

Its The People Who Pay

All the people in general and the farmers in particular in Cherokee County are suffering because the county finds itself without a county agent.

The first effects that the public in general has felt is the calling off of the annual Cherokee County Fair. But the farmers in the area have been doing without the services of a county agent for several months.

The Cherokee County Fair Association voted to cancel the fair this year because the association members felt it could not put on the affair without the management of a county agent.

And the Scout believes they are right. The county agent is the head man and overseer for a county fair and he is usually the only person in the county who is qualified to manage a fair.

It sets Cherokee County back not to hold its annual fair, but it is an even greater setback to the farmers of the county who do not have the services of a county agent.

The County Commissioners and the State Extension Service have not been able to get together and settle their differences about the election of a man to fill the vacancy.

The Commissioners have said that they have selected the man they want for the job and the Extension Service has said they will not let that particular man have the job. The service further said that it will send as many men here as needed to be interviewed for the job.

Now something's gotta give. And for the good of the people of Cherokee County, we hope something gives soon and these two groups get together and hire an agent for Cherokee County.

We believe they will.

Time For School Safety

Cherokee County Schools are opening their doors this week and next for the 1955 - 56 school year.

That means that young Cherokee County will be on the highways, roads and sidewalk more than during the past few months. And it further means that motorists of our section should and must keep a sharp eye out for those energetic youngsters who dart across a road without looking.

The Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Insurance Company has sent out some salient facts about school safety. Here are a few:

On that trip between home and school nearly 2,000 children are killed annually, with thousands more injured. Work out and use the safest route to and from school with your child; teach him to walk on the extreme left edge of the road, always facing oncoming traffic, if there is no walk. Impress your children with the need for obeying traffic officers, school crossing guards, school safety patrol or mechanical signs and signals.

...Horseplay on the school bus means distraction to the driver and possible injury to the children. Parents should instill in their child's mind consideration for schoolmates. Tripping, playing tag, pushing or rushing while waiting for, or while inside the bus, could mean serious injury. Neighborhood mothers should take turns supervising school children at the bus stop and insure safe boarding of the bus.

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Bible Comment: The Bible Is A Living, Vital Book

SO many books about the Bible treat it as if it were a single book, of equal truth and authority in all its parts, whereas the Bible is a collection of many books (66, in the Authorized Version).

The Bible has evolved over a long period, and reveals the progress from primitive and tribal conceptions of God to the revelations of the later prophets and the fulfillment in Jesus, concerning "the God of all grace and the glorious Gospel."

When Jesus spoke of the things that were said "by them of old time," and contrasted them with the things "that I say unto you," He was referring to things said by good men in that former time, who lacked the light that Jesus was to bring.

The progressive nature of the Bible is strongly brought out when one compares the incident of Elisha and the children (Kings) with the scene of Jesus blessing the little children (Matthew).

Even the Disciples had not progressed into that larger light of the Master, for they rebuked the mothers who brought the children to Jesus, bringing upon them the Master's distinct displeasure, as told in Mark.

This is a prime instance of how the moral sense and the elements of love and compassion, which Jesus so strongly inculcated by precept and example, replaced stern concepts as expressed in earlier portions of the Bible.

When one reads the Bible in the light of the New Testament, and in the light of Jesus' teaching, the living quality of the Bible is very evident.

REPORTS FROM Other Editors

TAKE OFF ON A TAKE-OFF

Today's is a lunatic world. It is so crazy that even the faintest sign of sanity is as welcome as the sight of a sail to the shipwrecked.

We hail as such a sign last week's third annual "Hillbilly Day" celebration in Highlands. For one of the surest symptoms of sanity is a sense of humor; and humor, be it remembered, varies even more in quality than in degree.

Can you laugh at a situation? Good! Can you go a step farther and laugh at yourself? Excellent! Now, can you still go another step and, just for fun, exaggerate an uncomplimentary exaggeration about yourself that others have created for their own amusement? Perfect!

That's something like what we have every year in Highlands. The fiction writers, and then Hollywood, and then the comics, have found relief from their own boredom by creating a ludicrous caricature of the mountaineer; create a take-off on a take-off—on ourselves.

It's a welcome sign! It might even be that the mountains will prove the starting point for an ever-widening wave of returning sanity to the United States.

Be that as it may, a lot of people got a lot of laughs — just looking at themselves! — in Highlands last week . . . and that that was just what them hillbillies was a-aimin' at.

