction program, likely to continue for years, just getting started. But we are also entering the age of synthetic chemistry in which pulp and pulpwood will play major roles. North Carolina's future development is closely tied in with its ability to supply trees for an expanding industry. The time for mere talk is past. There is heavy responsibility upon the state's leadership, agricultural, industrial, economic and political, to recognize what this growing timber shortage means and to take steps through education, through tax policies and through whatever other legislative action is necessary to reverse the trend, to deal with trees as the major crop which they are and to safeguard this great natural resource, all of its meaning to the state and to its citizenry, against destruction and exploitation whether by flames, by ignorance and mismanagement or by money-maddened cutters who look no farther ahead than the immediate present.

What are these agencies from whom warnings emanate actually doing out in the field where this problem must be met and solved?



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

What has become of all the small boys who used to come around with smiling faces wanting to "cut your grass"? ... Just a few years back we can recall that during the first week after school was out the woods were full of them and they stopped in a regular procession at our door. They wanted to contract the job for the summer months. Some of them even had their own mowing machines. True, they often did not last through the summer on their contracts, for a steady engagement did not always fit into their plans for camping trips and a lot of other pleasures that they should have had, as their right at their special time of life, but there would usually be others to take their places.

who extended an invitation to a friend to come and visit and included in the invitation was "Well, love to have you. The lawnmower will be waiting for you as usual in the garage." We would have to find out the friend's name and give him an old-fashioned "blanket invitation to "spend the summer." As we watch the grass grow over night, we are reminded of the small boy who asked his father when he was struggling with trying "to lay low the grass." "Daddy, why don't you plant some short grass?" Which is a fine suggestion, why doesn't some seed expert discover how to get such a variety.

One annoying feature is that Mother Nature goes right on rain or shine and the more you cut the stuff the more it grows. Then in the Spring when you are so busy trying to get the leaves raked up that came from nowhere apparently after you had thought you had cleared the autumn crop, and get-

We recently heard of a hostess

Inside WASHINGTON

Vandenberg as State Chief Congressional Pension Law GOP Victory Possibility May Be Voted This Year

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Powerful groups within the Republican party talking about Senator Vandenberg of Michigan as a potential relay of state if the GOP succeeds in winning the presidency, 1948.

However, they do not discount the fact that the 62-year-old senator may actively seek the presidential nomination, despite his age.

Backers of Vandenberg for the cabinet post are confident that he would be acceptable to any successful Republican presidential candidate.

They point out that the senator has emerged from the ranks of what was described a few short years ago as "isolationism" to the position of party leadership in foreign affairs.

Vandenberg's role as GOP adviser to Secretary of State Byrnes at the recent Paris conference, and his previous roles in framing the United Nations charter and participating in other international events has enhanced his stature in the party.

His supporters emphasize that the moderate has steadfastly shied away from any policy of appeasement toward Russia around world conference tables. In this he has gone down the line with Byrnes and President Truman's administration.



Senator Vandenberg

CONGRESS MAY GATHER UP its frayed nerves and, disregarding its fear of a voter reaction at the polls, enact a congressional pension law before it adjourns this summer.

More and more members of the House and Senate have come around to the view that if "we act together we won't get hurt." The last time a pension-for-Congress bill came up, the storm of protests from angered constituents caused the measure to be dropped.

But students of government in and outside Congress, including President Truman—have recognized that a senator and representative is underpaid, overworked and without much regard or security for his old age. Career men in Congress, it is stressed, should have a retirement benefit system—if nothing else.

So there is a definite move on—some members are convinced it will be carried to fruition—for enactment of a pension law.

OLD-TIME LABOR EXPERTS, both in and out of government, are deeply disturbed by the steady loss in prestige of the department of labor. Some of them have advised Secretary of Labor Schwelmbach that the situation calls for his immediate and full attention just as soon as the current rail and coal disputes are cleared up.

The department's loss of standing is caused in large measure by the administration's policy of handling major industrial disputes at the White House level. Unions have grown accustomed to bypassing the labor department.

THE GOVERNMENT, confronted with food headaches from shortage of grains for export to the famine areas abroad, will have another headache soon—this one involving a surplus food item.

Agriculture department officials are worrying over the anticipated 70 million bushel early potato crop which normally is from 50 to 55 million bushels.

Chances are the government, through the Famine Emergency committee created by President Truman, will start a nationwide propaganda campaign urging people to use potatoes as a substitute for wheat products, particularly Labor Men bread.

This would help the government meet its commitment of cereal grains to Europe and Asia and, of course, help use up the bumper crop of potatoes.

