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Sight Seeing

There appears to be a more extended service for sight seeing in this section than even before the war period, which we feel sure will prove of convenience and pleasure to our visitors.

Many persons who drive in their own car and come from a flat country do not like to take their own vehicle on mountain sight-seeing excursions, being so concerned with the driving that they do not get the proper or expected enjoyment out of the scenic points.

We trust that this service will prove of equal profit and benefit to both the operators and those engaging the services, and will at the same time give many a visitor a thrill over our scenic beauties that they might otherwise miss.

Why Production Lags

The following from the Christian Science Monitor points out some weak points in our unemployment compensation laws in the following:

A serious question has arisen in the minds of businessmen generally as to whether the in-many-ways admirable unemployment compensation laws of the 18 States are not largely responsible for the tremendous lag in American industrial production.

While American industry today is begging for workers, millions are drawing compensation. The record attendance at racetracks and ball games, and the greatly increased race-betting totals, indicate the extent of the leisure. Some of the money spent, of course, comes from the taxpayers.

Why are people being paid unemployment benefits when the newspaper help-wanted columns are offering thousands of jobs every day and the burden of every interviewed employer's complaint is, "I can't get help?"

One answer seems to be: "Because of faulty employment security laws, plus inadequate administration."

Four Remedies

A. F. Colley in the New York Times suggests four choices in dealing with the problems of strikes and the disputes that are centering around labor. They include the following which sound as if any one of the four could settle the great unrest, if they were only applied to the situation.

America has several choices before it in dealing with the problem of strikes and labor disputes in which the public interest is involved:

- 1. Outlaw strikes, suppress unions and force compulsory arbitration of disputes by the government. This would be pretty close to the German and Italian Fascist solution.
2. Take over and run permanently by the government the great industries and the railroads, making a deal with the workers and making it clear that they can't strike against the government. This would be the Socialist or Communist solution.
3. Sweat out the strike and simply let the nation suffer until the unions and management get together. This is the old American way.
4. Make the unions and management work out a wage plan tied to the profits and losses of the industry, thus turning a basic conflict of interests into a basic identity of interests between the workers and the capitalists. This should be the new American way.

Pays Its Debts

The North Carolina Rotarians presented a flag of Finland to replace banners destroyed during the war. It was a fine thing to do.

This gift may emphasize, though not so intended, appreciation of the fact that Finland was the only European country which did not repudiate the debt it incurred to the United States during and following World War I.

North Carolinians believe in debt-paying.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Decline

There is no guarantee against the breaking of a rule, but there is on the other hand an organized order that comes from laws and regulations that would never otherwise exist.

The decline in the number of traffic arrests by the city police should be proof to the town officials that their traffic regulations, backed by enforcement are contributing to improved conditions on Main street.

The fines may be small, but few of the same offenders will come back after paying that first fine. In other words like wayward children who have to be disciplined the public will obey if the authority makes an effort to make them.

Entertainment

For years we have heard and also recognized the need of local entertainment and of the lack of amusements in this section. We note with satisfaction the announcement that we are to have a stock company, The Waynesville Players, who will be here for the peak weeks of the season.

Maurice Geoffrey, director of the Players, comes with high credentials and has a background that should offer a guarantee of excellent performances.

It will indeed be a pleasant novelty not to have to go out of town to see a legitimate stage production but to be able to see a good show right here at home.

We trust that the Waynesville Players will have not only the support of the visitors, but also our own people who are seeking entertainment.

Bread

Who would ever have thought that the commonplace item of food—a mere loaf of bread—even though it is the staff of life, would ever have assumed such importance on our shopping list as it has today?

After watching people buy bread during the past week and likewise walk away without any, we are inclined to believe that a plan under consideration by the government for rationing wheat flour and bread down to the retail level has a great deal of merit and would provide all concerned a fairer chance at their share. To make provisions of rationing down to the individual consumer would certainly solve the problem in the most popular manner.

Of course the ideal plan would be to cultivate a conscience about the matter and put the people under an honor system of rationing. After hearing one of the clerks in a local grocery store tell of a woman who walked out with seven loaves of bread, we fear that there will be some bread "pigs" like there have been in other scarce article fields, while many will go home with no prospects for toast for breakfast.

