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DETERMINED TO CLEAN THINGS UP

If the officials of the Chamber of Commerce and the Waynesville Board of Aldermen have their way about things, the visitors who will come here this summer will find a spic and span little city, with flowers growing where weeds have formerly grown.

Where dirty, unkept buildings have been taking away from the beauty of the town, there will be a newly painted front and clean windows, if they have their way.

Not only that, but a number of buildings will be torn away, they say, and every detail for beautifying the town will be looked after.

We know of no better program that will be worth more to the community at large than to do away with no-uses that visitors see while enjoying a vacation.

It is needless to say that not only should the town be cleaned up, but there is plenty of room for improvement in the rural sections. A clean, well-kept farm looks prosperous and shows that laziness is not tolerated. A clean place is the best boost a town or farm can have, and the cost is so small as compared with the benefits, that it is foolish to even believe we can get by without being somewhat half-way tidy.

We are glad to see the Chamber of Commerce and the town board unite in an effort to clean things up, and believe that they will stop at nothing short of seeing it through.

NATIVE MUSIC AND SONGS COULD BE POPULAR

We might be wrong, but someone has an opportunity to make some easy money this season if they handle a needed situation correctly. Throughout the country this section is known for its native string music, and mountain ballads. Visitors coming here naturally expect to hear and see a typical mountaineer band.

For the past two years, at intervals, there has been staged here a series of dances for which the native musicians played. Some of the dances were successful, and some were not.

We don't feel that to stage just dances only with string music would pay—neither do we feel that every time there is an exhibition of native mountain music that there should be a dance. There are many people who would enjoy the ballads and music who would not attend a dance. So it seems that if some program could be arranged whereby all types of people could be pleased at some time during the week that one event would tend to help the other.

KISSING THE BIBLE IN OATHS

Senate Bill No. 268 which would eliminate the requirement that the Holy Gospels be kissed when oath is taken should pass. It is all right for people to love their Bibles to the point of kissing them at home. Moreover, it is all right to require people to place their hands on the Bible when taking the oath. But requiring a person to kiss the book is unsanitary and useless. If it meant the miscarriage of justice to the point of sacrificing life, we might favor kissing a book that had just been pressed against cancerous or otherwise diseased or filthy lips, but such is not the case. The act of kissing the book in no wise makes an oath more binding. Let this antiquated requirement be repealed.—Marshall News-Record.

OPEN AGAIN FOR BUSINESS

For the benefit of those who have not been in the post office since last week, we might add that the two service windows that were closed by an inspector last Monday week were opened wide on Friday.

No explanation was given for the closing, and the same statement for the re-opening. But the post office patrons are smiling again.

A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

Within a few weeks the schools of this county will begin closing, and according to Jack Messer, superintendent of the schools, this will mark one of the most successful years in the history of the schools.

Epidemics have been at the lowest ebb in years. Schools have not had to close this year on account of epidemics, and the general health of the students has been above the average.

Credit for this is due to a large degree to the special efforts of the Health Department in keeping a close check-up on the students and the sanitary conditions throughout the county.

Another feature about the schools that has met with hearty approval by teachers, parents and students was the installation of lunch rooms in many of the schools. The communities have in many instances united in seeing that the lunch rooms are provided. Where a check has been made it was found that the students did better work after receiving hot nourishing food than before.

A few years ago to have even suggested a lunch room in a school would have horrified even the most modern advocate of education, but today it has been found to be essential, and well worth while.

What few communities remain without the lunch rooms are becoming aware of the fact that to round out a school-year successfully it is almost necessary to have a lunch room.

HOW OLD IS OLD?

Planners of security legislation in Washington propose 65 as the minimum age at which a person will be eligible for a pension. But a man may be too old for employment before he is old enough to get an old-age pension.

Upton G. Wilson points out in The Reidsville Review that a man there qualified in every particular for a job as farm census enumerator. Then it turned out that he was over 60 years old and the government turned him down because of his age.

Recent studies have shown that even in the best years of the past decade in the industrial cities more men over 45 lost jobs than could find jobs. Such workers, dismissed because of age, made a considerable element of the return to the land.

How old is old? Mortality statistics indicate that science has been able to extend the life expectancy of man but employment figures seem to indicate that there is less and less employment for these longer-living men.

There is a problem certainly for farmers of security legislation in the fact that economically men grow old and useless much more quickly in these times when men live longer and longer.

If there is going to be true security for the old, the employers and the pensioners must come closer together in determining how old a man must be to be old.—Raleigh News and Observer.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE VERY IMPORTANT

There are thirteen important reasons for accurate registrations of births for there is hardly a relation of life, social, legal or economic, in which the evidence of birth may not prove to be of great value, to the individual and to the public at large. It is an act of civilization and good business to register birth certificates.

