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The Exceptions

All an... are lawful except those which climb upward on the miseries or credulities of mankind.—"A Personal Record," by Joseph Conrad.

Time To Sow

June is slipping by and it will soon be July and time for the farmers who are feeding the world to plan for their fall planting, which we hear on all sides should include greatly increased acreages of small grains.

We seem to fall short in North Carolina production of grains. The wheat bran, middlings and scratch required annually for North Carolina poultry are equal to 12 million bushels of wheat, while our 1944 production of wheat was slightly less than nine million.

Experts tell us that we can double our production of small grains and provide food for folks; concentrate, hay and pasture and better care of soils.

Now is the time as we have pointed out before for Haywood farmers to start planning to sow more wheat and other small grains.

Fifty Years

This month marks the fiftieth anniversary of the automobile, and certainly marks also a great transition in our way of living and conducting business. The Golden Jubilee marks the first sale of an automobile in the United States in the summer of 1896.

We feel sure that the automobile industry has done more to change the American way of life, broaden our horizon and enrich our lives than any other one industry.

Take here in our country, the vast changes from the trials of the horse and buggy days, with the old-fashioned wagons plying our country roads coming into market as compared to the swiftness with which our modern trucks haul supplies to and from distant cities.

In the years since 1896 we are told that there have been 90,000,000 cars and trucks produced in the United States and they have cost \$64,000,000,000 billions. The U. S. Automotive industry is said to be worth at present \$4,000,000,000.

There are today 52,000,000 jobs worked at in this country according to statistics, and it is estimated that out of these jobs one out of every seven is connected with the automobile industry.

There are said to be 30,000,000 cars and trucks that are still operating despite the fact that for three and a half years the automobile industry was diverted to war production and the civilians and private citizens have had to wait for their new cars.

What the automobile has meant to America could never be estimated for it has left its impression in so many different ways. The industry has gained the gratitude of the public, despite the fact that along with its great good it has also taken its toll on our highways. This has in most cases not been the fault of the automobile but the carelessness of the driver.

The history of the automobile is a great story, one of the biggest in this country and will continue to be not only a means of public but private service that is too far reaching for us even upon contemplation, to estimate.

If organized labor takes over baseball, think what a "slowdown" could do to hometown fans support.

"Stop Nagging"

We have heard much about the wonderful way in which the British took the war and how they are coming back to normal. We did not realize to what extent until we read that a circular had been sent to all conductors and motormen of London's trolley cars with this order: "Stop nagging the public, and get back to old-fashioned courtesy."

We seem to be pretty slow in returning to manners in this country, so the British are still one ahead of us. We often wonder if the courtesy of pre-war days will return in general usage, or if it has passed from our way of living.

We sincerely hope it will return, for it created a spirit of good will along the daily routine that nothing else can ever give. The alibi of "don't you know there is a war on," is no longer an excuse for lack of manners and common courtesy.

Silent Vacuum

We see where some inventor in England is on the verge of perfecting a silent vacuum, and that the advent of this silent household article will do much to give "peace in the home." That may be true. We do admit that the deadening sound of the vacuum, as it takes in the dust is not conducive to taking a nap in its operation vicinity, but to most housewives we have an idea that its sound, when it is run by someone else is a beautiful song in the house.

Not that we are not heartily in favor of anything to improve household implements of service, but it seems to us that there are a lot of things more important than taking the noise out of the vacuum. For instance it could be set to run around the room and be self operating. That to our mind would be far more useful than taking the sound out.

Future-Sweeter

While the current situation regarding the supply of sugar, certainly locally, is not so bright, the future looks much "sweeter", that is if conditions of which we are reading are true. Florida is reported to have just completed its biggest sugar harvest—1,020,000 gross tons of sugar cane. This is supposed to be enough to supply every man, woman and child in America with a month's supply.

With sugar crops in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and even the Philippine Islands, it looks like the shortage might be relieved, and that once again we will be able to use this article with the old-time lavish hand.

With the luscious apples we are seeing now in our local stores, that are such inspiration for the making of apple sauce, to say nothing of apple pie, it is an encouraging thought to dwell upon, that the future will in time give us all the sugar we want.

Growing Demand

"It seems a shame that I had to land my plane in another county, when you have such good fields with natural advantages right here in Haywood county," said a South Carolinian, whose family is summering at Lake Junaluska, when he came up recently for a week-end visit by plane.

He landed his plane at the field in Sylva and drove from there to the Lake. The case of the man from South Carolina is only one of many who are wishing to land right here in Haywood, but as yet we have no facilities to accommodate them.

If any one doubts that Haywood citizens are not air minded they should drop over to the neighboring airport in Jackson not only during week days when the Haywood air enthusiasts are "practicing", but also on Sundays when the skies above are filled with planes over Jackson.

