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Better Beans

The bean crop in Haywood county this year is an illustration of what can be done in crops of this type in this section. The Haywood vegetables coming in as crops in other areas are out of season makes a special place on the market for vegetables from this section.

A Lesson From The U. S. A.

We read that more than 1,000 rural schools are to be constructed in the interior of Brazil by the end of 1917, according to their Minister of Education. It seems that the Brazilian Constitution has designated that primary educational advantages should be given in the rural areas but that it has been left to local authorities and that facilities have lagged.

Family Reunions

We are glad to see that the family reunions in Haywood county are back in full swing after the slim gatherings held during the war years due to limited means of transportation.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to the members of the Rocky Branch Baptist church on the construction of their new \$10,000 church. It is a forward step and shows the progress that is being made in rural sections of Haywood county.

20th Anniversary

Tuesday, August 6th, marked the 20th anniversary of the adding of sound to sight in the movies. Thus began a new art which now speaks throughout the world.

This art like many others was not perfected in a day, but took years of research. The sound pictures are an important by-product of the work of many scientists and engineers in their endeavor to improve telephony.

In experiments designed to improve telephone transmission Bell Laboratories developed instruments for recording and amplifying sound which made possible the successful production of the talking pictures which actually started in the old Edison phonograph.

Among the developments which have contributed to the production of the movies are the following: a high quality microphone capable of transmitting a wide range of sound frequencies without distortion; the vacuum tube amplifier; the superior methods of recording sound on film and wax disc and last a loud speaker of high quality capable of delivering undistorted and amplified sound in a wide range of frequencies.

Warner Brothers took the lead and produced the first talking picture with "Don Juan," but it took the second talkie, "The Jazz Singer," to sell the public, for in the latter Al Jolson sang his way into the hearts of the public and helped establish the movies for all time.

A Critical Shortage

Shortages of steel and iron scrap have reached a critical stage and are causing a sharp reduction on the part of industry, to deliver the goods necessary to a complete reconversion—and the real threat to continued high rate of steel production.

Recent inventories of iron and steel scrap have reached a dangerously "low" level and there is imminent danger, we are told of open-hearth furnaces being shut down for lack of scrap.

Another factor interfering with steel production and distribution is said to be the acute shortage of freight cars, a result of the small number of cars built during the war years.

There is a serious lesson in this steel shortage in America, which should never have come about except for our extravagance. Think back in the high peak of prosperity, when we threw scrap around as something worthless and never had a thought about it, when nations far out in the Pacific wanted to buy our scrap.

Now it has come home to us. It will definitely delay that promised era of back to normalcy. Necessary machinery will not be manufactured in the desired or expected quantities. We will have to wait. This will be felt in all fields of industry, from the farm to the busy manufacturing plant.

All men are born free and equal but some of them grow up and get married.—Pensacola Airport Gosport.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We take pride in adding our one complaint to register when they returned, they said there were so many wanting to talk to Miss Sallie, that they hardly had a word to whom she has been a guiding star for the past 60 years.

As a token of esteem in which she is held Rev. E. Northcutt, pastor of the Home church from 1911 to 1928 presented Miss Sallie with a handsome watch from the alumni.

As we gather here today in this first "Home Coming" after the World War, we honor stories of those adopted brothers and sisters who have developed strong bodies and alert minds, having sense of loyalty to country and to God and we pause in quiet respect to the many who laid down their lives.

We think of the unending roll of boys and girls, who have enriched our lives on account of our association with them. We think of faithful workers who spent themselves tirelessly, and lovingly that the

Inside WASHINGTON

Anderson May Ask Grange, Military Science Research Farm Bureau Policy Help Worrying Nation's Savants

WASHINGTON—Leaders of some of the national farm organizations are speculating on whether Agriculture Secretary Clinton P. Anderson will name a man each from the National Grange, the Farm Bureau and other farm groups to sit in with him on policy matters.

The idea is still in the "think" stage. However, the farm leaders point out that Labor Secretary Lewis Schwellenbach has named as his assistant secretaries men from the CIO and the AFL.

These men—John Gibson, of CIO, and Phillip Hannah, of AFL—will assist Schwellenbach in determining policy for nearly 10,000,000 union members.

This also raises the question whether Commerce Secretary Henry A. Wallace might not do the same for representatives of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

Observers believe that Schwellenbach's move may set a trend in government. Possibly, it is believed, the other departments will hold back until the experiment proves itself.

THE SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTED DEFEAT of Senator Shipstead (R) of Minnesota by Governor Thye in the Minnesota primaries presents ex-Gov. Harold Stassen with a handful of acres as far as the 1918 GOP presidential nomination is concerned.

Had Thye lost the Senate nomination, tantamount to election in Minnesota, Stassen would have been through as a presidential potentiality.

However, the former governor, who resigned to serve as an officer in the Pacific fleet during the war, is in good running position because of the primaries.

Political observers regard the race as possibly narrowing down to a contest between New York's Governor Dewey and Stassen. The situation may change radically within the next two years—but if the Republican convention were to be held now, that is the way they would view it.

There is some chance, observers say, that a Dewey-Stassen ticket might emerge two years hence—with the Minnesotan named as the New Yorker's running mate.

However, politicians think it unlikely that Stassen would be willing to accept second place on the ticket.

Incidentally, the triumph of Stassen's candidate in Minnesota is somewhat at variance with the conservative party trend inaugurated by the new GOP national chairman, Carroll Reece.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS were literally flabbergasted to learn that the War department recorded their telephone conversations. The revelation at the Senate Mead committee's hearings into the profits of war contractors left members of both Houses amazed and indignant.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE ALONG BROADWAY By Walter Winchell

Do you think the federal government should keep taxes high as the present level to cut down the national debt, or decrease taxes to give business a better chance to expand? J. W. Killian—"There's only one way to decrease our national debt, that is by taxation."

THE TWEED RING was the most corrupt gang that ever afflicted New York. Boss Tweed lusted millions via bribery and leopards hocus-pocus until he was finally put behind bars. But Tweed beat the rap many times. After one grand jury failed to dig up enough evidence to indict Tweed, an editorialist wrote that it reminded him of the man who had been discovered dead and the jury was puzzled as to what caused his death.

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE of North Carolina a few months ago passed its 60th milestone. Fifty of these years Miss Sallie McCracken has been one of the strongest assets for all-around Christian living.

She has lived here not a day, not a year, but half a century with steadfastness of purpose and assurance. What are the traits that have endeared her to all who have known her, for either short or long periods? Certainly among the foremost is her quiet persistence.

Miss Sallie is a woman of far horizon. When she came here to work she brought a growing mind and heart capable of expanding just as greatly. In literary circles (Continued on Page Three)

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