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Since this is National Fire Protection Week, we suggest that the profluent tobacco-chewer be given some recognition.

Four hundred and forty-one years ago today Columbus discovered America.

If he had waited until 1925 we doubt if he would have found us unless he used an airplane—we were all up in the air.

There might not be much gold in these hills, but there is gold in them that hills where apple orchards are planted. Every day large numbers of trucks are seen loading up with the fruit and heading for places that crave good Haywood apples. People who don't like Haywood apples just don't like apples. That's all.

It is no more than we expected to learn that the Haywood County Hospital had again been approved by the Hospital Standardization Conference at its 16th annual meeting in Chicago. The local hospital is recognized as one of the outstanding in the state. For the past several years this institution has been given this honor.

With the completion of the \$12,000 Nurse's Home, we will have here in Haywood County an institution second to none in the South in a community this size.

J. M. MOCK

The death of J. M. Mock last week saddened the entire community. For thirty years Mr. Mock had labored here in the business and social life to make Waynesville a better place to live. He did not devote all his life in making money for himself, however. Much of his life was devoted to the welfare of others.

During the past five years he was chairman of the Red Cross Chapter of this county, and he worked untiringly day in and day out in trying to help those who needed help, and flatly refusing those who did not deserve it. On a number of occasions we have heard him talk to seekers of donations in a way, which would affect them more and do more good than if he had given them the things they wanted. He detested laziness, and would not under any circumstances help those he thought affected with it.

In practically every enterprise that took community cooperation to bring to Waynesville he was one of the first to contribute time and money.

Mr. Mock took an active part in the affairs of his church. He was a Steward of the Methodist church. He was also an active member in a number of lodges.

SOUNDS SCANDALOUS

Society editors the world over always appear eager to describe their brides as beautiful, and all other women parading in their columns as charming. Verily they dip their pens in honey when recounting events of society. They leave the salt and vinegar to other departments of the paper—perhaps to this one.

The gal who outdid all other society editors of all time, and even herself, described a wedding recently. It follows, in part:

"The bride is a woman of wonderful fascination and remarkable attractiveness, for with a manner as enchanting as the wand of a siren and a disposition as sweet as the odors of flowers, and a spirit as joyous as the caroling of birds, and a mind as brilliant as the glittering tresses that adorn the brow of winter, and with a heart as pure as the dewdrops trembling in a wreath of violets, she will make the home of her husband a paradise of enchantment where the heaven-tuned harp of Hyman shall send forth those sweet strains of felicity that thrill the sense with the ecstatic pulsing of rhythmic rapture."—Charlotte News.

CRIME IS EXPENSIVE

Very few weeks pass in Haywood County that there isn't some major crime committed, to say nothing of the smaller ones that nothing is said about until court convenes. There is seldom a day that passes that someone on the streets or at the court house does not make some protest about high taxes.

Some people might not think that there is any connection whatever between the two statements above, but there is. They are interwoven so tightly that it is impossible to separate them. This week we went to the records at the office of the Superior Court and found some figures as to the cost of certain cases that we doubt if many realized were as high as they are. The court officials cannot help the situation.

Going back to July term in 1932 we found that the cost of that term to this county was \$976.04. The November-December term cost \$1,031.85. The following February term, which was the first term of court held here by Judge Felix Alley, cost \$795.83.

The grand total for the last July term was \$1,258.61. Note the increase over a year ago. Some of the outstanding cases tried during the past eighteen months cost the county as follows:

- Carl Howell, manslaughter, \$174.51.
- Sigsbee Parton, second degree, \$111.50.
- Marshall Jenkins, second degree, \$140.55.
- Charlie Rose, murder, \$63.00.
- Charlie Rose, assault, \$97.30.
- Homer Brown, murder, \$110.55.

It is also interesting to note that a number of what the public terms small cases cost as high as \$50 and \$75.

The figures above do not include what the defendants in the case pay their attorneys. The average murder case, we learned, costs the defendant about \$500. The figures shown above as gathered from the office of W. G. Byers, clerk of superior court, is what the taxpayers have to spend on certain cases and regular terms of court.

Crime in Haywood county is expensive to both the taxpayer and the defendant.

Speaking of the cost of crime, the Charlotte Observer said recently:

"The biggest business in America is crime. You thought the automobile industry held that honor and it has for several years topped all the legitimate businesses, but it is only about a third as large as that of crime.

"The annual output of the automobile industry, when it was at its peak, amounted to \$5,000,000,000.

"Two estimates are before us as to the cost of crime. The Manufacturers Record has calculated it at \$11,800,000,000, but the crime commission of the American Bar Association figures it to be nearer \$15,000,000,000.

"If what is expended for crime in this country could be conserved for other purposes for no longer than 18 months, the total debt of America could be wiped out. With that unimaginably colossal sum put back into useful and constructive channels of trade and business, depression would give way to the most bounding period of prosperity on the history of this land."

