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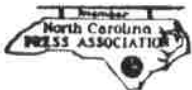
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Radio Plays

Senator Hugh B. Mitchell, of Washington, has called for a reduction of the daily radio diet of crime and horror stories.

He also told the Senators that these radio plays increase emotional tension and irritability, cause sleeplessness and bad dreams, and "premature acquaintance with the sordid and delinquent aspects of social life."

We agree with Senator Mitchell, for he has something in each of his statements. There are enough true stories of crime, and enough reality of sordidness in later years that the children find, so we agree these things might be postponed as long as possible.

Could We Be To Blame

Director Wiley Pickens of the State Veterans Commission stated this week that the increase in the number of World War II veterans committed to Federal mental institutions since April has been "appalling and it is not improbable that the number will be even greater in subsequent months."

Could it be that we civilians have not known how to give these men the understanding that they needed to mend back their shattered nerves? It is a disturbing thought, for we all know that they have not found our country at peace, though they have fought to give peace to the world.

Get To The Root Of The Trouble

It will pay Americans to remember that settlement of recent major strikes that virtually paralyzed the nation was a matter of expediency, rather than based on principle.

It has been under this act that unions have been permitted to grow so powerful, and their leaders to use such power to become virtual dictators of the country. The Reuthers, the Lewises, the Johnsons, and the Whitneys are not going to be whittled down to size until that which permitted them and encouraged them to believe themselves bigger than the President of the United States is changed to a basis of fairness for labor, industry, and public alike.

"Labor must not be denied the right to strike," we are told. Just how sacred is this right to strike? Does such a right come before the right to live, to eat, to work, to be free from the inconveniences of labor dictators' whims?

All persons in this country are endowed with certain essential rights. Common sense should tell us it is about time to rearrange these rights to their proper perspective.—The Reidsville Review.

Our nomination for the next top-ranking diplomatic post is a man we know who persuaded his wife that she could do a much better job with his shirts than any laundry.

Doing It The Right Way

One of the earliest things we are told in life is that "there is a right and a wrong way to do things." Many of us never take it seriously enough to hit on the right cords.

Fred Allison down on Jonathan Creek with his 11 acres of oats seems to have done it "the right way," judging from the results of his labors.

His success is a splendid lesson in concentration of farming in a scientific way. We are learning that it is not how much land we cultivate and plant, but how well it is done, that in the final analysis brings in the most profit.

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations this week to the three men who have been promoted at the Dayton Rubber plant, and express our regret over the fact that Frank Rogers, manager, has resigned and is leaving Waynesville.

Mr. McKinley came here with the plant when it was established and has seen it grow from the material foundation to its present well organized and functioning condition.

Mr. Fisher is also one of the early employes and Mr. Buchanan, who was first with the government during the war, rendered such fine service that his efforts were appreciated by the Dayton Rubber company and he was taken over by the company when the government program was completed.

We wish each man success in his new promotion, as well as Mr. Rogers in his new field of work in Connecticut.

You Never Can Tell

We have been wondering recently about what good the renewed interest in the Antarctic could be to the world after all. You recall before the war the many expeditions, that were stopped after our entrance into the conflict. Now they are starting again. We read a very satisfying answer this week in the following from one of the state papers:

"What is the use of going to the Antarctic? There is nothing there but snow and ice." This natural remark ignores the facts, according to the American Antarctic Association, which is planning an expedition for this fall.

Who can set the limit to knowledge and its uses? A British prime minister once asked, "What is the use of electricity?" and stopped being critical when told, "You can tax it." Maybe the Associations' Antarctic expedition will produce something taxable.

Will Be Ready

The nation's farm mortgage debt dropped this year to the lowest level since 1915, according to the Agriculture Department. The debt was said to have been \$5,081,000,000 on January 1, or less than half the record of \$10,786,000,000 in 1923.

The department further reveals that the debt had decreased \$1,500,000,000 or 23 per cent since 1940. This reduction is in sharp contrast, it was pointed out with developments during and after World War I, when farm mortgage indebtedness increased 43 per cent from 1915 to 1919.

The department also points out that during 1945 the long cycle of decreasing mortgage indebtedness which has been under way since 1923 is now approaching its end.