With bread limited to 75 per cent of the normal sales there will have to be a differential distribution we fear, if all persons get their share, unless the bread buyers develop a conscience.

Shopping today is a strenuous routine, and the "early bird certainly catches the worm," but there are many persons who work today who cannot be on the jump during certain shopping periods and it works a real hardship on this group when those who are at freedom descend and rush in and carry off the lions share.

We understand from the press and the veterans returning from overseas that Great Britain and the other countries used a pretty strict bread rationing system so we may have to resort to another coupon, if the current wheat crop does not yield enough for ourselves and our neighbors across the seas in the lavish American fashion to which we are accustomed.

A news correspondent says Belgium is recovering from the effects of the war faster than any other country because the inhabitants have buckled down and gone to work. How old-fashioned of them!

The number of things a woman can carry in her purse is not so remarkable as the number of things she can hold in her mouth while she hunts for something in her purse.

Work hard and save your money, then some day you will have the privilege of hearing your neighbors call you a conservative old moss-back."



HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

"Yes, we did have 900 pounds of sugar. Sorry but it is all gone." "Yes, we did have some hard but it was added as fast as we could take it out of the cartons." "Current scraps of conversation familiar as the morning sun." "Just too bad if you have used your last spoonful of sugar... or had your last hot biscuits..." "But it is happening in the best of families." "But the biggest and tallest tale we have heard by way of the grapevine route is the following... if it actually happened in one of the county's largest stores..." "The manager saw a crowd gathering... It grew like Jack's beanstalk... until it extended far out into the street. Not knowing of any cherished article for sale he asked the clerk at the crowded counter what it was all about..." "One of the would-be customers spoke up..." "We are waiting for chewing gum..." "but the manager replied..." "Sorry, but we have no gum today..." and the clerk corroborated the manager's statement.

But the crowd seemed unwilling to leave, but after a time it thinned out... Then a truck drove up and unloaded two boxes of chewing gum... Somebody had seen them loaded on the truck at the railway station, and the news had spread like a contagious flame... The manager said for a time he was quite unpopular not having known of the prospective arrival of the gum he had innocently given out what proved to be a false statement.

The employees of The Mountaineer, who have watched the present book store grow from a mere handful of legal notices, and cardboard paper for sale, felt a great pride and certainly the owners should, in the opening on Friday night in the new quarters. The Book Store is the town's latest contribution to better shopping here at home, the stock having outgrown the quarters in The Mountaineer office. Now with more space for the fast growing stock a larger supply of items carried by such shops will be available. The business man can find just what he wants and if it happens not to be in stock it can be ordered on short notice. The hostess can find lovely party accessories. We know of one hostess who had bought up a large supply of bridal party appointments, and found much to her surprise that the local shop had much more attractive items than her out-of-town shopping produced. And there are books for all ages, the most acceptable cut to our mind to be bought for the amount of money involved... and the stationery is beautiful... But don't take our word for shopping and see for yourself.

John Reitzel was in town this week.

It was good to talk to the former Haywood county farm agent who did such a fine job here with our 4-H club boys and our former Major Reitzel spent 25 months in the European theater and was returned to the States in March of this year, plunging almost at once back into his work, which he taken him into a larger field... the State Extension service... We enjoyed hearing him tell of the meeting of the three Haywood farm agents in Europe, who had worked together back home... Wayne Corpening, Jack Lyon and himself... The war having given each a brand new experience, John like most veterans, had not only gained at that is confused over our conditions here at home, and also depressed over the attitude of the average striker... and what this attitude will eventually do to America.

We saw two little girls this week with their faces glued to the windows of the bakery, gazing with admiration at the cakes in the windows decorated by the Whitman boys, sons of the owner, who are associated with their father. We could readily understand why they stopped for we do the same thing practically every time we pass. The yellow cake with the fruit in such perfect shapes and colors fascinates us. The little girls just couldn't agree on which was the prettiest. One was sure the raki with the umbrella was the loveliest... One cast her vote for the bunch of roses cake, but the third one was completely taken over with the fruit basket effect to which we are partial. We hope the manager keeps those cakes in the window a long time, for they add such a professional and artistic touch. Then when you look in and see the empty bread case, where the loaves were, before they were sold out prior to your arrival somehow the sheer beauty of the cakes seem to save your disappointment.

