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**UP TO THE FARMERS**

The next few weeks will determine whether or not Haywood Farmers will take advantage of their opportunity to co-operate with the TVAC Cannery at Hazelwood, or whether the cannery officials will go to adjoining counties for the crops which they need to can.

It is a serious situation. The TVAC wants 700 acres for the coming year, which will mean between \$15,000 and \$20,000 paid in cash to Haywood farmers, but unless a more co-operative spirit is shown on the part of farmers, it will be necessary that the crops be brought in from other places.

Last year the cannery got underway after most crops had been planted; but plenty of time is being allowed this year and farmers will not have any excuse for not doing their part.

It is a known fact that five other communities are fighting hard to get the cannery that is now located at Hazelwood, and it is also a known fact that TVAC will not waste time in any community where co-operation is not received.

As far as can be learned authoritatively, the business men of the county are doing their part in assisting the TVAC officials, but the farmers, whom the whole project was set up for, seem to be falling down on the job.

**MORE PATROLMEN NEEDED**

Since the number of deaths by accidents on the highways of North Carolina is steadily increasing a number of suggestions have been made which would tend to cut down on the number of deaths.

One recent suggestion was that the manufacturers of cars should hold the speed of the cars down to 45 miles an hour.

Just off hand that suggestion might sound reasonable, but it won't work. Just to cut down on speed would not assure careful, sober drivers; and a drunken driver under the wheel of a car going 20 miles an hour is more dangerous than a sober driver going 60 miles an hour.

We maintain that the solution to the whole problem is not to change the cars, but to maintain an efficient force of highway patrolmen that would show those inclined to speed or drive while drunk that the jail is the place for such persons, and not state highways. Our present force of highway patrolmen is by far too small to be as effective as it should.

**A GOOD INVESTMENT**

The bill that is now pending in the legislature to supplement the salary of school bus drivers in order that adults may be employed, is one of the most essential needs of the county today.

It seems that for a few dollars saved the state school officials have put a low price on the lives of school children by insisting that students drive the school busses, because they can do it cheaper.

The school board officials are to be congratulated for stepping out and asking for the power to spend a few more dollars with which to protect the school children.

**MORE PRESSURE NEEDED**

It seems that the nearer we approach the summer season the more the sidewalks are covered with tobacco juice.

Just why it is that the tobacco chewers haven't the extra force to get the juice to the curb is beyond us. Perhaps what they need is to learn the old method of spitting through their fingers, which would give the added pressure to get the juice in the street.

**THE COST OF LICENSE TAGS**

Of the hundreds of bills that will be introduced in the General Assembly this year, we believe that the one reducing the cost of license tags will be of more interest to the majority of people than any other.

Just what the legislature intends doing about it is not exactly known, but it is hardly probable that a drastic reduction will be made; and in the event that no reduction is made the people should realize now just what that will mean to them.

If the price of tags are kept the same it will mean that approximately \$500,000 will be spent on road construction in Haywood county within the next year, whereas if the tag price is reduced there will be no road construction, and the motorists will have saved only about \$5,000.

In the smaller counties it is the plan of the highway commission to spend as much as \$200,000 for roads provided the price of tags remains the same. The savings to motorists in the same county would only be \$2,000.

Frank W. Miller, member of the state highway commission, told this paper that it was now taking ten millions each year for the payment of bonds and interest and another like amount for maintenance of prison camps and road maintenance. The three and a half million of the twenty three and a half million which is the highway commission's income, is for the greater part derived from license tags, and if this be cut off all road construction will stop, and the offer of the Federal government to put up a dollar for each dollar the state puts up for road construction will also be lost.

In other words, to reduce the present price of tags will do away with a seven million dollar road construction program and automatically turn down a three and a half million offer from the Federal government.

This would hurt the smaller counties worse than the larger ones because the larger counties already have ample highway facilities, and the larger counties are fighting for a cut in license tags because they are not willing to help pay for roads in the small counties, although the small counties helped pay for the roads that counties like Wayne, Forsythe and others are now enjoying.

We can't get a cut in license tags and also have the roads built that are essential to this area adjoining the park, and certainly there is no one who would be willing for this area to go undeveloped in the way of roads.