Remembering lean years in Haywood county when the mortgages piled up during the great depression, it is refreshing to know that what exists throughout the nation is also true right here in Haywood county. We understand that there is one township in which every farm is cleared of debt. This means that the rural folks, the backbone of our nation, are ready to cope with the future. They can live at home during the next depression without the obligation of interest which comes with indebtedness and takes its pound like Shylock.

The farmers of our nation, and those right here in Haywood have set us a fine example of preparation for what might be ahead. What they have applied to their farm management is just as applicable to any other business or industry.

"The dandelions'll git ye if ye don't watch out!" is the front-lawn refrain echoing all over the land.

DESCENT FROM MT. OLYMPUS



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We have heard visitor after visitor in this section ask, "Is there not some booklet you could recommend that would tell us something about the Cherokee Indians and the Great Smoky Mountains?"

The author, Miss Stringfield, is a graduate of the Music Department of Brenau College. She taught music for 21 years in the Waynesville schools, and also taught at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, and at points in Georgia.

"I have been brought up on Indian legends from my childhood," said Miss Stringfield, "from my earliest recollection comes the thrill of the nights that the Indians would come to see my father. We children would sit around the fire and listen with wonder at their stories."

The booklet opens with the story of the North Carolina Cherokees

by Lt. Col. Stringfield, of the 69th Confederate Army composed of North Carolina Regiment of the four companies of Cherokees. As the Colonel cites in the beginning his story is not of the mythical or traditional, but of the real Cherokees and in a few pages he gives one the background of the tribe.

Next in order comes a brief history by their friend Col. William H. Thomas, uncle of Miss Stringfield, who was the friend and in turn beloved by the Cherokees, his name meaning "Little Will", in the Cherokee language. His life was closely interwoven with the fate of the Cherokees, who gave more of his time and talents to the interests of them than any other white man in this section.

There is "The Hymn to the Great Smokies," with the words written by Eva Plemmond Boyd and the music by Miss Stringfield. There is a history of the Great Smokies, the home of the Cherokees, which makes of this territory not only a land of scenic beauty, but also rich with romance and tragedy of the Indians who called it home.

One of the most interesting features is the foreword and the synopsis of "Oconeechee," the opera in three acts by Miss Stringfield. While the story is dramatic with color, the music is in keeping with the plot. Miss Stringfield hopes to have the opera presented here next summer. There is a movement on foot to have local groups sponsor the presentation, which would eventually attract visitors to this area.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

THE AVERAGE WEIGHT of American women, we read, is 135 pounds. The item seems incomplete. What we want to know is this: the admitted average weight or the actual average weight?

Canada doesn't seem able to settle on a design for its flag. Jittery Jane wonders why the Canadians don't borrow our Betsy Ross.

Unless that threatened strike is circumvented, Grandpappy Jenkins says, it looks like we'll be short of longshoremen.

It's a Canadian parliamentary rule that women seated in the galleries of that august body

must wear hats. Imagine devising a rule forcing a woman to do what she dearly loves to.

Zadok Dumkopf says the flour shortage is so acute in his area that crumbs from a rich man's table are now made into next day's bread pudding.

An actress says women should change the color of their hair as a morale booster. Especially if the original color is gray.

The new mark for speed in painting a house is three minutes. We predict this record will stand until someone gets the brilliant idea of dumping a barrel of paint onto a domicile from an airplane.

Have You A Job For A Veteran? Here's One

(Editors Note: In an effort to place all returning veterans in positions suitable to their qualifications and skills, many of which were developed during the war through special training — The Mountaineer, in cooperation with the local Re-employment office, is giving this space to set forth the talents of some veteran each issue who is seeking employment. Any employer who might have a place the veteran may fill is asked to contact the Employment office.)

Mechanic Trainee, Age 32, White Male, 2 years high school. Sgt.

U. S. Army. Over three years experience as Airplane Engine Mechanic. Also attended technical training school in Army. Operated own farm prior to entering military service.

Interested in On-The-Job Training as Auto-Mechanic in local garage, or other suitable work.

To Employer:—If you would like to interview this man for a possible position or have suggestions as to where he could secure employment, Contact U. S. Employment Service, Telephone 417.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What vegetables have you had from your garden this season and have you canned or frozen any?