Some of these reasons are the basis for the "Register Your Baby" campaign, which is to be conducted in North Carolina during the next few weeks by the United States Bureau of the Census, through the State Board of Health and with the aid of the State emergency relief administration.

The 13 major advantages of accurate birth registration follows:

- As evidence to prove the age and legitimacy of heirs.
- As proof of age to determine the validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.
- As evidence to establish age and proof of citizenship and descent in order to vote.
- As evidence to establish the right to admission to the professions and to many public offices.
- As evidence of legal age to marry.
- As evidence to prove the claims of widows and orphans under the widows and orphans' pension law.
- As evidence to determine the liability of parents for the debts of a minor.
- As evidence in the administration of estates, the settlement of insurance and pensions.
- As evidence in the enforcement of law relating to education and to child labor.
- As evidence to determine the relations of guardians and wards.
- As proof of citizenship in order to obtain a passport.
- As evidence in the claim for exemption from the right to jury and military service.

If you are a parent you should cooperate in the campaign by giving such information as the State may request.—Morganton News-Herald.

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

My chief weakness is putting my hat in the vacant chair by my desk when I come in, but I am almost broken of the habit, as last week no less than seven times was my "lid" sat upon.

And speaking of hats, I saw one take to the air Monday morning during the "young gale." The lid had seen several years service, and was owned by a Cove Creek farmer.

—And it is this time of the year that some men really enjoy the wind—especially at two corners in town where the wind sweeps around briskly and causes more than one lady a day to blush. (It is easy to determine where those corners are by the crowd of idle men nearby.)

A certain young business man in this city is cultivating a crop of hair on his upper lip . . . and if it doesn't go to seed or shed with a week its going to look rather becoming . . . since he is tall and has dark hair.

Had it ever occurred to you that the water here is better suited for making liquor than water in other parts of the state? And what a lot of water is being used.

I wonder if some girls go to church to worship or just to fix their hair. There is one particular young girl here whom I would like to see get cramps in her arms some Sunday . . . she is for ever fooling with her hair, and gives me the jimmies.

If Sam Jones hasn't anything good to say about a person he keeps quiet . . . and he is about the most optimistic person I know of . . .

Last week I was digging away in the yard preparing a plot for flowers, when a certain young business man passed by and yelled "olegan dan bait." Now wasn't that a stunner on working man . . . ye, there are plenty of people who appear to be working in the garden with their fingers in their eyes.

About the worst crack I've had made at me was by a clerk in a department store. When I was in the store, I merely inquired how business was, and he said: "Why don't you look in your own case register."

A group was discussing a certain county official in an office in the court house. They were simply giving the man a good time, when in walked the person whom they were talking about, and were their faces red . . .

If the windows at the post office had not been opened Friday, Postmaster Howell would have received on Saturday a letter from a certain individual here offering to rent the general delivery corner for a peanut stand. Since the windows were opened the letter was torn up . . . but it was a corking good letter . . . and the only way I got to read it was on the promise of not telling about it . . . but since things "opened up" I got permission to mention it without any names attached.

I hadn't thought of the peanut stand, but had in mind an antique shop . . . you see the "sleepy" background of the closed windows would have been very appropriate.

Why is it that some people like to strut behind the wheel of a car? . . . some people don't ever look stuck-up until they begin driving . . . and especially if their car has just been polished.

I'll bet Tom J. Cathey, county auditor, can make a campaign speech that will shake the rafters of any building—that is if he would talk like he does in his office sometimes. He certainly uses force, but I always enjoy it.

I've a sneaking idea that Edwin Haynes could make a professional tap-dancer if he tried . . . did you ever see him go up stairs?

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the files of March 10, 1911.)  
Miss Lida and Miss Wilsie Smathers spent Sunday on Jonathan's Creek.  
Mr. Roy Platt visited friends here this week.  
Mr. L. A. Miller of Canton was here on business Monday.  
Mr. Will Thomas of Whittier spent several days in town this week.  
Mr. Homer Cagle of Clyde was here on business Tuesday.  
Mr. Arthur Osborne of Pigeon spent Monday and Tuesday in town.  
Hon. W. T. Lee arrived this week from Raleigh and will spend two weeks in town with his family.  
Mr. Theodore McCracken returned Tuesday from a short stay in Asheville.  
Mr. James Palmer of Cataloochee spent Monday in town on business.  
Miss Adora Smathers will leave this week for a two weeks visit to friends in Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Clyde H. Ray can furnish your house complete. Everything carried

in stock.  
Mr. Waldo McCracken of Crabtree was among our visitors during the week.  
Elaborate, magnificent and superb are the programs and invitations that can be furnished from this office.

Mrs. Henry Morris arrived Wednesday from Greensboro to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. McCracken.  
Mrs. D. M. Kilian returned Sunday from an extended visit to Waynesboro, Ga. and Spartanburg, S. C.



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(Signed) MRS. ROSS KELLEY



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