(The Franklin Press)

READING IS IMPORTANT

The importance of reading and getting accurate knowledge from what we read cannot be emphasized too much.

We are glad that the schools of this county are going to give special emphasis and study to reading, this year.

In recent weeks here has been much discussion of the methods used in many public school in the

teaching of reading. This protest was emphasized by Rudolph Flesch's book, "Why Johnny Can't Read", which has been on the best seller list for some time.

Time, for June 20, quoted Ruth Dunbar, a reporter on the Chicago Sun-Times and formerly an assistant professor at Western Reserve, who sheds additional light on the problem.

It is true, she says, that most schools have given up the old phonic method taught letter by letter and syllable by syllable. The new world method teaches the child to recognize whole words by their appearance. After Johnny knows 50 to 100 words by sight, he begins to analyze the letters and sounds that make up words. By the end of the first grade, he usually has learned most of the consonants. In the second grade, he masters the vowels. In the third grade, Johnny is expected to figure out new words. In the fourth grade, phonics instruction continues with use of the dictionary.

New research, say Miss Dunbar, convinced educators that there was a better way of teaching reading. It was learned that the mature reader does not spell his way through words, letter by letter, but reads by phrases. It was also discovered that an excess of phonics dulled children's attention and resulted in their being slow readers.

Then educators made the mistake of going to the other extreme and going all out for the word-memory system. They called this the "see-say" system. After about ten years of this, its defects were discovered and a partial return to phonics was made.

Miss Dunbar says reading specialists hold that today's method combines the merits of the two systems—phonics on the one hand and word memory on the other.

(The Skyland Post)

A Backward Glance

30 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 28, 1925
J. W. Ferguson, Jr., spent last week end in Knoxville.

Theodore Howell, whose horse fell on him sometime ago under the elms near Parker's Drug Store is in a very serious condition.

FOR SALE: One pair good mare mules, 6 years old, weight 1,000. Or will trade for good Ford Car or cattle. John H. Hall.

O. L. Ammons of Robbinsville was a business visitor in Murphy one day this week.

Frank Herbert and A. O. Thomas were Hayesville visitors here this week.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 29, 1935
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spencer have returned home after an extended stay in New York.

Miss Beatrice May of Hayesville has been visiting Miss Kate Gray for several days.

Bill Petrie will return to the Citadel, Charleston, S. C., next week after spending the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hendricks spent the week end at their cabin at Blue Ridge.

Mrs. L. E. Bayless is spending several days shopping in Asheville.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 23, 1945
Mrs. Will Sneed is visiting her sister in Lenoir City, Tenn.

Mrs. Robert Akin is spending a few days in Raleigh as the guest of her father, John Peoples.

Mrs. William J. Canata is visiting relatives in Athens, Ga., this week.

Dr. Frank Justice and Dr. Morris Miller returned Monday from Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bivens of Knoxville, Tenn., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Dickey.

5 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 24, 1950
Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Olson have returned from their vacation and are occupying an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus White.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lay had as guests last week their sister-in-law Mrs. M. B. Lay of Cleveland, Tenn.

Mr. Lay joined her over the week end and she returned home with him.

Miss Jane Candler of Villa Rica, Ga., arrived Monday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Nichols in Andrews.

Frances Moore spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Moore at Upper Peachtree. Bill Leatherwood is teaching a singing school at Tomolia Baptist Church.

Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

- Check the correct word:
- 1—If there is another hurricane after "Diane," it will be named (Edith) (Esther).
 - 2—There is a (similar) (different) system employed to designate Pacific Ocean hurricanes.
 - 3—(All-Stars) (Cleveland Browns) won the recent preseason football classic.
 - 4—Rembrandt, the artist, was of (Dutch) (French) origin.
 - 5—Pediatrics is the study of (foot) (child) care.
 - 6—Dextrose is a (sugar) (medicine).
 - 7—There (is) (is not) an elevated railroad in Chicago.
 - 8—Mount Rainier is in (Washington) (Oregon).
 - 9—Key United States cities are protected with (Nike) (Neptune) guided-missile installations.
 - 10—Your dollar is worth (more) (less) in Canada than it is worth in the United States, at present.
- Count 10 for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 20-50, average; 70-80, superior, and 90-100, very superior.

Decoded Intelligram

1-2-11th-3-Similar-5-All-Stars-4-Dutch-8-Neptune-9-Nike-10-Less

TALK O' THE TOWN By Emily Costello

It'll take me a long time to get over missing two grand events last week.

