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City To Be Host

We made with interest that Wavnesville well be here to municipal officials in this rection of the state this week. Specialists from the Leacae of Municipalities will take part on the program.

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 flictals can take the attitude of allowing their community to "just grow" like Topsy. The new order calls for a serious community wide planning program and the towns that the not looking ahead today will find those with visions enjoying advantages that their people are missing.

For years we have wished that our community could make a definite program of projects to be worked out by definite dates. for we feel that there are some advantages that only through our city government will ever become realities.

Take for instance the matter of a municipal swimming pool. We doubt seriously unless the town builds one, if we ever have such here. We also believe that the citizens of this community would be willing to have a boost, if necessary in taxes in order to have such programs.

Fireworks

We like the attitude of our law enforcement officers regarding the violation of the sale and shooting of fireworks in the county. Life has become entirely too cheap during the past few years, and it is time for us to stop taking unnecessary chances with dangerous practices.

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. After all it is a mighty poor way to celebrate Christmas and offers hazards to both the young and the old.

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. Certainly we can't imagine the men who have been on firing lines in combat getting any pleasure out of the noise or flames of fireworks.

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 country for the current year will make record levels. The National Office of Vital Statistics has estimated that in the first nine months. APPROACHES TO THE resigned, who know that it is an of the year 2,359,000 babies were born-one CHRISTMAS SEASON we inter- evitable date on the calcular and per cent more than in the comparable period esting to consider as one has con- come what may, had vesitier or tacts in their daily routine. For good, the season interrolls around, of 1943 which marked the high record year, an approach to anything, whether and one can take at or leave it.

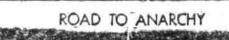
The twelve month total for 1943 was 2,934,860, a holiday occasion, or mercly some. This type has a comfortable philos-Statistics for cities with populations of business deal is so often significably if one does not want a bit of cant of the person and his or her thuild or excitement mingled with 100,000 or more, the most complete figures outlook on tits. One person, we their celebrations. They have many available, show that 595,289 marriage licenses recall having met during the past good points, for it is an easy after were issued during the first nine months of week was all a flutter, for she had tude both on minus, and porket-this year that is more than the follows this year-that is more than the 594,903 weeks behind. Another person was licenses issued during all of 1942, the record simply shocked with the high cost year before 1946.

could not be had for less than are just as excited as their young-September's birth rate was 27.9 babies for \$5.00 (we offered her our sympathy, sters who are going to have the each thousand of population. The previous which we have an idea was much first Christmas Hey can rememhigh rate was 26.8 set in March, 1918. It looks more heartient than she realized the generosity of Isana Claus and like a case of history repeating itself. Thomas Campbell, who are com- they are simply as now with antici-

We are always proud of the record of Hay- pletely calm about any rush about pation, but the parents feeling wood county, so we need have no fears about gifts bought and wrapped up ere every effort to see that Santa Claus our figures in this national record. We may it is time to eat the Thanksgiving dors not fail these small dreamers not be able to hold up our high record of turkey, so she never seems in a of that magic merature when they issuance of licenses, due to the fact that a minute preparations over gift deci- oid man has left for them. great many of our people go down to Georgia sions. We long to emulate such to get married, but a visit to the Haywood persons but each year finds us far There are here maying the first county hospital will give proof that the chil- and action. dren are natives of Haywood county.

Just A Circle

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HERE and THERE

By

HILDA WAY GWYN

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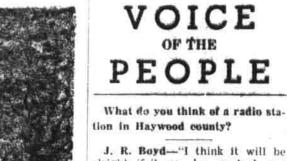
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Then there are those who take he has no idea, and he wants so

Christmas, with the sigh of the much to please her, and it will



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

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 adio 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."

ake 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 the have their own money and can shop for the first time. It is a momentous occasion-one frought with vast importance and zest. They want a surprise for mother and Daddy and they want to buy these gifts alone-and make their own choice. No matter how unsuitable they may turn out to be, to One of the most interesting the loving parents they are gifts of pure joy, for they represent priceless spirit, that no amount of money could ever buy.