**A GAME THAT IS MORE THAN A GAME**

Scouting was devised as a game and is carried out in the spirit of a game, something that every boy enjoys with all his heart and is attracted to from the minute he looks into it. But it is much more than a game. Underneath its program of knot tying and signaling and first aid and nature study and camping and hiking are character values of sterling worth. Thoroughness, trustworthiness, resourcefulness, courage, keen observation, habits of good health, the practice of helpfulness and courtesy to others under all conditions, the self-confidence that is not arrogant but knows that it knows, knows that it can—these are fundamentals of Scouting.

With its February birthday, Scouting in America celebrates its Silver Anniversary, a record of a quarter century of amazing progress of significant social values, of character training not by abstract teaching, but by actual life experience. During these twenty-five years 6,530,330 boys have grown up under the aegis of Scouting, in all its branches. Many of them are now full-fledged citizens playing their part in the great game of adult living, playing it as they played Scouting, loyally, finely, helpfully, responsibly, cheerfully. America is the better for them and should pause and remember now and then during this 1935 Silver Jubilee of the Boy Scouts of America, that Scouting and Boy Scouts are things to be thoroughly jubilant over, to be proud of and grateful to and for.

• Most anybody is ready to economize in 1937.

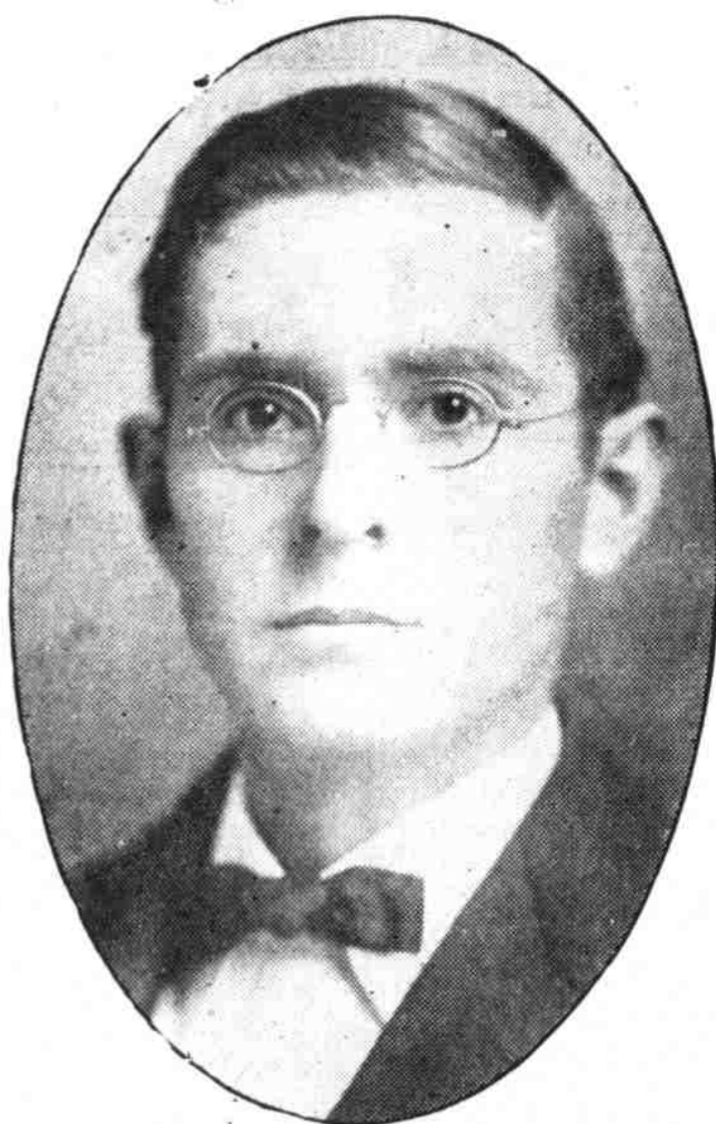
Looking ahead is all right but there is such a thing as looking so far ahead as to miss seeing what is here today.

Now that 1935 is underway it might pay the individual to carry out the good resolutions that were made for 1934.

Farmers may not have raised as much crops in 1934 as before but they got more money and that is what they need most of all.

Correct this sentence: "I simply refuse to borrow my neighbor's newspaper; it is my pleasure to pay my own subscription and support the publisher."

**Looking Back Over The Years**



The young looking man above was solicitor of this district when the above picture was made—some 20 years ago. Today he is Judge, of the Superior Court of this state. He is none other than Judge Felix E. Alley.

