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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.—Matthew 7 12.

RECORD BREAKER TOURIST YEAR FORSEEN

During the last normal tourist year, 1941, an estimated \$175,000,000 was spent in North Carolina by tourists. A much larger amount is expected in the coming months of 1946, according to a survey recently taken by the State Advertising Division.

Many inquiries have been received by the mountain resorts throughout the Western part of North Carolina, as to reservations, and many resorts report that complete sell-outs for July and August.

Black Mountain has many things to offer for vacationists—a recreational area that affords Golf, Fishing, Tennis, and above all, good fresh mountain air.

Some of the most beautiful scenery of Western North Carolina is found in and around Black Mountain.

The largest assembly grounds in the South are located in Black Mountain.

The recreation park here is making big plans for the summer, much more will be printed as the project progresses.

With all the fine things we have to offer tourists there is no reason whatsoever that Black Mountain should not share a part of the large amount of money spent by tourists this year.

The one and only drawback being the critical shortage of housing.

500 more houses in and around Black Mountain would be filled this coming season if they were available. Not only for the season but throughout the whole year, we cannot expect tourists if we haven't a place for them to live.

The city would benefit by thousands of dollars if the housing question was settled.

We can help this situation some by all those having a spare room to fix it up for tourists. They all would be paid well for their trouble and inconvenience.

A local hospital would be Black Mountain's "Biggest" asset. Many cities no larger than ours have a hospital. Let's all get together and give this some serious thought.

DRASTIC CUT IN POULTRY PRODUCTION IN 1946 SEEN

Assistant Agriculture Commissioner D. S. Coltrane estimated recently that poultry production in North Carolina this year will be cut from 25 to 40 per cent as the result of the scarcity of grain and protein feeds.

"Feed manufacturers are finding it extremely difficult to purchase corn, wheat, oats, and barley," said Coltrane, adding that "they consider themselves very fortunate when they can obtain a car of oats."

The feed division of the U. S. department of agriculture informed Coltrane that North Carolina is being allotted 916 tons of protein meal.

"Although we are naturally pleased to receive this meal, it is not more than 25 per cent of the amount we were obtaining at this time last year," said Coltrane.

He reported that tax tag sale from last July 1 to February 1 indicate that only 53,000 tons of cottonseed meal were sold during this seven-month period, as compared with 93,000 tons for the same period a year earlier.

He said that the government has promised to send about 200,

000,000 bushels of wheat to Europe, "preferring to help keep alive starving human beings there rather than to feed this wheat to poultry and livestock here in America."

He said that since Canada and Argentina are also aiding Europe to the extent of about 350,000,000 bushels of wheat, there is little need to look to their granaries for assistance.