MRS. E. J. LILUS—"We have had peas, spinach, mustard, turnip greens, onions and cabbage. I have canned 38 pints of peas and 27 pints of spinach."

DONALD DUNHAM—"I have had Chinese cabbage, string beans, lettuce, Swiss chard, parsley, onions, turnips, radishes, spinach and squash. I have not canned anything or frozen any vegetables, as we serve them on the tables for our guests."

MRS. J. W. KILLIAN—"We have had beans, mustard, radishes and parsley, but I have not as yet canned anything, but plan to do so later."

MRS. RICHARD N. BARBER, JR.—"We have had beans, onions, beets, mustard, potatoes and spinach but as yet I have not canned or frozen anything from my garden, though I have frozen peaches I bought from down in Georgia."

MRS. J. HARDEN HOWELL—"We have had onions, radishes, lettuce, peas, beans, carrots, beets, mustard and spinach. We have not as yet canned any as we use them on the table to eat now."

MRS. RUFUS SILER—"We have had potatoes, peas, beans, radishes, Swiss chard, lettuce, mustard, broccoli, onions, carrots, spinach and beets. We have frozen peas, greens, Swiss chard, and also chickens, raised in our garden."

Ice Cream It is recorded that Alexander the Great, the Ptolemys and Julius Caesar preferred "iced drinks," made with wine and snow, resembling our water ices. When Marco Polo visited China in 1275 he enjoyed frozen sweets there and obtained a recipe from Kublai Khan which he brought back to Italy. Italian records refer to a thriving ice cream trade there in the 15th century and Catherine de Medici, when she moved from Florence to France, took her own "gelateria" or freezing plant with her.

Wetting Weakens Rayons All rayons, no matter by what process they are made, have one characteristic in common; they lose considerable strength when wet, but regain it on drying.

public service in the compilation of this material for the benefit of both the native and the visitor. We trust the book brings in a big sale, for Miss Stringfield's deep sincerity regarding the welfare of the Cherokee Indian is a sacred heritage to her.

ALONG BROAD

By Walter Winch

TYPEWRITER DOODLING:

Love-Letter Dept: From Emery Reves, author of the best-seller, "The Anatomy of Peace." "This is one of the most peculiar moments of history. The problem of war between the nations is solved. The organization of peace on a world-wide level is within our grasp. And yet—the probability is that we shall run into our own destruction because of the conformism and complacency of the press, radio, movies, churches and all the other organizations and technical media of mass enlightenment and education. I thank you for the rare exception you represent."

Quotation Marksmanship: R. C. O'Brien: Think, before you brag about your ancestors—would they brag about you? Chuchu Martinez: As inseparable as ham and eggs. Irving Hoffman: Ethel Merman's tomboyancy. Anon: We have two ends, one to sit on, the other to think with. Success depends on which end you use most. Heads you win, tails you lose! J. Joubert: Mediocrity is excellent to the mediocre. I. Pann: All wish for a long life; few realize it means old age. R. Frost: The world is full of willing people. Some willing to work and the rest willing to let them. Mile Bertin: There's nothing new except what is forgotten. Dr. Wm. Brady: And other things too blomerous to mention. Eric Remarque: Women should be adored or abandoned—nothing in between.

Larry Singer, visiting the bunch, told of the hoax put over in the 1930s by the editors of the Cornell University Sun. They sent out scores of invitations to political leaders throughout the nation, asking them to attend a dinner in honor of Hugo N. Frye, "the founder of the Republican Party in N. Y. State." Effusive tributes to that stalwart gentleman came from many Congressmen, Senators and Governors. When the Sun staff finally held their shindig they revealed the name of their hero—"You-Go-and-Fry!"

Some of the lobster shift over at the N. Y. Mirror (having put the final edition to bed) sat around gabbing about the craft. They reshaped Irv Lieberman's saga about the two correspondents (for a national mag) who had strolled out of a mess hall at a Pacific base. Just then a beautiful native doll ankled towards them along the road. She came on gracefully, looking neither right nor left. As she passed, one of the lads clutched the offer for support, and both gave her a double-take.

Her button-down-the-front dress was securely fastened by eight

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.

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