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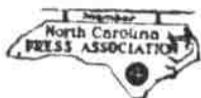
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City To Be Host

We hope with interest that Waynesville will be host to municipal officials in this section of the state this week.

A legislative program will be discussed relative to a larger share of the towns in tax revenue.

The time has long since past when town officials can take the attitude of allowing their community to "just grow" like Topsy.

For years we have wished that our community could make a definite program of projects to be worked out by definite dates.

Take for instance the matter of a municipal swimming pool. We doubt seriously unless the town builds one, if we ever have such here.

Rural Needs

Most of those who have given the matter serious consideration feel that in our section of the state we have not as yet developed our resources to their potential possibilities.

The need for more small rural industries has long been felt in Haywood county, and there were a number of these industries doing a good business and showing signs of greater development at the time we entered the second World War.

Now, as was pointed out in the meeting it is time to take stock of our resources and make the most of our rich, diversified potentialities.

Ideally Equipped

Under the above heading, The News and Observer said on November 1, 1946:

The people of North Carolina have heard with full approval the suggestion that Max Gardner, former governor of the state and now undersecretary of the treasury, be appointed as ambassador to Britain.

Now that Mr. Gardner has been appointed to this high post, this newspaper takes great pleasure in reiterating its previously expressed opinion and is confident that at the end of his tenure the world will share the belief that he is ideally equipped for the high post which he soon will occupy.

Fireworks

We like the attitude of our law enforcement officers regarding the violation of the sale and shooting of fireworks in the county.

The law which prohibits the sale and possession of fireworks in Haywood county was passed as a safety measure and should be kept to the word.

There may be times when this display might be appropriate at some great public celebration, but even so we have the feeling that the recent war should give us all a rather distaste for this type of entertainment.

We trust that the public will cooperate with the officers and in cases where fireworks have been bought they will not be used in Haywood, but counted out as a bad investment.

All Time Record

From Washington, it is reported that the number of marriages and births in this county for the current year will make record levels.

Statistics for cities with populations of 100,000 or more, the most complete figures available, show that 595,289 marriage licenses were issued during the first nine months of this year—that is more than the 594,903 licenses issued during all of 1942, the record year before 1946.

September's birth rate was 27.9 babies for each thousand of population. The previous high rate was 26.8 set in March, 1918.

We are always proud of the record of Haywood county, so we need have no fears about our figures in this national record.

Just A Circle

The complexities of the coal strike spring up at every turn. We read that the urge to conserve fuel has increased the sale of pressure cookers, but that the shortage of pressure cookers naturally brings up a block in this side help.

At Least Declining

The coal situation brought on by the strikes has revealed some interesting facts on the decline of the importance of coal as a fuel.

We were somewhat surprised to learn that in 1946 coal supplies 51.3 per cent, with petroleum, natural gas and water power taking care of the other.

While the figures are interesting to read they do not put coal in the cellars of those of us still dependent on this form of fuel, neither does its lack keep it from having a far reaching effect on our lives outside of merely keeping our bodies warm.