> There is the man who would like o give his wife something she

would enjoy. The wife, being of a NEW YORK-Helen Hayes, in hrifty mind and her home being her latest stage hit "Happy Birthher world can only think of some- day." goes on a magnificent and thing for the house, but he feels fantastic binge, but serves notice that she deserves a gift for her own before the end of the play that it personal use. He is often in a is her last drink, and that she is quandary until Christmas Eve - in fact returning to all the normal the job of making a decision stick- social niceties of the non-alcoholic ing up like a sore thumb days be- division of fun. She suggests ways ore he makes his final choice. that she is a homebody who be-

lieves in the warmer side of living. Then there is the wife trying to even just possibly might still beind something besides ties, shirts, lieve in Santa Claus, socks and handkerchiefs to buy (Continued on Page Three)

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

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

a and Xamera By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON - At the fifth Pan American Conference, in 1923 public in Chile, some members of the is now in Was

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American National Woman's Party charman man beleaguered delegates to start his- tom tening to the desires and hopes of en at the women of their countries, In 1928, at the sixth conference

held in Havana, only seven wom-Roward Clapp-"I think it is en were nominated as spokesmen for their cepublics. But in Lima, differnitions. Peru, in 1938 the Inter-American Commission of Women was estab-

lished. 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 i aimed to ask many things for their betterment, politically and socially, They expect to draft a report to submit to the U. N. The Commission has already accomplished much in obtaining the right for women to vote and the right to maintain their own nationality after marriage.

the Brazilian Em Already 10 countries have given and Dr. Ofelia Bar women suffrage - the United who worked for t States, Ecuador. Brazil, Uruguay, during the war, Cuba, El Salvador, the Dominican Argentina has

Republic, Guatemala, and Pana- Luzuriaga de ma. Venezuela voted suffrage for and writer, She women but only for the Constitu- projects to her can tional Assembly, education.

The right to vote in municipal manual labor school elections has been granted the wo- ample



HELEN AND SANTA Katharine Cornell be SCOTCH OLD RULE served officiel notice SHOW-MUST-GO-ON to her producers,

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 discussions at the recent meeting in Asheville of rural and civic leaders brought to light some of these possible new ventures.

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. Had the war not interrupted this industrial start, we feel that we would have been further along this line.

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. But as one of the speakers stated progress along this line "must come out of the community's desire to better itself." We must not wait for others to come and show us, but make the start ourselves.

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. He has won distinction in every position he has held. He possesses the ideal qualities to represent this country in Britain, and President Truman could not make a better appointment. Governor Gardner has the qualities of diplomacy and statesmanship requisite for that exalted post.

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 .-- Raleigh News and Observer.

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. It appears that if the strike keeps up the shortage of cookers will become acute, for the bakelite handles on them are a by-product of coal. So, it goes from most unexpected sources the vicious circle takes in even the small details of our lives along with its major angles.

The complexities of the coal strike spring

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. In 1920, coal furnished 78 per cent of the fuel. In 1930 it had declined to 62.2, with natural gas and water power coming up to higher contributions.

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. A new era in rural Haywood started several years ago and today the results of that start are seen.

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. To those of us who do not live on farms, is given by this coperative program a picture more complete than could otherwise be realized.

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.

Inside WASHINGTON

Soviets Politically Immature Senator Fulbright's Opinion

President May Face Battle In Keeping Rent Controls

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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 gelations with those about him.

charitable. They see the Russian "political ma-Senator Fulbright turity" 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 Lack of

administration already had made a deal with Lewis. Unanimity Krug fought back, however. Upon his return to the capital, he took complete charge of the coal Over Lewis 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.

WARNING \$50.00 FINE To Sell Or Shoot FIREWORK

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 b shoot, discharge, display, or otherwise use or have possesion of any fire cra torpedoes, cap pistols, sky rockets, Roman candles or otherwise articles com known as fireworks in the County of Hay wood . . . Provided, however, that h 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 empowere authorized to issue permits for use in connection with the conduct of public e tions, such as fairs, carnivals, shows of all descriptions and public celebration only after satisfactory evidence is produced to the effect that said pyrotechnic be used for the aforementioned purpose and none other. Any person desiring cure a permit as aforementioned, shall make application to the sheriff of said o or to the chief of police of the municipality in which said pyrotechnics are used.

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

The Law Will Be Enforced

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