Meanwhile, there'll be less pork in the months ahead. The fall pig slaughter is set for 31,500,000 head—a 10 per cent reduction below the 1934-43 average. This reflects the government's move to shorten feed supplies to livestock producers in order to conserve grain for famine countries.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What do you think is the most appropriate way in which to observe Father's Day?

W. A. BRADLEY—"I think the best way to give the Fathers a good day would be for them all to go fishing on Fathers Day."

LINWOOD GRAHL—"I think a vacation a solitary vacation away from all ties and responsibilities would be the most appropriate way to observe the day."

G. C. PLOTT—"A vacation."

NOBLE GARRETT—"It's all according to who the father is. Some of 'em need a day of rest while others need a day of hard work."

FRANCIS MASSIE—"To have the day off and go fishing."

ZER CURTIS—"Just to sit at home and enjoy it—which I fear I will not yet to do."

Two things planted, before you realize that the grass is far ahead of the mower and it is time to cut again, and nine times out of ten, you call for the mower before you get around to that first cutting. Last year you make up your mind that you will never again will you let the grass outgrow itself before that initial cutting.

We see where the Queen of England has rested herself, and that her English highly approve, which you doubt the reason why she did. She is keeping up with a new day and a new era. Her new hairstyle is a brushed up halo running around the head just a slight part to the center. No bangs, fringes or curls cut the smooth upsweep line. Her ears are unobscured and she is effecting long pendant earrings which we feel will eventually become the style in America. It is said that in England the easiest way for a woman to change her appearance is by a new hair do, as new clothes are still out of fashion, so she has to take a new lease on life by "the hair on her head." Ask any woman and she will tell you that is almost as good as a new outfit.

The house-party of the descendants of the late Bishop and Mrs. James Atkins at the ancestral home, "Branterrest," recalls the gatherings of many distinguished guests during the lifetime of the first owners, when Bishop Atkins was trying to get the Southern Methodist Assembly located in Haywood county. Most of the lay leaders as well as the outstanding Methodist ministers and many others were entertained at Branterrest by the Bishop and his wife and was a center for honoring any

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Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

NUTRITION—Milk and butter may be pretty scarce right now, but it will not always be so.

Dairy Products Nutrition, Inc. was incorporated a few days ago, but very little was said about it. Even though the corporation papers were about four pages in volume. Some of the purposes of the setup will include "handling and dispensing funds for direct advertising of dairy products through such channels as newspapers, radio, billboards, and other appropriate means."

The project will also supply literature to schools, medical and nursing organizations, etc. The corporation will work to improve the health of North Carolina through urging its citizens to drink more milk, eat more butter, ice cream and cheese. Not a bad idea. J. M. Broughton is the attorney for this nutrition group.

\$500,000—Former Governor J. M. Broughton, by the way, probably has the most lucrative law practice in Raleigh now. You can find all kinds of estimates on his earnings, and they run anywhere from \$20,000 per year to \$50,000. For a man who had to re-establish his practice after a layoff of four years, either figure, or a dozen figures in between, isn't bad.

He represents a lot of the heavy-weight organizations in their far-flung legal matters, and he isn't seen much around the court house. They wish him well, but a lot of them hate the thought of losing him to the U. S. Senate. For Broughton, it will mean a tremendous financial loss.

WANTED—Although the shooting war has been over nearly a year and many of the war agencies and war plants have closed shop, there seems to be as great a dearth of teachers this year as last. Many principals will tell you the situation is worse—despite the big increases in pay for school marm. One daily paper last week ran ads in which superintendents and teachers were pleading for a total of 63 teachers. . . . this in one day, mind you. Some schools have only one-half their allotments.

Meantime, those teachers who are in the business are having their troubles. In Surry County, some teachers were not re-elected. They signed affidavits saying they were fired because they were supporting Thurmond Chatham instead of Congressman Folger.

Down in Wilson County, two teachers and their principal were indicted and brought into court for padding a 10-year-old boy because he had taken money out of a purse belonging to one of the teachers. They were acquitted, but the court ordeal was hardly a pleasant affair.

Parents have the fine habit of signing their names to the agreements with the opinions over their names with a flourish, or her name, or his name, or their name.

June--Dairy Month

JUNE, Dairy Month is a fitting recognition for one of Haywood's most important industries. Seldom is so large an industry so completely devoted to public welfare. America's consumers, from infants to adults, are secure in the knowledge that with every dairy product, in every step from pasture to processor, care has been taken to safeguard health and enrich our diet.

In spite of labor and facilities shortages, the Dairy Industry met the Wartime demands of our country without missing a stride in their search for improved methods. As time adds to the variety and delicacy of the dairy products on your table, give a thought to the men behind such achievement.

"The Friendly Bank"

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