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Sensible Styles

A special section of The Mountaineer today is devoted to the showing of new spring and Easter fashions. The extreme styles which so many expected are surprisingly absent.

Of course the dresses are longer, but the fashion experts were keen enough to drop them little by little until the change has been a gradual one.

Even the hats this spring are not the "out of this world" type which harassed man and beast several years ago. We have a feeling that the extremes are over, and that the well-dressed woman will try to be as feminine as possible in the future.

The trend towards femininity is certainly encouraging. After all, women like to dress up, and like to step out, which suits us fine, as long as their taste of styles make us want to take the second look, instead of turn the other way.

Ladies, we're for you and your sensible styles.

More Opportunities

There is considerable enthusiasm locally behind the proposition to stage a Cherokee Indian and Pioneer Drama in our neighboring community only 25 miles across Soco Gap. Plans for the drama have been gone into exhaustively by Western North Carolina Associated Communities, and the situation has now reached the point where this region will make the decision of putting up the money to get the drama under production, or to postpone action to a later date.

General sentiment here is that quotas assigned to the respective counties which stand to benefit by the drama can be accepted, and make possible presentation of the drama this summer.

If this comes true, then Waynesville is in possibly the best location of all communities to benefit from the increased travel and the longer stay of visitors that would result from having a major cultural attraction at Cherokee.

This in itself is enough to revive consideration of the need here for an adequate, modern hotel. The need may not be acute this summer—a general decline in vacation travel is predicted by the experts—but signs point definitely to a growing demand for additional hotel facilities. This is an opportunity which this newspaper hopes local capital will act on; even if started on a modest scale, but if not acted on by our own people it is too rich an opportunity for outside interests to overlook indefinitely.

Along this same line of thought, it is time that we began to realize that competition in the tourist field is becoming keener and keener. Other mountain communities, the sea coast of this state and throughout the south, are going after the tourist dollars more than ever. This year will also perhaps see the greatest travel to foreign places since 1940.

It all adds up that there is a big job to be done to get and keep the tourist business growing.

It would be a more pleasant world if during the next two months our major concern could be about showers and flowers. Much more will be said, and possibly affect our lives here, about the national election in Italy during April and the partition of Palestine that is time-tabled for May.

The Question Needs An Answer

Senator Kenneth McKellar, Democrat, of Tennessee, recently took the bull by the horns and came out unequivocally that the United States must at once take steps to halt the advance of the Russians even to the use of force.

We haven't always been a great admirer of the Tennessee Senator, but his statements on the Russians and their satellites certainly is a step in the right direction.

The shilly-shallying and dilly-dallying of the State Department in recent weeks has been deplorable. Secretary of State Marshall assumed his duties with much fanfare and probably had the confidence of all the people more than any secretary of recent years.

Why he has accomplished so little is still a mystery to most of us. Of course, he has been blocked by the Republican majority in the Congress, but still we believe there is some vital spark lacking in our dealings with foreign nations and especially with the Russians. Every day, it seems, comes reports of the Russians violating our zones in Germany. Why is this? Are the two military establishments of Russia and the United States at such variance that every little disagreement becomes a national incident?

Seldom do we read of any incidents between the English and Russians in their respective zones in Germany. Is it because England and Russia work in greater agreement or are the English supinely taking whatever the Russians dish out without saying anything?

The American people, we believe, should know the answer to all these questions. Just what our status with the Russians is should become the knowledge of all the people and not be merely filed away in the State Department's top secret drawers to gather dust.

Senator McKellar, of course, knows far more about conditions in the Russian and American zones than the average man in the street and when he, conservative in most things that he is, comes out with a statement that he made recently, there should certainly be something done about it.

Getting Ready Fast

Announcement has been made that the North Carolina National Guard will hold a two-week encampment at Fort Bragg during July.

This can be taken as a sign that the Guard reorganization is progressing satisfactorily, for it requires some military proficiency merely to work out the details of transportation and supply to assemble several thousand men from all sections of the state for an intensive training period. In Waynesville we have the Antitank Company, a unit of the 120th Infantry Regiment, Thirtieth (Old Hickory) Division, by which we can measure the progress of the Guard as a whole.