DEATH RIDES HIGHWAY

Sunday was one of those rare October days. Not too hot, not too cold, a gay breeze to enliven the sombre sun rays, it was a day to be enjoyed in the open. Thousands upon thousands ventured forth in automobiles upon the highways. Some were content to walk or perhaps ride horseback, but mostly those going out did so in automobiles.

Death was also riding the highway Sunday. The grim monster took no note of the fact that it was a great day in which to live, and was assisted by the recklessness or carelessness of hundreds of automobile drivers, who either endangered their own lives or the lives of others. These drivers were in a hurry to get by the fellow ahead, and took chances on a curve or tried to pass on the brow of a hill.

Death must have laughed when the day was ended, for he had claimed a total of ten lives in North Carolina as a result of accidents on the highway. Ten persons who had gone forth to enjoy a wonderful day in the open did not return again.

Ten out of three million people isn't a large proportion, but it is much higher than it ought to be. Not long ago humanitarian Tar Heels were alarmed because fatalities from automobile accidents in North Carolina averaged two a week. That was a hundred a year. Now nothing is thought of the fact that ten are killed in a single day.

Death will continue to ride the highways until such time as public opinion outlaws reckless and careless driving. Of course, it will never be possible to avoid all accidents, but it is possible to decrease the number materially in North Carolina.—Raleigh News and Observer.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



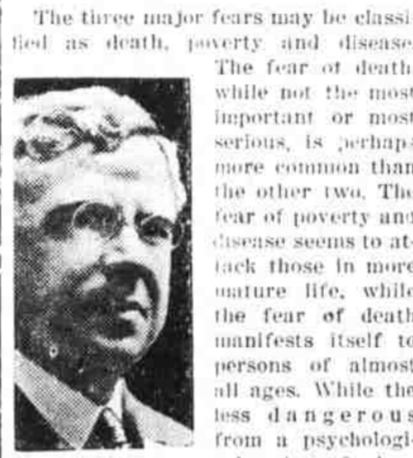
KEEPING VITAMINS - COLD STORAGE DOES NOT AFFECT THE VALUABLE VITAMIN C IN APPLES.

WHITE PELICANS - MOLLY ISLAND, IN YELLOWSTONE PARK, IS THE MOST EASTERN BREEDING GROUND FOR THE WHITE PELICAN.

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The Fear of Death

By LEONARD A. BARRETT



The three major fears may be classified as death, poverty and disease. The fear of death while not the most important or most serious, is perhaps more common than the other two. The fear of poverty and disease seems to attack those in more mature life, while the fear of death manifests itself to persons of almost all ages. While the less dangerous from a psychological point of view, the fear of death is the most terrible. Persons shudder at the thought of it and a superstition still clings to many circumstances connected with the experience. Some persons still believe it is a sign of approaching death for one to see in a mirror the form of a dead person; or, to pass between carriages in a funeral procession is an ill omen.

Much of this fear would doubtless be dispelled if we could only understand just what does happen in the event of death. It is not a case in which, "Who knows what dreams may come," or, a condition of semi-material existence afterward. Death is the most natural experience in the world. Just what happens in all material life, occurs in the physical, when the tissue breaks down. Death occurs when the body ceases to function. When the mind, or soul, passes on, the body is of no more value than its component parts of lime, water, etc., all of which parts, when measured in dollars and cents, is not even worth a dollar, only 25 cents. Strange that we should exult the body when it is of so little value. Place a true value upon the body and one of the causes for fear of death will have been removed.

The fear of death will also be dispelled if we think of it more as a transition than a finality. Death is only the passing of the personality from one state of existence into another. It does not mark the end of things, in truth it is the beginning of a larger and more beautiful life. Immortality is being proved true today, not only by teachers of religion; but, the latest discoveries in the field of science attest the reality of an immortal world. Death cannot destroy those things we love any more than it can destroy love itself. "Love is stronger than death," said the wise man of long ago.

A wonderful journey into a world of spiritual realities seems as though it might be heartily welcomed for those whose race is run. Why fear?

LETTERS to the Editor

The Editor Waynesville Mountaineer: Much has been said relative to the "free for all fight" two weeks ago, but only one side of the affair has been published thus far. I have been asked by the Police Committee of the Board of Aldermen to resign my position with the Police Department for an alleged breach of my duty as a Police Officer.

The true facts concerning my connection or lack of connection with the affair are these: I was in attendance at City Court that afternoon and received a call that there was disorderly conduct on the part of some at the game. My duties at Police Court required that I remain there for some time, but as soon as I was released from the duty as above stated I proceeded to the football

field and was informed that the fight had been over some twenty or thirty minutes. It appears to me that there was discriminating on the part of the persons who reported the affair to the papers, in that out of all the officers who were present on the field, to wit: J. A. Lowe, Sheriff of Haywood County, W. A. Carver, Chief Deputy Sheriff, J. W. Patton, plain cloth officer of Waynesville and J. C. Kerley, Deputy Constable of Waynesville Township, only two officers, Francis Milner and myself were singled out for censure by the school authorities and some of the citizens of Waynesville.

