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THE COUNTY TELEPHONES

Since the board of County Commissioners ordered all telephones in the courthouse discontinued, there has been quite a bit of comment made, both by officials and taxpayers. Some of the comment was harsh towards the commissioners for their action, while others thought that their action was justified.

The motive back of the order to remove the 'phones was to save the county money, and to stop the unnecessary expense of paying for private long distance calls by private citizens over 'phones which the county had to pay for.

The order stated that the county would reimburse the county officers for local service and official long distance calls. Other than that the respective officials would have to be responsible for the 'phones in their offices.

It seems that some citizens of the county have been in the habit of using the telephones in the court house for their individual use even when the county officials were not in their offices. An effort was made to stop this by having a pay station installed in the hall of the court house. The telephone bills showed that this did little good, so an order was made to take out the phones and install them in the name of the different county officials' names.

The county commissioners don't want to have to pay for everybody's private telephoning, and neither do the county officers want to be held responsible for their 'phone when they cannot always be in their offices to check up on them. This is especially true of the sheriff's office. Sheriff Lowe cannot always be present, and still it is essential that he have a telephone.

The county commissioners are to be commended for their "drive to cut expenses," and still the officials cannot be expected to foot the public's telephone bills out of their pockets.

It seems that the only solution to the problem is for the public to "lay off" using the county's telephones so that the board of commissioners can have them put back in order that the county's business may continue unhampered.

It is not right for the county to pay individual 'phone bills; it's not right for the officials to do it; and it's not right to deprive the officials of the use of the telephone.

Use the pay station, it doesn't cost any more for long distance.

Not long ago a man at our table in a hotel got mad as a wet hen because he couldn't get the salt shaker to work. The waitress placed the shaker in the oven for a few minutes and then it worked fine, but our friend's appetite was completely gone after his outburst of anger.

A. C. Craft of the Gordon Hotel has just sent out advertising matter advising prospective guests that September is the best month of all in the mountains. Anyone that has stayed here through September usually makes it a point to be here during that time later on.

We predicted last winter that the gladioli farm on Highway No. 10 would be one of the show places of the country when in full bloom. We doubt if there is a spot between Asheville and Atlanta that gets as much attention as that gladioli farm.

MOUNTAIN RATTLERS

Dr. J. M. Hodges, while making a call at the home of Avery Watson in Elk Township, arrived just a little late for a snake killing in which Mr. Watson and two rattlers figured. The physician saw the snakes, however, and states that never has he known the poisonous reptiles to reach such proportions as these. The larger of the two measured five feet and three inches in length, and was three and one-half inches through the body, carrying eleven rattles. The smaller was four and one-half feet long and had ten rattles. The serpents were killed in a turnip patch near the home.—Watauga Democrat.

THE REPEAL

The fact that November 7th is really "just around the corner" and that almost each week some state has voted for repeal of the 18th Amendment, seems to have thrown oil on the kindled fire of the dries and tended to get them busier than they were to hasten their campaign to assure North Carolina a place in the arid column. The North Carolina wets seem to take it for granted that their forces will follow in the footsteps of other states and not let such a thing happen.

It is interesting to note that in the state voting on the repeal up to this week approximately 9,800,000 votes have been cast for repeal and 3,000,000 against. These votes, however, represent only about fifty per cent of the total votes cast in the last general election and with this in mind, the dries of this state are determined to get out at least as many voters as voted in the last general election and from them they feel that there will be sufficient number to place North Carolina safely in the dry column.

Dry leaders say that the wets have been going to the polls and casting their votes, while the dries took for granted that the wets were victorious and would not go. It is the intention of the Tar Heel dries to try and prove that it is possible to place at least one state in the dry column, and of course the only way to do it is to get the dries to the polls.

If the wets are organizing themselves for the campaign they are saying very little about it, while the dries are working day and night in every nook and corner of the state to have their forces at the polls on November 7th.

It might be that the wets are waiting for a last drive, depending largely upon the elections already held to inspire their number to vote like the twenty-four states that have already voted.

We can hardly believe that there is any voter in the state that has not thought out this question with an open mind, and we also believe that almost everyone has already made up his mind how he shall cast his vote on November 7th, and for that reason we see little good of arguing the question, but instead argue that it is every voter's patriotic duty to be at the polls and cast his and her vote according to his or her conscience.

SAFETY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Under the new law, not so many children will be hauled to and from school the coming year as formerly, which of course means that there will be more children walking and playing along the highways. With this in mind, motorists should use every precaution when driving near a school zone. Children fail to realize the danger of passing cars and are prone to "dare" the drivers not to hit them, or to run over their books, coats and sweaters or anything that might be handy for them to have what they term fun with.

Parents of children that have to use the highway to go to school, should warn them of the dangers that they will encounter and try to impress on them to give the motorist the right-of-way, because most motorists will take it whether they are given it or not.

Another thought that should be stressed at this time is the observance of the stop law when passing stopped school buses.

It is left to the school boards to provide competent drivers of the buses and to see that the vehicles are fit for use, but it is left to the motorist to see that he takes no undue chances when passing school children, whether they are in a bus or walking on the side of the highway.

A little precaution might save much regret later.

DISAPPOINTING REVENUE

Receipts from the sales tax for July were only \$359,000, disappointingly low. Commissioner Maxwell, however, offers an explanation which will be more cheering to those who have built their expectations for a revenue of \$8,000,000 annually from this source by pointing out the difficulties encountered in July, the first month of the experiment, and the circumstances that in the early confusions incident to putting the tax into operation, merchants probably failed to make collections to a maximum. The belief of the commissioner is that August will show a revenue much higher, perhaps as much as \$500,000.