The demand for an airport in Haywood county is growing by leaps and bounds. The public is demanding that we have this facility. It is to be hoped that every citizen will lend his or her effort to procuring this accommodation in any and every way that may be given them. We feel confident that if the citizens of this county want an airport sufficiently it will be realized in time.

What General Sherman said about war also goes for the kind of peace we've been having.

The historic burning of Rome might have been worse. It is not on record that while Nero fiddled, he had to pay three of Petrillo's musicians to stand by.

The question arises frequently of late, whether labor groups are striking "for their altars and their liars" or for undue advantages.

Probably the man who chuckled as he heard the news of the addiction of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy was Haile Selassie of Ethiopia who could remember the time when the Italian King was proclaimed "Emperor of Ethiopia" and look at him now, a refugee in Egypt.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We are sure that all members of the First Methodist Church who are old enough to remember the late Clarence Watson Miller are gratified over the honor paid his memory by his children in the presentation of the beautiful collection plates. From our earliest recollections we remember Mr. Miller in his pew on the left side of the church. He was always there and was truly what is known as a "pillar of the church," never failing to do his part. By his example he proved what his church meant to him by his loyal support and perfect attendance. The collection plates are not only lovely in appearance, but will be put to use during the years to come, as a constant reminder of one of the most loyal members of the church—whom we feel sure would have pleased him.

No true story of recent years has to our mind been a more perfect illustration than "truth is stranger than fiction" than the theft of the Hesse jewels and valuables by Col. and Captain Durant. We are glad that the corporal has been dropped from the picture of guilt, for we feel sure that he might have had to bear the brunt of the crime. No best seller could have a more thrilling or impossible plot than the real facts in the case of the colonel and his grasping WAC spouse. The search for the valuables and where they were finally discovered also adds high drama to the tall tale. Imagine using a 36 gold service in a kitchen but that is what was found in the home of Mrs. Durant's family in Wisconsin. As a citizen of the United States we are embarrassed—for their behavior matches the Nazi in their disregard of the property of others.

We would like to offer congratulations to Margaret Johnston, county librarian and her Cherokee Indian Reading club. There are 167 children enrolled in the summer reading club. To get the interest of that many children during the summer vacation is a worthy accomplishment, which should aid each of the members in forming the habit of reading which will prove both profitable and pleasurable as time goes on.

We advise you, if you have not done so, to take off time and drop

Inside WASHINGTON

GOP Making All-Out Bid For Elusive Labor Vote | Railway and Cool Strikes May Hurt Administration

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The Republicans are making an all-out bid for the labor vote, both in the forthcoming congressional elections and for higher stakes two years from now when the presidential campaign gets underway.

Both the railway and the coal strikes have furnished the GOP with ammunition in Congress.

Republicans lined up almost solidly behind the Case anti-strike bill, but their bucking of President Truman's proposed "draft the strikers" legislation is a matter of record.

In that case they joined hands with such stalwart New Dealers as Senator Claude Pepper (D) of Florida.

Labor experts are quick to point out that the labor vote is never solid, but varies with various sections, states and individuals.

They emphasize the obvious fact that the Democratic party, which had a top-heavy majority under the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, has fallen more or less out of favor with the rank and file of labor.

Philip Murray's CIO and Sidney Hillman's PAC are violent in their opposition to anti-strike legislation. Nevertheless, they form the nucleus of the administration's labor support.

John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers are watching and waiting. If an election were held tomorrow, it is believed that they would support a liberal Republican heavily.

Right now organized labor is a spectator at a political circus. Both the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey are vying in performing tricks to win labor's favor—and votes.

OBSERVERS IN WASHINGTON definitely expect Economic Stabilizer Bowles to recommend restoring of food rationing in the United States this summer.

Bowles reportedly feels that this must be done because of the world food situation, now worse than during the war.

There appears to be a difference of opinion, however, as to whether bread should be rationed if such a program is put into effect.

Chester Davis, chairman of the famine emergency committee, believes that it should not. There have been reports that Bowles contemplated rationing controls on the staff of life.

Agreement was general, though, that meat would be one of the chief items to be returned to the ration list if one is drawn up again. Other items probably will be fats and oils.

THE PUBLIC was slightly startled recently when charges of "hoolliganism" were lodged against a minor official of the United States embassy in Moscow.

After a dashing celebration of Red Army Day last February the official reportedly attempted to cement United States-Russian relations too strenuously with an actress from the Russian state theater.

Her complaint brought his arrest on charges of hoolliganism, which is a real charge in the Russian penal code, carrying a maximum jail penalty of five years.

The word was coined in England because of the antics of an Irish family named Hoolligan which enlivened London with its boisterous goings-on.