I have not had a hearing before the Police Committee or any other body in authority and as far as I am able to ascertain, there has not been an examination of unbiased witnesses to the affair. I write this letter for the sole purpose of letting the public know that there were two sides to the affair and that the true facts have not been presented to the people through the press. I hope that you will give this letter the same publicity that has been given reports of the affair and heretofore published by your paper. I am

Very truly yours,
 F. H. CALDWELL.
 Waynesville, N. C. Oct. 11, 1933.

Editor, Waynesville Mountaineer:

I have just completed reading your editorial in the Mountaineer of October 5, 1933, under the caption, "Rather Mis-leading." You state that the Charlotte Observer in an editorial refers to the slayers of Mr. Price as "North Carolina Citizens."

Personally I believe that I have grounds to disagree with the Charlotte Observer when they pass judgment and identify the slayers of a man, any man, as citizens of North Carolina or any other place before such a fact has been established and proven in due course of law. In your editorial you attempt to disclaim, if I properly interpret it, the citizenship of the three men and boy now held in jail charged with the murder of Thomas Price. Had these men been non-residents of Haywood county and the State of North Carolina and should they be convicted of the crime for which they stand accused, from my viewpoint, it would be sufficiently early for the newspapers, and particularly our home newspaper, to enter a disclaimer. However, in order to get the record straight, please permit me to say that Dewey, Clarence and Wayne Potter are citizens and residents of Waynesville township, Haywood county, North Carolina and that, as such the former two, being of age, are entitled to

vote, as electors, upon proper registration; in fact they are subject to all the duties, liabilities and privileges of any and other citizens of this township and county and to serve the full consideration extended to any other citizens.

Eireth Ledford is, I understand, a citizen of the State of Georgia. The Potter family has lived in Haywood and adjoining counties since the year 1919. It is not my wish to criticize or in any manner embarrass the press but to the contrary I have tried to cooperate as best I could. However, as their attorney, I do not send insinuations that my clients are all foreigners. Furthermore, matters of this nature, when so discussed, tend, in common parlance, to be one charged of a crime, without benefit of clergy, and due process of the law. All that my clients ask of the public and the press, is such consideration as all citizens are entitled to receive, at the bar of the fellow citizens to wit, "by a fair judgment until they have had their day in court."

Sincerely yours,
 DOYLE D. ALLEY.

October 5, 1933.

THE REAL STORY

The old yarn is misleading. Here's how the trick was done: The hare was pinched for speeding. And so the tortoise won.

JOHN RUSKIN

is credited with saying: "There is hardly anything in this world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man's lawful prey."

Drugs are by no means an exception, for there are as many different grades as there are of any other commodity. That is just another reason why it pays to have your prescriptions filled at ALEXANDER'S where the best ingredients are used regardless of price.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR
 SUPPORT THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD
ALEXANDER'S DRUG STORE
 Phones 53 & 54 Opposite Post Office

25 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of October 15, 1908.) Mrs. J.H. Way spent last week in Charlotte attending the meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Five coaches left here Sunday afternoon for Asheville, all crowded with people for the circus.

In compliance with the law made by our last legislature the county commissioners are arranging to have a clock put in the court house tower. The clock will have four faces, or dials so that it can be seen from every direction and the town has agreed to light it at night. It will strike the hours and half hours.

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick of Andrews was here last week. He is a Haywood county boy and is well known here. Last week his picture appeared in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mr. J. B. Hyatt, who had spent some weeks in the community visiting friends and relatives, returned to Washington yesterday. He came single, but he went away working in double harness.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

(From the file of October 12, 1911.) Miss Wilsie Smathers has a cottage in Atlantic City, New Jersey where she will spend the winter with her mother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smathers.

The baby show at the fair was held last Thursday morning and prizes were awarded as follows:

- First prize Evelyn Underwood.
- Second prize Marshall Mizell.
- Third prize, Wilburn Campbell.
- Prettiest babies under two years: First prize, Allie Wells.
- Second prize, Anna Goslin, M. Dowell.

Third prize, Mary Ashworth Barrow. Prettiest baby under three years: First prize, Tibby Hardin.

Second prize, Mary Low.

As a special compliment for Mr. Mary Boone, who is a bride-elect next week, Thursday afternoon Alice Quinlan entertained with a party at her home on Pigeon street.

Misses Sarah and Margaret Strickfield are entertaining this afternoon with a linen shower in honor of Mr. Mary Boone, whose marriage to Mr. W. W. Blackwell will be an interesting event next week.