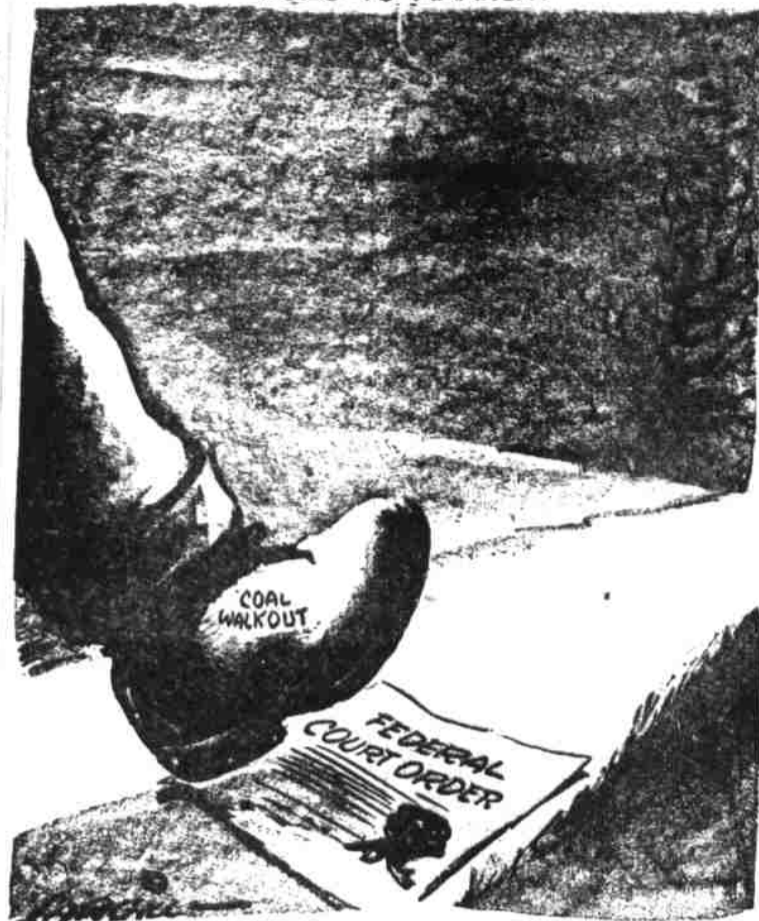
Our Hats Off Again

As we listened to the reports given at the annual Achievement Day of our Haywood folks, we again felt pride in what they are doing, pride in their vision and the realization of the goals which they have set for themselves.

The presentation of the programs of the entire rural age group lends an impressiveness to the reports that each given in a separate meeting could never attain.

The steady progress of scientific methods on our farms is bringing results in higher standards of living that are inspiring to see and is part of the greater development which is now taking place in Haywood county.

ROAD TO ANARCHY



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

APPROACHES TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON are interesting to consider as one has contacts in their daily routine.

One of the most interesting groups are the young parents, who are just as excited as their youngsters who are going to have the first Christmas they can "remember."

There are boys buying the first real important gift for that special girl. Maybe he has heard her say what she would like.

Then there are those who take Christmas, with the sigh of the

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What do you think of a radio station in Haywood county?

J. R. Boyd—"I think it will be alright, if it can be worked out satisfactorily."

Mrs. Stanley Brading—"I think it will be a good idea, if they can get enough good advertising to warrant enough variety of programs."

Howard Clapp—"I think it is fine—and a forward step in progress in Haywood county."

R. N. Barber, Jr.—"I think it will be an asset to the town and county and I hope that the promoters profit by it."

J. B. Smith—"I think it is one of the greatest steps taken lately in progress for Haywood county."

J. H. Way, Jr.—"I think that a radio station in Haywood county is in keeping with our other progressive movements, and I believe it will do more to advertise our county and town than anything we have heretofore enjoyed."

take something very special. He may remember his family and friends, but somehow his Christmas shopping just centers around that gift and when it is bought and wrapped up the rest come easy if there is any money left over.

Then there are the very young who have their own money and can shop for the first time. It is a momentous occasion—one fraught with vast importance and zest.

There is the man who would like to give his wife something she would enjoy. The wife, being of a thrifty mind and her home being her world can only think of something for the house, but he feels that she deserves a gift for her own personal use.

Then there is the wife trying to find something besides ties, shirts, socks and handkerchiefs to buy (Continued on Page Three)

Washington Let

FEMINISTS PREPARE TO APPEAL THEIR CAUSE TO THE U. N.

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — At the fifth Pan American Conference, in 1923 in Chile, some members of the American National Woman's Party beleaguered delegates to start listening to the desires and hopes of the women of their countries.

In 1928, at the sixth conference held in Havana, only seven women were nominated as spokesmen for their republics. But in Lima, Peru, in 1933 the Inter-American Commission of Women was established.

They were to work for women's rights and asked to submit reports at the ensuing conferences.

In Washington 19 of the 21 republics are represented at the current assembly of the Inter-American Commission of Women. They are readying a document which is aimed to ask many things for their betterment, politically and socially.

The Commission has already accomplished much in obtaining the right for women to vote and the right to maintain their own nationality after marriage.

Already 10 countries have given women's suffrage — the United States, Ecuador, Brazil, Uruguay, Cuba, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Panama. Venezuela voted suffrage for women but only for the Constitutional Assembly.