Flight Stewardess Tact and poise are two attributes, perhaps above all others, which a girl must have to be a success as a flight stewardess. Sometimes, when an applicant is being interviewed for such a job, the examiner will suddenly ask the girl an embarrassing question. If she flusters easily, she won't make a good stewardess.

Metal Corrosion Corrosion causes an annual loss of an estimated 24 million tons of iron and steel in buildings and other applications not adequately safeguarded by coatings.

Fertility Determines Survival All civilizations, including our own, move, survive or disappear along with the fertility of the soil, without which no nation can endure.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE ALONG BROAD By Walter Winch

Do you like jingles advertising products over the radio, or do you think other forms would be more effective?

MRS. J. COLVIN BROWN—"The average jingle to me is silly and to be effective a jingle has to be mighty good."

G. C. FERGUSON—"I never listen to them, for I don't like them."

HERMAN FRANCIS—"No, I don't like them. I think the time and money spent on them could be used more profitably."

FRED WHITMAN—"I like the auto-tuning jingle, for they add pep and I get a big kick out of them."

DR. J. H. SMATHERS—"I don't track much of jingles, especially of the 'snap ad'."

TOM LEE—"No, I do not like advertising jingles. I wish they would take them off the radio."

Letters To The Editor

"A WAYNESVILLE CITIZEN"

Editor The Mountaineer: I have just read your Friday paper, June 7, which I enjoyed very much. I must, however, point to one grave error in your article pertaining to me. The article in question said a former Waynesville man, I do not know where this former Waynesville man started as I consider both Waynesville and St. Petersburg, Fla., my home. It is true my holdings are very small there, but I do happen to have a blade of grass or so. My insurance and government papers, etc., are marked Waynesville, N. C., and St. Petersburg, Fla., as my home address. I sincerely hope my many friends in Waynesville will not think I have deserted them by your article.

To me, Waynesville is the best town in the United States, and the people, well until another Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jefferson come along, the Waynesville people are tops for my money. W. N. PURCELL, 2311 Lake View Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Solar Eclipses While a total eclipse of the sun takes place somewhere on an average of every 17 months, countless millions of persons have lived and died without seeing one. No total eclipse was seen in London, for example, between 1115 and 1715, or during a period of 600 years.

The OPA situation summed up: It's a question of whether the prices will be held down—or the people held up.

The Funnies: Alex Woolcott and Heywood Brown walked out on a new flop one night... As he left his row "A" pew, Alex bent over to pick up a flower that had fallen from a bouquet on the stage... "Don't you know it is bad luck," chided Brown, "to take flowers from a grave?"... Percy Hammond once criticized a big show failure: "It is the first time in the entire history that an audience ever suffered from stage-fright."

Author Somerset Maugham points out: "All is grist for a mill."

The Times: Danell reported to live in hope that war between America and Germany was over. They believe that give them an opportunity to see the world.

Will Rogers didn't know it was fair. The speaker on in peddling the end of the foreign born rose to leave and himself announce speaker who said on the crying need Rogers turned and listening to those who I have come to the what this country blood and what I air." With that he

Photographs Much valuable done with the great planetary steps last close approachings of the planet photographs were these with the all plates. These are interpreting the changes that are place on the surface

A Few Words of Caution To Veterans About G. I. HOME LOANS No returned Service Man need rush into home buying or building. Government Guarantee up to \$4,000.00, as provided in the G.I. Bill of Rights, extends for a period of ten years from the end of the war. That means that ample time is available for careful trading or intelligent planning without losing any benefit of the Loan Guarantee. Our motto is Go Slow. Bear in mind that every penny involved in the purchase and construction of a home will eventually come out of your own pocket. To assure value for your money and long time satisfaction with whatever you choose, don't let haste dictate your decision. Some Veterans who are rarely having to live in unsatisfactory quarters may become enthusiastic about the possibility of home ownership and are apt to "Bite off more than they can chew." Don't overreach yourself. Our experience convinces us that any Home Buying Program which requires more than 20 to 25 per cent of your normal income is unsound. Gauge your ownership program by your income and circumstances. Don't endanger your future by buying beyond your means at this time. "The Friendly Bank" The First National Bank ORGANIZED 1902 Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation We Have Lock Boxes To Rent