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Goals For 1950

- (1)—New industry.
- (2)—Improved school facilities.
- (3)—Hard-surfacing as many roads as possible.
- (4)—An expanding Health policy.
- (5)—A County Fair.
- (6)—Continuing emphasis of tourist trade.
- (7)—Development of Hatching Egg, Turkish Tobacco, and Castor Bean crops.
- (8)—Honest, efficient government on all levels.

Your Child and The School

Are you reading the weekly adult school lessons in The Herald? But more than that: Are you studying and learning them? We refer to the column published each week, "Your Child and the School", by Miss Lucille Hunt, Jackson County School Supervisor.

Parents, both mothers and fathers, whether we are or are not psychology students or whether we have or have not had teacher training courses (the majority of us have not), aspire for more and better education for our children. If we want to understand our teachers and the work the sincere teacher is trying to do that our child may enjoy and get the most from his attending school, then we would urge you to read Miss Hunt's weekly column.

In her article this week she starts out by showing the interest and companionship shown among a group of students where there's a sense of "belonging" or being a part of a group. Impartially we as parents can judge whether or not our child is participating in such a program at his school.

Read the conversation as told this week by Miss Hunt of two children discussing characters in their reading story lesson. By engaging in a similar discussion with our child about his home work we can stimulate in him a happier attitude toward school, interest in what he is studying, but most of all we'll be helping—teaching—him to develop a thinking attitude in not only his reading but other school subjects as well.

If parents will cooperate, fall in line with their child, school, and teacher on all "cylinders" as Miss Hunt is trying to get him to read on all cylinders, then our schools will progress and our children will be educated.

Your Stake In Government

What is the extent of your interest in your Government? Do you know just how much you are paying to keep up some 15,000,000 Federal employees and other Government beneficiaries? If you are not taking some interest then you should or else you will awake some morning to find yourself living in a Socialistic State.

Socialism versus capitalism has become one of the biggest peacetime issues in this country. And yet voters have never had an opportunity at the polls to express a clearcut preference. Everyone appears to be against socialism, European style. At the same time its physical manifestation here in our own land is steadily growing.

At present the Federal government costs us close to \$50,000,000,000 a year out of our total income of about \$200,000,000,000. The Federal, State, and local governments combined take one-third of everything we produce. We work for ourselves only two out of every three days. With a 40-hour work-week, we have less than 27 hours, or about three

Special Privilege?

A news photograph shows Vice-President Alben W. Barkley sitting comfortably in the kitchen while Mrs. Barkley washes the dishes on the maid's night out.

Some will notice that at the moment the camera shutter clicked it was Mrs. Barkley who was talking, and the "Veep" was doing an attentive and respectful job of listening.

Quite a few wives and perhaps an equal number of husbands will feel, nevertheless, that Mr. Barkley is getting away with something at the expense of his recent bride.

In the foreground of the picture are a couple of tea towels—hung over the back of a chair.

How about it, Mr. Vice-President? We rise to a point of order. The VP may even be a VIP, but who does he think he is that he doesn't have to dry the dishes?—The Monitor.

Our Firemen Do Get Paid

We were mistaken... our firemen do get paid by the town. This was called to our attention after our editorial of last week appeared in which it was stated that the firemen do not get one cent in salary. We are informed that the town pays the boys 50 cents for each call during the day and \$1.00 for each call at night. For the fiscal year July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949 the twenty members drew \$55.50 in salaries.

The Cow Story Up-To-Date

It doesn't make any difference whether you are a Republican, a Democrat or an Independent, the following article from the Bernice, News-Journal is good for all to read who wish to see our American system of representative government survive.

Capitalism: If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

Socialism: If you have two cows, you give one of them to your neighbor.

Communism: If you have two cows, you give them to the government and the government gives you milk.

Fascism: If you have two cows, you keep the cows and give the milk to the government.

New Deal: If you have two cows, you shoot one, milk the other, then pour the milk down the drain.

Fair Deal: If you have two cows, you let them starve so you can buy your milk in cans, thus making business better.

You're Telling Me!

An Astronomer estimates there may be a billion other planets in the universe just like this one. Hmmm, even so—it's no consolation that there may be another billion guys with problems just like yours.

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 In Paris, France, a girl has been permitted, by order, to keep a pink python as a pet. As long as she doesn't let it get loose on Saturday night!

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 A Missourian, we read, has just suffered two cut fingers in an electric fan. It's been a warm winter, sure—but isn't that pushing the seasons?

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 A Nigerian newspaper calls for a "ceiling price" on bride's dowries. At last, it seems, the upkeep has been exceeded by the original cost—in African marriages.

and one-third days per week to produce our food, clothing, and shelter, and to maintain our health and education.

Government already owns one-fourth of all the land in the United States. It has also become the biggest employer in the world. It now has more than 2,000,000 civilian employees. They receive a cold half-billion dollars per month.