The right to vote in municipal elections has been granted the wo-



BROADWAY By Jack O'Brien

HELEN AND SANTA SCOTCH OLD RULE SHOW-MUST-GO-ON

NEW YORK—Helen Hayes, in her latest stage hit "Happy Birthday," goes on a magnificent and fantastic binge, but serves notice before the end of the play that it is her last drink, and that she is in fact returning to all the normal social niceties of the non-alcoholic division of fun.

Helen, one of the two "First Ladies" of the American theater,

Katharine Cornell has served official notice to her producers, D. and Oscar Hammer, indeed she is heartily just such holiday Christmas, even going as far as to know must-go-on" traditions have Christmas after spend with her family. Since the management at least sees eye Miss Hayes on the given its permission, usual bow—for Broadway direction of the home (Continued on Pa

Inside WASHINGTON

Soviets Politically Immature | President May Face Battle

Senator Fulbright's Opinion | In Keeping Rent Controls

Special to Central Press WASHINGTON—When Russian correspondent Ilya Ehrenburg went home and reported that the average American is "politically immature" he parroted what most United States senators think about the average Russian—and what some think about Russian leaders.

Senator J. William Fulbright (D) of Arkansas, a pioneer in the move for a world peace organization, is one who has said publicly that he believes Russian leadership is "politically immature."

He likened Russia to a big, awkward yokel with an inferiority complex who takes an air of stubborn sulkiness for lack of ability to give and take politely and smoothly in relations with those about him.

The Arkansas internationalist is confident that education of the Russian masses, plus such interchange of ideas as may be affected by changes of students and other penetrations of the iron curtain will enable Russia to grow up in world affairs.

Some of Fulbright's Senate colleagues are less charitable. They see the Russian "political maturity" as the use of pure force and the cynical ignoring of moral right in attaining its objectives.

Certainly, western civilization, which so long ago emerged from the era of imprisonment of political dissenters and whose citizenry has been able to read and write for many generations, can scoff at Ehrenburg's observation that the American intelligentsia has just been born—presumably with the missionary aid of Russia.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN is likely to have a stiff battle with the Republican-controlled Congress over keeping rent controls in effect. Mr. Truman is on record with a statement that rent controls must be maintained, but he has left the door open for a possible boost in ceilings.

Observers note that the blast by Senator Kenneth S. Wherry (R) of Nebraska, calling for an end to rent control is a strong indication that the Republicans may start a move in that direction when the 80th Congress convenes.

During debate on the price control extension law last summer, few requests were made for any change in the rent situation—and the bill went to the White House excluding rent from the drastic curbs placed on the OPA. Just how strong the anti-rent control movement will be is yet in doubt. But all indications point to a serious attempt to oppose the president's wishes in the matter.

ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S greatest difficulties in dealing with John L. Lewis arises from the lack of unanimity among key administration officials on the course to pursue with the UNW chief.

In the coal dispute, Interior Secretary Krug has advocated a firm government position with the miners. But other top government leaders got "strike jitters" and were ready to make immediate settlement.

In fact, Krug—who has to do the actual face-to-face bargaining with the bushy-browed Lewis—almost had the ground cut out from under him while he was on a western inspection tour.

One key government official let it be known that Lewis was correct in his demand for re-opening the current government-UMW contract and rumors spread that the administration already had made a deal with Lewis.

Krug fought back, however. Upon his return to the capital, he took complete charge of the coal dispute and refused to be party to any "deal."

Some observers believe that the recent elections and the approach of a Republican Congress stiffened the administration's attitude. Labor is fearful itself that a deluge of strikes this winter may bring harsh legislation.

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To Sell Or Shoot

FIREWORKS

In Haywood County or Towns Therein

An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Fireworks in Haywood County

The Law

Section I. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to shoot, discharge, display, or otherwise use or have possession of any fire cracker, torpedo, cap pistols, sky rockets, Roman candles or otherwise articles commonly known as fireworks in the County of Haywood . . . Provided, however, that the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Act the sheriff of the county and chief of police in all municipalities within the county are hereby empowered authorized to issue permits for use in connection with the conduct of public celebrations, such as fairs, carnivals, shows of all descriptions and public celebrations only after satisfactory evidence is produced to the effect that said pyrotechnics be used for the aforementioned purpose and none other.

Section II. That any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty (\$50.00) dollars or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

The Law Will Be Enforced