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## First Class Mail Boxes!

A drive is about to be begun by the Farm Agent's Office to persuade our rural citizens to do something about the old mail box that is such a shamblesome affair on many farms in the county.

The agents have secured plans of attractive, sturdy, inexpensive mail boxes which they hope to see constructed along the highways. These new boxes would replace the shaky, rusted containers which are at present much in evidence all over the county. The new ones would be painted or stained, and have the resident's name printed upon it so that visitors would know for sure just where "John Doe" lives. In addition the sturdiness of the new box would insure that it would be around and in good shape for many many years to come.

It's just a simple plan to improve the farms in Jackson county a little bit more by giving them another touch of attractiveness. It should be of interest to a great many.

## Girl Scout Progress

The Girl Scouting program in Jackson county and throughout this section is progressing by leaps and bounds. All over the Nantahala Council interest is running high and plans are taking the form of action.

A great boost was the recent installing at WCTC of a "Girl Scout Instructor" who, in addition to her duties as a teacher at the college, will devote a large part of her time to the scouting movement in Western North Carolina. In this set-up, this area sets a precedent for the entire nation!

A troop has been active for some time at Cullowhee and has been one of the outstanding in the region. Now comes the announcement that Sylva has revitalized its scouting program — appointing two energetic young ladies, Mrs. Ed Jones and Miss Eugenia Johnson as troop leaders plus a group of equally interested ladies as a committee to advise on troop matters. Three patrols have been organized and 15 girls have joined with many more expected.

Girl Scouting can be an important part of any town's life when it is energetically practiced. In Sylva, where recreation for young people is at a minimum, the Girl Scout Troop will be in a position to offer the girls training and recreation of a wholesome nature.

It is to be hoped that the new leaders will receive the support they deserve in their work; for with proper interest and aid the Girl Scouts can soon become a vital part of our community betterment.

## They Need Your Help

Polio epidemics in 1949 were the worst in the nation's history. More than 40,000 people were stricken in major outbreaks that raged across widespread areas from coast to coast.

The epidemics are over. But for thousands who must live with the disease the tragedy of polio has hardly begun. Of last year's victims, 17,000 will require continued care and treatment this year. Many more thousands remain from other years.

Most of these patients are children. They are depending heavily upon the MARCH OF DIMES to furnish financial assistance in the long, hard pull along the road to rehabilitation.

### They need your help!

March of Dimes receipts for last year totalled \$26,000,000.

Patient care alone in 1949 cost \$31,000,000 in March of Dimes funds.

### How much will be needed in 1950?

No one can answer that question with any degree of certainty. But it is obvious that your contribution to the 1950 March of Dimes must be much greater than ever before, if sufficient funds are to be made available to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in its all-out fight against this dreadful, crippling disease.

The time to help is NOW—January 16-31—when the 1950 drive is in full swing.

yonder. One pilot gave chase but the dog-gone "thing" disappeared into the setting sun!

The Herald can only wait and see. If anyone catches a view of something shaped like the Jackson County Courthouse spinning nonchalantly thru the winter sky, please notify us at once. We could use a good 72 point headline!

## ESTABLISHING A COLD WAR BEACHHEAD



## The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

An ounce of praise is worth more than a ton of criticism. Experience has proven it, but too few of us practice it.

If you believe in New Year's resolutions then mark this one down: I will resolve to praise more and to criticize less.

Every successful business executive knows and practices this. The faultfinding boss will have an inefficient staff. The atmosphere of his office, shop, or factory will be one of hesitancy, mistrust and suspicion. Without the confidence, respect and affection of his employees, his business will become increasingly inefficient.

If you supervise the work of others, learn to praise them for work well done. After you have done that, let your criticism be in the form of suggestion. Then they will take it, practice it, and like you for it. Remember that men do their best work under the stimulus of appreciation.

Again and again I have heard employees say that they never receive praise and commendation from their employer. When they do their work correctly, nothing is said. But if they make a mistake, then they hear about it. This is the worst sort of psychology. If you want your business to operate at top production, then learn to oil the machinery of personal relations in your organization with the lubricant of appreciation.