Many more million citizens have become dependent upon payments, benefits, subsidies and handouts. One out of every six adult Americans receives checks regularly from Washington. A United Press dispatch sets the figure at 15,830,899. If each check went to a different family, that would mean that 42.7 percent or nearly half of the American families now balance their budget with money from Washington. Each year our tax burdens increase. Each year others join the ever-increasing ranks of the 15,830,899 who are directly dependent on Washington's management of their lives in whole or in part.



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"Thank you" is a short sentence which brings long results. The editor of NOW magazine tells of seeing a newsstand in the lobby of a hotel, over which was suspended the following slogan, "Your Purchase Free If We Ever Forget To Thank You." Being curious, he explored the origin and made an interesting discovery.

"Back in the nineties, two brothers named Hickey, one twelve years old and the other seventeen, sold newspapers in Davenport, Iowa. They never failed to thank customers and became noted for their politeness.

"When they had saved \$745.00 they decided to open a newspaper stand of their own, and to use as their slogan, 'Your Purchase Free If We Ever Forget To Thank You.' They prospered to such an extent that today they have one hundred establishments in fifty-four cities throughout the United States and one in Havana, Cuba. This slogan is faithfully lived up to by all their employees."

The editor comments, "This business built on courtesy is a standing rebuke to the prevalent spirit of unthankfulness."

Not all people are unthankful, but too many are. Much of it reflects home training. Recently we have had several good examples of good home training. My son, a college student, brought into our home several of his fellow students as dinner and over-night guests. Each time there came promptly to my wife a carefully penned note of appreciation. As they were away from home at college, the parents couldn't have told them to do it. It reflected good home training.

Sometime ago I read a survey made in a large city as to the number of people who took time to offer table grace. The results were depressing—not more than 10 percent.

How rarely do we thank God for health, strength, soundness of mind, food, clothing, shelter, freedom, crops and harvest, prosperity, and for all good things, even for trials and troubles which lead us closer to Him?

Too many of us are "too busy" to even say "Thank you" to those about us, to those who serve us, the paper boy, the postman, the delivery boy. Stop and think about those you should thank. Perhaps you should write a letter. Do it now! Then when you sit down to your next meal, don't forget to bow your head and thank God. When you lie down to sleep to night, don't close your eyes until



WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

Waynesville Mountaineer
 When you get 97 people to sit for three hours and a quarter, discussing regional promotional plans, you have interest of the highest degree.

That is exactly what took place here Tuesday, when the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities met and presented numerous plans, ranging from agriculture to increased tourist travel.

This organization, which started out against serious odds for succeeding, has proven time and time again to be a progressive and alert group steadily promoting and planning for a bigger and better Western North Carolina.

There is nothing commercial about the group. The only product they have to sell is Western North Carolina to the outside world. And they are doing a good job.

The men and women in the organization pay their own way, give of their time, and energies, and receive no salaries of any kind. Their compensation is the realization that they are civic-minded citizens trying to help build up the area in which they live.

Two projects, one of which is already a reality, was the establishment of the N. C. Park Commission, and the other is the Cherokee Historical Association, charged with staging the Cherokee drama this year. Other projects nearing completion include a mobile soil analysis laboratory, and a survey of tourist and recreational facilities in Western North Carolina.

The association acts as a clearing house of regional problems, and has proven itself as a valuable asset many, many times over.

Some of our People's Opinions
 What's yours?
 What is your preference in regard to the closing of the stores on Wednesday afternoons?

(Ed. note: The Herald has tried to poll representative groups for opinions on this question that seems to have the merchants up in arms.)

BOYD SOSSAMON — I think 4 months sufficient. However, if the majority of the members of the Merchants Association want a longer—or shorter—period I'll cooperate.

ED NICHOLSON — I prefer a six-month period, but will abide by a majority vote of the Association.

LEON SHOOK (Bower's Store)—Six months strikes me as a good period for closing. This gives all of us a chance to work a garden, go fishing, or what not.

BENNIE REESE — Personally, it would be very convenient to see an 11-month closing period. Most of the clerks in the stores do have private affairs they could care for with a half-day off.

CLIFTON CRISP — Six or eight months would be fine. A fellow could take care of his garden and lots of odd repair jobs around the house on his half-day off. Or even go fishing.

LOYD COWAN — I think ten months would be wonderful! But I'd like to see the whole squabble settled one way or the other, once and for all. If the merchants in the Association don't intend to cooperate, why join in the first place?

TILGHMAN BASS—I'd like to see the stores closed for at least six months. Ten months wouldn't make me mad.

MRS. BERT LLOYD—Keep them open the year 'round. I think it costs the town money to close for half a day. How can they expect to make money if they are closed?

Household Hint
 Keep a pad and pencil in your apron pocket when you pack away summer clothes or equipment for winter, or winter things for summer. Jot down as you work what you put away and where. You'll save yourself trouble and confusion when you want to unpack the articles.

Use Herald want ads for results—

CAR-TUNES

by Kirk-Davis



BY WALLY BISHOP