The Antitank Company is less than a year old, having been federally recognized last May when it stepped in to succeed, on a permanent basis, the State Guard company which served during wartime. Two-hour training periods are held every Thursday evening at the Armory—a building brought here primarily for the Guard, but useful for many other civic purposes. The training is carried out by commissioned and non-commissioned officers, several of whom were Guardsmen before and during the war, all with previous military experience.

Training in the National Guard necessarily includes a great deal of basic military subjects—drilling, military courtesy, etc., which apply to all soldiers—since many of its members are in uniform for the first time. In addition, the Antitank Company at each weekly session carries out period of training in the special equipment with which it is supplied, striving for efficiency as a single unit and as a part of a regiment, a division, an army. Old time Guardsmen who look in the Armory now will be amazed at the modern equipment on hand. Although named Antitank Company, the unit is organized and equipped exactly like a regular armored (tank) company. It has already two medium tanks, a small truck and jeep in vehicles. The company has the most modern arms: semi-automatic rifles and carbines, pistols, .30 and .50 caliber machine guns. It has radios and telephones—and all the men are learning how to operate them—also a movie projector and screen. The Guardsmen are clothed from steel helmet to combat boots in serviceable uniforms, have the latest gas warfare protective equipment. And once every three months, the Guard has payday, when the members draw a full day's army pay for each drill attended during the previous quarter.

The men must enjoy this taste of the military. Since the company was federally recognized, nearly 30 of the men have been discharged—a good portion of them to enter the Regular Army, Navy or Marine Corps. The present strength is 45 enlisted and five officer personnel. This leaves some 30 openings for young men who can qualify. If you can, drop by the Armory next Thursday night and help fill out its ranks. You will serve your country, and at the same time, yourself.



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members—Of The Mountaineer Staff—

'Can't you remember when you invited all the family in for Sunday dinner and the piece de resistance was fried chicken... and everybody wanted white meat?'

Nowadays when we open our sleepy eyes and look out the window, if the sky bears a leaden

look we are undecided whether to take along just an umbrella... or add the omnipresent galoshes.

On the staff we have had the time of our lives seeing all the eight white meat portions and one of the Easter parade before dark piece for Uncle Toby... it comes to gladden your eyes. You who doesn't like fried chicken, any- will find in this issue one of the prettiest sets of pages that you have gazed upon in a long time.

And the best part of this display is that there is something to suit and (Continued on Page Three)

Washington Letter

PRESIDENT'S WIFE CINCHES APPROVAL OF RADIO WOMEN By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Truman was belle of the ball that Mrs. Perle Mesta gave for visiting radio girls to wind up their three-day convention.

Why, she just seems to be like one of us," said several of the girls afterwards.

The day before the first lady had entertained for the women broadcasters at a White House tea. The President, who usually stays away

from these affairs, made a surprise appearance, and Mrs. Truman mingled with the group, urging them to taste the chocolate cake or the "brownies," which she said were "very good."

Ranking guests with Mrs. Truman at Mrs. Mesta's party were Mrs. Fred Vinson, wife of the chief justice, and many cabinet wives, all decked out in their most elegant evening gowns. Margaret Truman was also on hand, as were other young members of the capital's official family, including Dr. Marie Snyder, daughter of the secre-

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO The First National Bank opens this morning after bank holiday.

Special attention is called to the proclamation of President Roosevelt against hoarding, melting or earmarking of gold or silver coin.

Much enthusiasm is being shown over the proposed Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce.

200 barrels of flour are received here for the needy.

Work will begin soon on tearing down the old jail.

R. L. Prevost is named head of Western North Carolina Safety Council.

5 YEARS AGO A severe electric and rain storm puts out 35 telephones here this week.

\$3,500 of Red Cross war fund quota is now in hand.

Industrial salvage committees are named by Howard Clapp, county chairman.

The Waynesville Post of the American Legion observes the 24th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion in Paris, at dinner meeting here.

Five yearlings from the farm of Joe E. Rose make excellent showing in Moultrie, Ga.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should a girl of sixteen "settle down" to one boy?

Answer: There is not much use in telling her she must not—this will usually only make her more determined. But a girl who wants to "settle down" so early either has a sense of insecurity about her parents and her home life or can't feel sure that her playmates like her—or both.

Are there people who insist on being "failures"?

Answer: Yes, though they do it unconsciously. There are men and women whose whole attitude toward life is based on the idea that they have always been unfairly treated and have "never

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What is your favorite poem?