At the turn of the century, the term "hoolliganism" became well known in the United States through the comic strips. One of the most popular funnies of the time featured the doings of a tramp character named Happy Hoolligan.

Hoolliganism became the symbol of irresponsible, but not necessarily malicious, wrongdoing.

Russia picked up the word to handle the assorted offenses committed after World War I by millions of homeless and disowned orphans who roamed the country disturbing the peace.

The Irish had a word for it, and the word got around.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think the cost of living will decrease before the end of this year?

L. L. LYDA—"I certainly do not think so. We have to get into a volume of production of all kinds. That will immediately affect the price of products and later affect the cost of living."

R. I. LEE—"I don't know."

JAMES S. HOWELL, Jr.—"No, if anything it will increase. Continued scarcity, price ceilings being lifted and increased cost of materials and wages will cause the increase."

WAYNE WOODARD—"No, it might increase. If the price controls are abolished, the cost of articles is bound to increase."

DR. JOHN SMATHERS—"No, it'll go up before it will come down. It may drop before the end of the year, but it will go higher before it drops."

favor matches the Nazi in their disregard of the property of others.

We recently heard of an organization which has been perfected by young army wives, that might well be carried over into their civilian life, when they get out of the army. It is called "The Hair Corps Nursery" and means pooling their resources to fight the "baby sitter shortage". To those of us who have lived in small towns where there have been relatives to pinch at on nights out, it is hard for us to get a complete picture of the helplessness of young mothers who are stranded among strangers and there is no neighbor or relative to turn to when a "night out" is wanted. The "hair corps nursery" sounds like a good bet to combat current problems of domestic service.

We read this week of a hostess who thought she was very clever to present as a prize at her party—a loaf of bread—all done up in party fashion and which was much appreciated by the winner—but when she found out that one of her neighbors had given as a prize—a package all done up in oil paper—containing a pound of butter she lost all her cockiness over her cleverness and generosity. We bet both prize winners were quite "happy over what they received."

Peak Employment Employment in the chemical industry reached a peak in December, 1943, with a total of 123,300 employees, a 77.2 per cent increase over 1939. Peak employment for chemical and allied products was 174,000 in July, 1943, a 166 per cent increase over 1939.

COURT FEUDS—A lot of attention is being paid the U. S. Supreme Court feud between Justices Jackson and Black, with the former apparently creating most of the talk and doing most of the feuding. As has been pointed out, entirely unfamiliar occurrences right here on our State Supreme Court. There once was talk of a pretty hefty little personal feud between Chief Justice Stacy and the late Justice Heriot Clarkson of been others. All courts composed of several Judges have a way of separating into little cliques—and these cliques come as the result of kindred minds and kindred opinions.

There are three or four justices on our Supreme Court who have lunch together—and so on. The lone wolf is always Stacy, who is

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

WALLACE—Now that Wake Legislator William Hatch has pulled out of the race in favor of F. E. (Lew) Wallace of Kinston, it begins to look as if Tom Pearsall of Rocky Mount, the only other candidate for Speaker of the '47 House left, may have hard sledding. Frank Taylor, able Wayne County solon, had contemplated making an attempt to become speaker, but also withdrew, throwing his support to Wallace.

Lew has really gone after the place—and was in some counties talking to the nominees or high men on Monday following the Primary.

WAKE—In deciding to pull away from the speakership, Hatch pointed to something which has been worrying Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine for some time. Hatch said that, with Ballentine of Wake presiding in the Senate and Hatch of Wake presiding in the House, there would be a little too much Wake in the Legislature. Now this will be heard again and again during the next two years. The Eastern N. C. Senator, J. W. Bailey, is from Wake County, and the most outspoken candidate for Governor in 1948 is from Wake. And supporters of Ballentine feel that this is the biggest obstacle to his becoming Governor. Nobody is more cognizant of this handicap than Ballentine himself.

NOTES—An effort during the next session of the legislature to interest in moving the Primary from the first months of the year to the second months of the year. The House Speaker, Thomas Pearsall, has a grass grow under claims 63 written on the floor. There is a bill which would allow the House to spread the grass grow under claims 63 written on the floor. Wallace says he has a bill and several other bills which would allow the House to spread the grass grow under claims 63 written on the floor. On the way to the House, Wallace says he has a bill and several other bills which would allow the House to spread the grass grow under claims 63 written on the floor.

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One of Haywood's Greatest Needs

The Highway to Newport

Time and time again this institution has publicly announced through our officials, that the greatest highway need in Haywood, and the entire area, is the construction of the highway to Newport, Tenn.

Haywood County will never realize its fullest potentialities until that highway is constructed.

We go on record again, pledging our support to those who are charged with the responsibility of seeing that this great highway need becomes a reality.

"The Friendly Bank"

The First National Bank

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