Thursday night, MRS. J. B. GRAY, MRS. CLOE MOORE (Miriam) and MRS. PEYTON IVIE (Edith) entertained at a surprise birthday party for LIZ GRAY at the Regal Hotel.

And from all I've heard it was a wonderful party. Half the crowd came early and stayed until 9:30 and the rest came about 9:30 and stayed.

PICNIC PARTY

MABEL MASSEY and ANNE WARD joined forces Saturday for a wonderful picnic party at the Andrews pool, which, I regret I also had to miss. But I'm looking forward to hearing all about it.

ONCE A YEAR

MRS. WEAVER ANDERSON last week enjoyed a once a year thrill when her night blooming cereus bloomed on Monday night. Several folks dropped in to see the bloom which was fullest about 11 p. m. The flower is called Christ in the Manager by some people and is really a beautiful thing to see. I remember about two years ago the GAY DAVIDSON'S had one that was just covered with blooms about 10 o'clock one morning—very unusual.

GOOD GRADES

That AL WALLACE is doing well at summer school at UNC, Chapel Hill, was no surprise to us. But just to make sure his wife, NANCY, knew he was applying himself, the university sent her a copy of his grades — all A's. Al is working toward a PhD in English, I believe. He will be home soon to go back to teaching at Murphy High School.

"FOR YOUR TIME"

VIRGINIA SIZE (Mrs. George) last week was touched — and who wouldn't be — by a lovely silver compote which was presented her by the seven Boy Scouts that had just completed her junior life saving course. The card with the gift read, "For donating your time" and was signed by the seven boys. The Scouts just completed the swimming course for which Virginia was instructor. The classes were held for six mornings at the Andrews pool.

GARDEN TIME

BY ROBERT SCHMIDT

In the area near Wilmington, commercial vegetable growers are producing a chop which is relatively new to this state. This is a species of multiplier onion known as shallots, or as some seed catalogs list them, eschallottes. Shallots are planted in September as a fall crop and in the extreme eastern part of the state also in January or February as a spring crop. The single bulbs or sets are planted just as with onion sets. As soon as growth begins the bulbs split up into several plants connected at the base like multiplier onions. These are used or sold as green onions as soon as they reach a desirable size. Shallots are milder than ordinary onions and are better adapted for fall culture. I believe they should be used more generally in

the future home gardens of the Piedmont and Coastal Plain as a fall green onion. I tried them out in my garden a year ago and as soon as my wife found them she began to use them in green salads, and before I knew it my crop was used up and there were no sets left for a start the next year. The chief problem will be to obtain a supply of sets as a start. After you obtain a start you should allow enough of them to mature to give you sufficient sets for the following year. They will mature in the spring and may be stored like any dry onion.

If you are interested in trying shallots, I suggested that you write the County Farm Agent, Wilmington, N. C., for information as the best source of sets. The North Carolina crop is free of disease thus far and it is therefore advisable to obtain sets from this state.



WOODY'S FIX-IT CLINIC

Squeaking floor boards can be silenced by nailing them to the sub-flooring. Drive two-inch finishing nails in at an angle, close to the edges of the boards. Use a nail set to sink heads of the nails below board surface. Fill holes with Plastic Wood, a little over-full. When Plastic Wood has hardened, sand it down with medium-fine sandpaper. Touch up with paint or shellac to match boards.

You can work with less mess when using paint, stain or varnish from a small can, if you put the can in an old cup. The cup will catch any drippings that run down the sides of the can, and the cup handle makes it easy to hold or move the paint without smearing your fingers.

THE NEW POLIO VACCINE

developed with your March of Dimes funds—has been licensed by the U.S. and some is available commercially. See your family doctor.

FORESTRY-U.S.A.

MILK and BEEFSTEAK FROM WOOD

THE U.S. FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY AT RADFORD, VA., HAS DEVELOPED A PROCESS FOR CONVERTING WOOD WASTE INTO BURGERS WHICH CAN BE USED AS A SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD FOR LIVESTOCK.

FORESTS and GRASS

THE NATIONAL FORESTS HELP THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY MAINTAIN THE 35,000 POUNDS OF GRAZE & MILLION CATTLE AND SHEEP ARE IN FORCE PRINCIPALLY IN THE WEST THROUGH THE USE OF THE FOREST RANGE WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE FODDER & MEAT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

WISE USE OF RANGE REDUCES EROSION AND FEEDS DAMAGE