**Odd Bibles**

A Bible in a leather library is printed on palm leaves; another in the Vatican library weighs a quarter of a ton; while in the Bodleian library, Oxford, is a Bible so tiny that it fits comfortably inside a walnut shell.

**Save U. S. Dimes**

It is reported that only 24 dimes of the present type were minted by the U. S. Mint in 1891, making them extremely rare.

**Random SIDE GLANCES**

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Well, it is court week again, and anything can happen, or almost anything is liable to happen, at any moment.

Since the recent cold spell there was more sneezing and coughing than usual, but the average court crowd didn't seem to mind that one bit.

Tuesday afternoon there was a group of five men in the hall of the courthouse and one was ever making the rest of them a show of sneezes without even turning his head. The others didn't seem to mind, but why should he?

And of all the cases ever tried in court here, the one involving a man and a woman from Canton on Tuesday took all prizes. The case wasn't exactly a reproduction of a Sunday School play, yet there were several preachers in the audience, and a good portion of girls and women.

A mysterious whiskey bottle got one person who was supposed to play an important role in the case in a jam. It seems, so she said through lawyers, that she was trying to pass it to the lawyer's table when it fell to the floor. Anyway, it was almost dry when it reached the table.

So much for court. But I bet there won't be one-half as many at Sunday School Sunday as heard that trial. Wanta bet?

Tuesday noon while nosing around for news, Ben Sloan, Waynesville's newest papa, invited me up to see his three-day-old daughter. You remember Mrs. Sloan was former society editor of this paper, and it was her duty to use all those adjectives such as charming, lovely, divine, gorgeous and all the other. Well, this much can be said, every adjective she ever used in describing parties and brides on the society page of this paper can truthfully be used in describing her daughter. That's that.

And as for Papa Sloan he's still facing the cold weather winds without a hat. (I learned that an eight and a half hat has been ordered for him.)

Two visitors went out in the Cataloochee section recently and met an old farmer who looked as if he had missed the greater part of the necessities of life, so one of the visitors said: "Say, stranger, you folks out here don't have the necessities of life, do you?" The Cataloochee man said: "Well, I don't reckon we does, and when we get it the stuff ain't fit to drink."

Two men were discussing a third man who is generally known as a hot air artist. The first man said: "Why if that man even ate steak he would be a cannibal."

Solicitor John Queen has about as much wit as anyone. He referred to a couple kissing as swapping slobber.

**Number of Countries**  
The Statesman's Year Book lists 69 different countries, taking the British Empire as one, France, with her colonies, as one, etc. The largest (next to the British Empire) is Soviet Russia, 8,144,228 square miles; the smallest, the See and Church of Rome, 103.7 acres, and Monaco, 370 acres.

**24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD**

(From the file of February 7, 1911)  
Mr. Harold Johnson was here on business. Messrs. Weaver, Waldo McCracken, day from Crabtree. Mrs. E. M. Bearden arrived on Tuesday house guest of Mrs. Messrs. J. C. W. and S. Bohannon. Sale in Canton on Miss Roberta Haywood Monday, returning noon.

Mr. Virge Mc... day from Canton on business.

Mr. Clarence M... tanburg, S. C. on business. Miss Dorothy H... went Saturday in Wayne.

Mr. James W. Reed and wife went to Spartanburg to spend a few days on relatives.

Miss Carrie Sue Adams given on Saturday afternoon of Mrs. E. M. Bearden of this afternoon with an honor of her sister Mrs. E. M. Bearden of Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Nancy Killian was a hostess to the members of Wednesday Bridge Club. She assisted in receiving Mrs. E. M. Bearden and Mrs. E. M. Bearden and Mrs. E. M. Bearden.

Mrs. E. I. Burn has stock of milliner from Mrs. Clark and is having the rear of Mr. Burn's lot. Mrs. Burn will leave about the 15th of February for New York to purchase her spring stock of goods.

A study circle was organized Sunday night at the M. E. Church South at Clyde by electing G. F. Fish president, Miss Alice and G. F. Rogers vice president.

The friends of Hon. Felix Alley proud of the way he is performing the duties of his office as judge. He is business like and dignified and candid in the presentation of the cases and is not afraid to stand up for the dignity of the office.

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