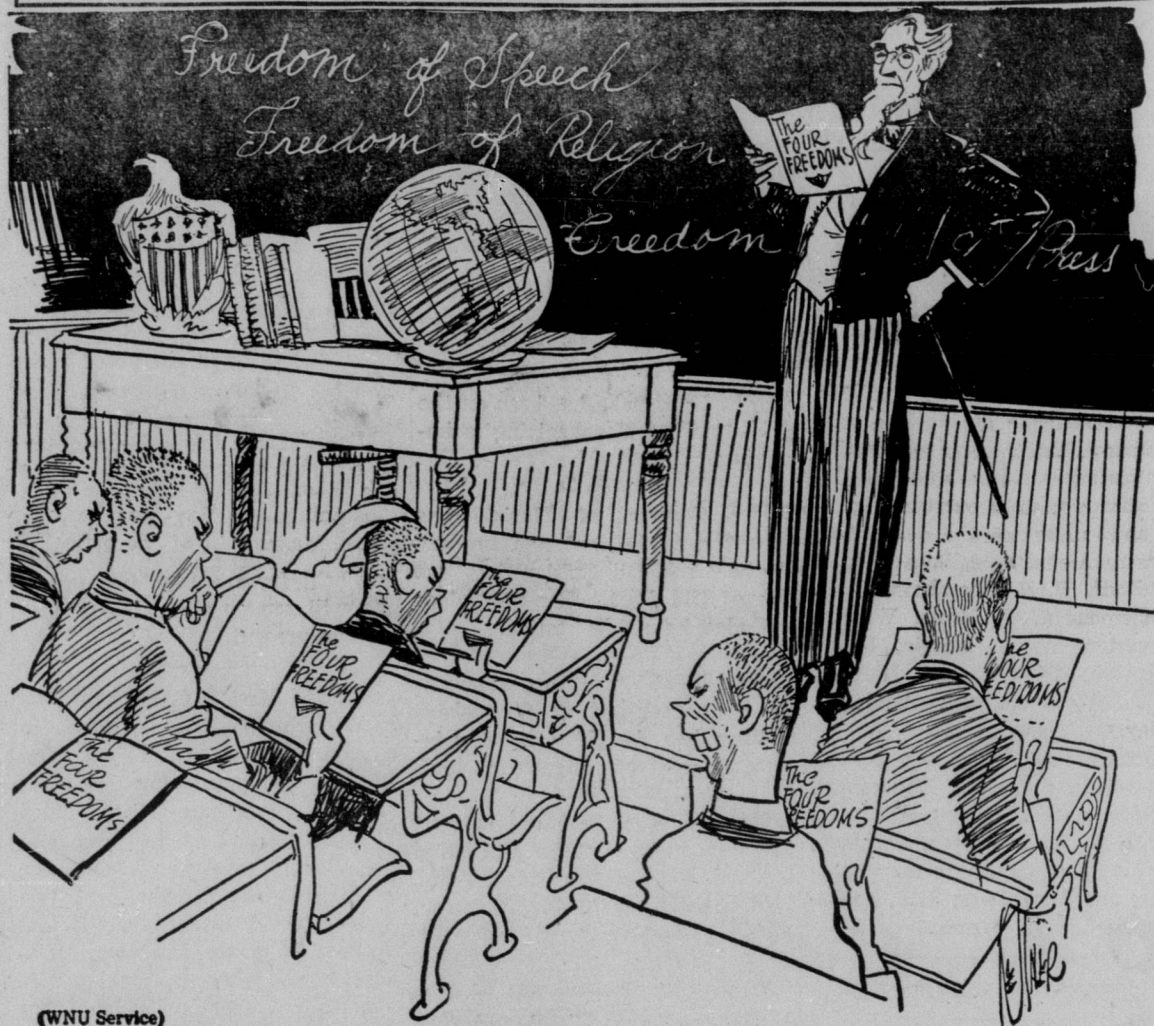
Meantime, Marion Dilday, poultry marketing specialist with the department, declared that the poultry industry is suffering from declining prices and decreased demands for fryers, broilers, and eggs.

Dilday asserted that prices for fryers and broilers have dropped within the past two weeks to as low as 20 cents per pound, with prices in general running from 20 to 22 cents.

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Japanese Primer



(WNU Service)

PATIENTS PLAY GAMES TO SPEED MEDICAL TREATMENT

"All treatment and no play" not only makes Jack a dull boy, it also retards recovery of patients in military hospitals. Injured persons do not necessarily get well by medical and nursing care alone; they frequently need to play to learn how to be well again.

One soldier, leaning heavily on a cane, came into the woodcraft room operated by Red Cross recreation workers. His doctor had told him his limp was mainly "in his head," and the patient so lost himself in woodcarving, substituting activity for boredom, that he rejoicingly cut up his cane for checkers.

Wounded and disabled servicemen coming into strange military hospitals far from home need friendly human contact. Often they must resign themselves to long months of hospitalization. Red Cross recreation workers in hospitals try to get the patients to have fun together.

Band Started

One drummer from a name band was bored with the usual entertainment and asked the Red Cross for drums and a cymbal. When a complete percussion set was loaned from the nearby town he went into an ecstasy of work. Daily the roof resounded to cymbals, bells, snare and bass drums. Someone joined in with a piano part, then a horn—and presto! a real jam session was under way.

Sometimes military patients can get the misery out of their systems by poking fun at themselves. In one hospital specializing in tropical skin diseases the theme song of a skit they presented was "I've Got You Under My Skin."

Birthday Party

Red Cross recreation workers must be ready for anything. A sailor, suffering a long illness incurred in a prison camp, dejectedly told a Red Cross worker that it was his twenty-first birthday, and he wished he could have a party. The worker found a huge cake with 21 candles, procured a local marionette show, and lined up patient musicians for singing and jive—and the sailor had his birthday party right then.

An absorbing hobby can make a patient forget a sore back or a grueling day. All sorts of hobbies are sponsored by the Red Cross—even a complicated chess game to be played by bed patients

in different wards through the public address system. Fly tying has become a most popular craft and hobby. Many dates have been made for fishing trips to the mountains after discharge.