The same method operates equally efficiently in the home. Praise goes a thousand times further than criticism. Critical husbands and wives make their homes which should be the happiest place in all the world into domestic battle-grounds where husband and wife destroy their health and happiness by constantly "sniping" at one another. In such homes children develop bad patterns of living which handicap them throughout life, as the result of fault-finding and quarreling parents.

It was my privilege to enter the ministry under the supervision of the late Bishop Edward Rondthaler, one of the wisest men I have ever known. He knew how to secure the maximum of work and effort from the ministers in his charge. I have referred to him before in this column, as he left an indelible impression upon me. His method was always the same. First, he sought out those things which had been well done, bestowed sincere and affectionate commendation. Then followed his criticism, if there was any, in the form of suggestions. I have never known a man who was better able to secure the maximum amount of

cooperation and effort from his associates.

Clip this column out and put it before you in your office and in your home. Look at it every day then practice it every day. If you do, at the end of 1950 you will want to write and thank me.

Now may I thank the readers of this column for your many letters of commendation and encouragement which have made THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR possible throughout the years.

Editor's Note: The third edition of Dr. Spough's little book on successful living "The Pathway to Contentment" is now available. Orders may be sent to The Everyday Counsellor, Box 6036, Charlotte 7, N. C. The price is \$1.00 postpaid. It also may be secured from your bookstore.

## CAN YOU REMEMBER?

### 5 Years Ago

Mrs. E. L. McKee again heads Jackson's Committee for polio fund drive.

Pvt. Harry J. Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Callahan, of Sylva, was wounded in action in France.

The Lions Clubs of Franklin, Bryson City and Sylva held a zone meeting, reporting on past activities and future plans.

WAC Pvt. Margaret Martin, former home demonstration agent, is here in furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Potts announce the birth of a daughter.

"Two Girls and a Sailor" starring Van Johnson and June Allison is playing at the Ritz Theatre.

### 15 Years Ago

100 members and visitors were present for installation of officers of the Sylva Junior Order Council 144 with Dr. McGuire in charge. Hugh Monteith was installed as Counsellor, J. V. Hall as Vice-Counsellor and Herbert Gibson as chaplain.

Misses Katherine and Mary McLain and Miss Elma Mason left yesterday for the Asheville Normal to resume their studies.

300 students have registered for the winter quarter at W.C.T.C.

### 20 Years Ago

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics had an oyster supper at the lodge hall for members, wives and several outside guests. George W. Sutton spoke and had charge of installing the new officers for the coming year.

Judge Walter E. Moore will preside over the term of court at Robbinsville.

Miss Evelyn Allison is spending a few days in Florida. She motored down with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Allison who have gone down to spend the winter months.

Mr. Dawson Allen has returned

## WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

## VA ANSWERS TO VET PROBLEMS

Q—Is my son who was disabled in World War II eligible to receive a prosthetic appliance?

A—Your son's eligibility for prosthetic appliance may be established if he has a service-connected or "service-aggravated" disability requiring an appliance, or if an appliance is determined necessary while he is receiving treatment from VA.

Q—May I get a GI loan to purchase a farm and have 30 years to pay off the loan?

A—A farm realty loan may be made repayable up to 40 years, but the term of the loan is discretionary with the lender. Other realty loans must be paid in up to 25 years and nonrealty loans in 10 years or less, terms at the discretion of the lender.

Q—My uncle is a disabled, peacetime veteran and unable to work because he is ill. Is he entitled to hospitalization in a VA hospital?

A—Your uncle may be entitled if he was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions for a disability incurred in line of duty or is receiving compensation for a service-connected or service-aggravated disability.

## Interesting Question

The Franklin Press

"President Truman's plan for compulsory health insurance is one of the most important issues before the country", someone remarked the other day.

"Right or wrong it would result in a radical change in American life."

"I'd much rather have my say-so about that than about who's to be the next President."