Mrs. Russell L. Young: "I like too many poems to have a favorite but one I enjoy in the spring is 'Trees,' by Joyce Kilmer."

Miss Margaret Johnston: "Afternoon on a Hill," by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

Mrs. Heinz Rollman: "I love all of Longfellow's poems."

Mrs. J. Howell Way, Sr.: "That is a very hard question for me to answer since I have always liked poetry and have so many favorites. However, two of my special favorites are 'Life's Mirror,' by Maeline Bridges and 'The Sins of Omission,' by Margaret E. Sanger."

Mrs. W. T. Crawford: "For variety of ideas expressed and from early childhood memories, I would say Gray's 'Elegy in a Country Church Yard' and perhaps because I visited that old church yard and Gray's tomb and stood under the old yew tree miles out toward the heart of England."

Drucie, a brunette, is a radio commentator herself. She has her own program on a local station, and old-timers in the business say she's got a real future before her.

Small flower-decorated tables had been set up throughout the spacious rooms. The United Nations was the motif for both decorations.

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES—With the income tax man now eating with you, sleeping with you, going where you go and doing what you do until you finally throw him out of your mind on March 15, a note on those hundreds of North Carolinians who might purposely pay too much income tax seems very appropriate.

It seldom happens on the state level—though North Carolina does pay six per cent interest on overpayments. Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill, who, by the way, really knows his taxes, says he can recall only one instance in which a taxpayer seemed purposely to overpay. The State Revenue Department noted the rather flagrant error in overpayment one year, let it go as just that, but the next year another big error occurred in this man's return. The matter was called to his attention. Edwin Gill, wanting to save the state money, contacted this taxpayer, the refund was made, and the citizen agreed not to charge interest on the overpayment.

But the federal people are watching this year the huge overpayments. Of course, the taxpayer does not want to pay too little the night want to, but he dare not, so it is easy to take the long view, pay too much, and get a refund with six per cent interest—which is plenty good return in these days. So—when you read of these huge tax overpayments, remember that they are not always accidental. They are good investments... if accidental or intentional.

TOBACCO ACREAGE—Senator William B. Umstead has expressed the opinion repeatedly that the 27.52 per cent cut in the North Carolina flue-cured tobacco acreage was just too much of a slash. His worthy opponent, an official of Tobacco Associates, J. M. Broughton, stood solidly on the 27.52 per cent reduction. The matter became somewhat of a political issue. Senator Umstead said that the tobacco picture has changed since the reduction was set, and that tobacco growers should not be cut more than absolutely necessary. Broughton held that it would be dangerous to alter the acreage to be grown.

Last week it seemed definite that J. M. Broughton had won the battle on this score at least. Acreages were released. The 27.52 per cent slash stood.

Shy, retiring C. L. Hardy, Greene county bachelor, will this season again have more acres devoted to

the "filthy weed" than any farmer in the world. His acreage is a whopping 665 as against last year's 917. In the second year of his tenure as county merchant-farmer, K. M. Roberson counts with 400 acres.

OFF THE CLIFF—Rapid speculations and drives are making the state very unpopular in some sections. Expected to reduce the Democratic vote in many counties this year, J. M. Broughton has named D. Johnson of Clinton as his campaign manager. Headquarters are in room 531 at the Raleigh Hotel.

Broughton's decision to go to business is said to have been brought on by accelerated activity in the Unstead camp. Largest political sign in the state around 10 feet in diameter over the entrance to the Raleigh Hotel and reads "Headquarters." Most of the headquarters are in Raleigh. Runs these days. See it if you can.

Reports rechange Broughton the effort that business stores throughout the state. Many and Edwards were able to buy below the same amount. Credit accounts are increasing at a dizzy rate. Loan companies are doing business since before the war. And colored mails are on the way for work again. No more in farm prices is expected. Of the government support of 90 per cent of parity was through the 1948 crop. Two years after official war, which was in December.

\$800 Goes In Garbage But Is Found In Dumpster

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—P. C. Smith was ready to haul off \$800 she had temporarily in a trash bin.

Then, forgetting the bag, she helped garbage collectors box out of the store. An hour later she saw and her husband dashed to the dumpster and after an hour's work they found the money tucked up in a home the same man had given her.

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They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



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