Aids Blind

For patients who must learn to talk again self-recording disks are furnished by a commercial company, and the Red Cross assists patients in using them. Many men enjoy "talking a letter" home.

Play is important to the newly blind who are lonely, afraid, and self-conscious. On a tandem bike with a sighted patient, or with a roller skating partner, they learn a new sense of movement and balance. Through music and dancing they find a social world.

It is impossible to recount all the active and spectator projects of the Red Cross hospital recreation program. The recreation workers have taken the great responsibility of trying to help make life meaningful and pleasant during each patient's stay in the hospital.

Special Gifts Workers Named For Henderson

Organization of the special gifts committee to work in the approaching Red Cross drive in Henderson County has been completed and the group, under the chairmanship of W. S. Lockman, Jr., is ready to get down to brass tacks in an effort to do its part in the canvassing of the county for funds, officials said.

The drive this year will get under way March 1 and continue through March 9. A special office opened Monday morning in the west side branch bank building and will be open each week day throughout the campaign, officials said.

This year the amount sought by the Henderson county chapter amounts to \$9,050, of which \$5,500 will be spent in the county.

Members of the committee on special gifts include Bruce Drysdale, Steve Porter, A. J. Browning, Jr., F. V. Hunter, Frank Edbank, Harry Crowder, Thomas H. Franks, Harry Buchanna, James Duff, Thomas D. Clark, Pete Youngblood, B. B. Massagee, J. H. Lampley, Jonathan Jackson, Boyce Whitmire and E. A. Smyth.

ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINS

H. Grady Hardin.

If you were asked to name the people of the earth who worship idols, you would think immediately or primitive tribes scattered over the earth who have their fetiches and totem poles. Idolatry may be defined as the worship or adoration of things that we believe to have special power. Thus we can rightly say that the backward and ignorant people of the world are idolatrous. By looking upon these people with pity and interest we often do our best to lift them from the level of their low religion to our own standards.

But in our sympathy for those who worship at useless shrines, let us now become blind to our own idols. We have set up our own lesser-gods to blot out our vision of the Creator of all men. We worship at our own shrines until we are often unaware of our Heavenly Father. We sometimes exhaust our adoration on demi-gods and know nothing of the love for and of God.

What is your idol? What is that part of your life that gets the most attention? What commands your greatest trust? It may be popularity or wealth or social position. Sometimes it is your club or church or home. If we have not yet learned of our ability to know God and worship him as person to Person; if we do not know that nothing is to stand between our lives and Him, then we are worshipping idols. Upon finding God we find adequate personal and social expressions of this faith in every area of life. But let any area of life become more important than or stand in the way of our relation to God and we have given our lives to idols.

God's Promise

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But God hath promised
Strength for the days,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love . . . —Wm. Buden.

NEW RECORDS IN STOCK

- How deep is the Ocean—You Are Too Beautiful . . . Dick Haymes
- Red River Valley—Patience and Fortitude . . . Andrew Sisters
- How Deep Is the Ocean—Easter Parade . . . Guy Lombardo
- Get Together With the Lord—I Know . . . Jubalaires
- Personality—Would You? . . . Bing Crosby
- Silver Dew On the Blue Grass Tonight—I Wish I Had Never Met Sunshine . . . "Wild Bill" Davidson and his Range Riders
- You Can Cry On Somebody Else's Shoulder . . . Charlie Spivak
- The Bells of St. Mary's . . . Delta Rhythm Boys
- Don't Knock It—Just A-Sittin' and A-Rockin' . . . Louis Jordan
- Reconversion Blues—Salt Pork, West Virginia . . . Billie Holiday
- No More—You Better Go Now . . . "Grandpa" Jones
- Give Me a Little Kiss, Will You Huh? . . . Hank Penny
- Oh, What It Seemed To Be . . . Dick Haymes
- When the One You Love Simply Won't Love Back . . . Charlie Barnet
- E-Bob-o-Lee-Bob . . . Bill Carlisle
- I Can't Believe That You're In Love With Me . . . Bill Carlisle
- I Can't Begin To Tell You . . . Bing Crosby
- McNamara's Band—Dear Old Donegal . . . Bing Crosby
- Maybe You Will Miss Me When I'm Gone . . . "Grandpa" Jones
- Don't Sweet Talk Me . . . Hank Penny
- Tear Stains On Your Letter—Last Night . . . Hank Penny
- What Does It Matter To You . . . Bill Carlisle
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