"So why aren't the American people given a chance to vote on this issue?"

## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TIMELY

The Catawba News-Enterprise

It should be clear to would-be Ku Klux Klan organizers in North Carolina that the rank and file of the citizenship want nothing to do with an organization that hides behind the cloak of anonymity for its activities.

Only this week, two cities, Raleigh and Hickory, have taken steps to outlaw the wearing of masks and robes.

These precautionary measures are timely, the News Enterprise believes. It can certainly do no harm to lick the barn before the horse is stolen — and it offers proof of the attitude of North Carolina's citizenship.

Read for profit — use for resume. HERALD WANT ADS.

## Letter To The Editor

Darrington, Wash.  
Jan. 1, 1950

To the Sylva Herald:

I wish to express my greatest sympathy to the folks and friends of Argura for their love and kindness that I hear was shown thru-out the illness and death of our father Mr. S. H. Melton.

Mrs. Fred Broom  
Darrington, Wash.

The North Carolina Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors will hold its annual meeting in Burlington from January 17 through 19. The principal speaker will be Dr. H. H. Bennett, native of Anson County who is now chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

from Memphis where he attended the South-wide B.Y.P.U. Conference.

Miss Ruth Gribble, Kate Allison, Wilda Mae Dills, Edward Allison and Richardson Sutton returned to Mars Hill to resume their studies at Mars Hill College.

## Vic Vet says

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## MUGGS AND SKEETER



## A Threat Of Rabies

A definite threat of rabies lurks in Jackson county and is fully explained on the front page of The Herald this week. As is pointed out in the story, a "suspicious" dog has been reported in the Tuckasee region and has been destroyed but not before he had bitten several other animals. Authorities have taken precautions in that section and the situation can be regarded as "under control."

It remains a fact however that a rabies epidemic could easily sweep the county if proper precautions are not taken at once.

In the first place, there is a State law requiring the inoculation of all dogs against the disease. It is the duty of law enforcement officers to kill any animal found without the proper tags which evidence such treatment. Unfortunately such precautions are seldom carried out fully. Only when the disease strikes in brutal force are stray dogs usually taken up and destroyed. In Asheville such measures are being taken—but only after 83 persons have undergone painful treatment against Rabies.

Jackson county citizens should immediately confine their dogs and have them inoculated if such has not been previously done. Arrangements can be made for the inoculation by calling the County Agent's Office.

The consequences of not following these rules need not be elaborated. Once bitten by a "mad-dog", the treatment is long, painful and expensive. Death from the disease is a drawn-out, horrible thing. It behooves every citizen to act at once!

## Things Are Looking Up!

Dale Thrash, Division Highway Commissioner, told a gathering at the courthouse last week of the 14 miles of Jackson county rural road which had been selected to receive a "blacktopping" treatment as soon as possible. Farmers from one end of the county to the other will benefit by the program which seems to be going along in a very fair manner.

There had been complaint that the rock being "imported" from Swain county for rocking Jackson's roads was of an inferior grade. Thrash defended his highway boys however, saying that it "was as good as there was in the State."

So with 14 miles to receive treatment in the near future and another 24 miles planned for 1951, the farmer who has been stuck away on some "bog trail" for the last many many years can take heart. Things are looking up for the mud-bound boys!

## Now Its Flying Neon Signs!

As if the "flying saucers" weren't enough for frayed nerves, people are now seeing flying neon signs, wingless transports and "dirigibles standing on end"! And no farther away than Waynesville.

Yep—right across the mountain Tom Lee of Waynesville says he saw "what looked like a wingless transport plane—with no motor—made of bright metal-like aluminum" cruising along at 4,000 feet.

Then a few miles away a lady and her daughter saw an "invisible plane starting to sky-write". It was beginning the "P" and was traveling towards Sylva. "We didn't hear any noise at all. There was no sound of any plane motor", the lady reported.

These two incidents were on the same day that people from Fayetteville, N. C., to Greenwood, S. C., were seeing "the thing" making its way thru the far-blue-