Even at this rate, however, unless the succeeding months show a decided pick-up, the sales tax will not reach its goal of \$8,000,000. The more hopeful side of the picture is that business will so substantially improve that buying will vastly increase and, therefore, revenues from this source notably develop.—Charlotte Observer.

Add to this week's laughs—as blue as a weather-beaten North Carolina license tag.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



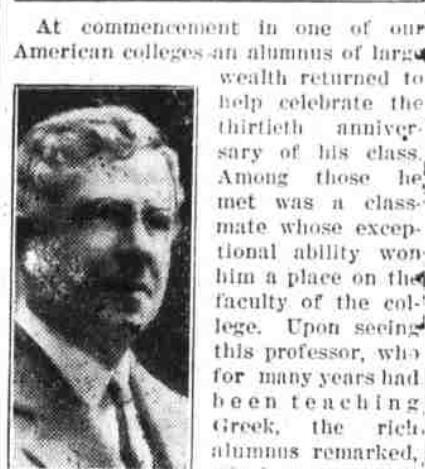
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The Machine Man

By
LEONARD A. BARRETT



At commencement in one of our American colleges an alumnus of large wealth returned to help celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of his class. Among those he met was a classmate whose exceptional ability won him a place on the faculty of the college. Upon seeing this professor, who for many years had been teaching Greek, the rich alumnus remarked, "And are you still teaching Greek?"

The implication being that the time devoted to that task, a rather impracticable one at best, could have been otherwise devoted to a more successful career. The Greek professor thought for a moment, and then replied, "No, I have spent some time teaching young men and women, but I begin with Greek."

In a charity hospital an examination took place in the presence of nurses and internes. The head physician addressed a young girl in a way which caused one of the internes, who could stand the inhuman method of his superior no longer, to exclaim: "See here, are you talking to a dog or a human being?"

The most interesting thing about this experience was not only the nerve of the young interne, but the absolute surprise of the chief of staff. It was a surprise to him that he had been violating any law of common ethics.

An official in a large corporation recently remarked to the writer: "We are looking for a machine in the form of a man to do a certain piece of work."

Much has been written lately in criticism of the machine age. Among the arguments advanced were that the age of machinery has displaced manual labor. Today many a machine displaces from ten to twenty-five men. These men, thrown out of employment, must find work elsewhere, which greatly aggravates the labor problem. Another argument has been that the constant attendance upon a machine enhances the dangers incident to a monotonous and routine type of work, thus destroying all initiative.

One very just criticism, which has received little attention, is the effect upon the man who owns the machine. Is it not true that men are more and more becoming like the machines they control? An indifferent, almost callous attitude toward the human element is a factor which may seriously retard the development of our economic recovery. May this danger be overcome before it is too late.

POTPOURRI

Time Element in Seeing

We do not see anything the exact moment it happens. True, the elapsed time is so short we cannot gauge it. However, light from something that happens requires time to travel first to the front of our eye. Then it must travel back through the eye nerve to the brain and then to its backmost part.

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Father Sage Says
 "Finally, I do not see a to be at hand so warn the people when there is real danger. As hindsight, they come out strong."

Former Mayor Of Mobile Is Pleased With This Country

Is Spending Vacation Here Instead Of Going To World Fair. Likes Waynesville

Mr. Leon Schwarz, former mayor of Mobile, Ala. who is spending his vacation at the Piedmont, stopped in The Mountaineer office Tuesday to express his opinion of this section of the country.

"This is a wonderful country here, and an ideal city," he stated. Mr. Schwarz said that his family was given the choice of either going to the World's Fair or coming here, and they decided on this for their vacation.

During the past few months Mr. Schwarz has taken an active part in promoting the NRA campaign in Mobile. He headed the group of speakers on the subject in his city and the results have been amazing. Young lawyers, very solicited and pressed into service to speak during the campaign and stressed the point of the consumers buying from places of business displaying the Blue Eagle.

While in Waynesville, Mr. Schwarz made a visit to Mayor C. B. Atkinson, the District Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce and The Mountaineer.

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24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of September 17, 1909)

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Love left Monday for Galion, Ohio to attend the wedding of Miss Eda Alsteatter to Mr. Leslie Thom.

Mr. P. L. Turbyfill will soon begin the erection of a dwelling on his lot in front of Mrs. Wyche's.

Ed.—Those who have been rushing through the summer can now stop and remember that the season has passed.

Misses Nina Howell and Marguerite Briggs left Tuesday for Shorter College, Rome, Ga. These young ladies graduated from our graded school last May.

The Waynesville Hardware Company has the dispensary building full of buggies, wagons, stoves and the like. That good old building is now doing good service to make up for its many years of sorry work.

Mr. John M. Queen was granted a license last week by the supreme court to practice law.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

Miss Marie Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kerr, of Canton, was the winner of the capital prize, a five passenger automobile, in the Asheville Citizen contest which closed Saturday.

One of the most delightful events of the social season was the lingerie shower given by Little Miss Helen Horton in honor of Miss Virginia Wilcox, who is a dainty doll belonging to Little Miss Lily Harrold. Recently Miss Fredeika Lewis gave a linen shower and Miss Sarah Francis Ferguson a miscellaneous shower for the popular bride.

Miss Lina Alsteatter left Thursday for an extended visit to relatives in Galion, Ohio.

Mr. Jonathan Woody, of Catawbee, has entered the Waynesville graded school.

Miss Lucile Satterthwait has gone to Sweet Briar, Va., where she will be a student at Sweet Briar Institute.

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The Tailor Bird

A song bird of the Philippines is called the tailor bird because it builds its nest within a large leaf and then sews the leaf edges together for protection. The sewing is done with its narrow bill, using silk or wool thread, or vegetable fiber. It searches unceasingly until the thread product is found.

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