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THE SALES WE'VE MISSED

There would have been at least two sales made in the state last summer if Waynesville had not been for 48 buildings.

The statement is not surprising. It is a fact that the paper and the president of the Chamber of Commerce received from two different parts of the past week letters stating that they had wanted to buy in this town but cancelled their orders because of the unsightly buildings.

The letter to this paper, read in part: "I looked in today's paper that your little town was trying to clean up and take down some of the eyesore half tumbled down shacks. I'm glad of that. I wanted to buy some land on street near Mr. [redacted], but I couldn't stand the sight of two old shacks so near it. I hope they are down by now."

The above letter seems to be proof enough that for business reasons the campaign to remove old buildings that are no longer suitable for use should come down. If property is to be sold today it must be attractive. There is no sale for property for speculation. The properties that are sold today are for improvement purposes, and no one is willing to make improvements amid a group of old obsolete houses and buildings.

The program of removing old houses and buildings does not only apply to the towns, if new farmers are to sell their property they must make it attractive.

There is no need of waiting until winter to begin tearing down some of these old places in the hope of making a sale. We should do it now.

Impetuous buyers are not going to buy with the hope of having the "eyesores" removed. They will wait until they are removed before buying.

IMMENSITY OF DUST STORMS

If you have wondered just how much earth was moved in the recent western dust storm, you might be interested in the estimate submitted by A. F. Turner, of Kansas State College.

Mr. Turner says that if a 96-mile line of 1 1/2-ton trucks could be put to work hauling 10 loads apiece daily, it would take them a year to haul back to western Kansas the dirt that was blown over to the eastern half of the state. Altogether, he says, there would be 46,500,000 truckloads to be moved.

Putting the thing in that form helps us to realize the terrible destructiveness of the storm. You don't need to use your imagination very hard to understand that a lot of good farm land must have been ruined to provide those 46,500,000 truckloads of dust.—Ex.

THREE TUNNELS FOR THIS SECTION

Highway officials have stated that definite plans have been worked out for three tunnels on the route from Soco Gap to Cherokee. One of the tunnels will be seven hundred feet long and the others about three hundred feet.

We have always felt that tunnels in the mountains gave an added thrill to visitors, and the popularity of the Soco Gap-Cherokee road will be increased by the tunnels.

It is because we have a section of the country here that is so different from other parts of the world that it is rapidly becoming the playground of Eastern America, and everything we can do to develop this section will mean more to all of us in the end.

And while we are developing this section we should bear in mind the program of the government which is to keep things as natural as possible, and get away from anything artificial.

FORGETTING TO KEEP THE THREAT

In a letter to the editor this week, George A. Brown, Sr., a former farmer of this county, makes the suggestion that the relief rolls could be reduced if the people were given the opportunity to rent land and grow the food stuffs that would keep the family through the winter.

There is little use of going into detail on a matter like that. It has been suggested before, and even the threat made that relief would not be given to anyone that did not grow a garden. Perhaps in some instances the threats were carried out.

It seems that right now would be a splendid time to renew the threat and this time keep it. And as Mr. Brown said, if something isn't done this year, we will find ourselves in worse condition next year. And that statement is undeniable.

GIVING COMPETITORS A BREAK

Western North Carolina has now enough competition in the tourist business, and we fear that if the General Assembly passes the bill which would place a three per cent tax on hotels that it would serve as too great a talking point and other states would get our present tourist trade.

Protest after protest has been sent to the members of the legislature from this section against such a measure.

THE WAY OF SOME PEOPLE

This week we listened at length to a man tell how he would run this county and state if he were at the wheel. He went into detail of how he would stop this expenditure, and the other one. He would soon have a balance in the treasury instead of a deficit.

He was running over with enthusiasm, but not with facts. On the surface it sounded fine, but it would have been almost impossible to have worked but the problems of this county and state according to his way of thinking, and the reason we say impossible was because, right then while he was talking to us, he was dodging a bill collector.

He could run our county and state to perfection, but he wasn't capable of taking care of his own business which amounted to less than \$2,500 a year.

After all was said and done, we had been kept from work for thirty minutes, and had definite proof that he knew less than we had formerly thought he did.

DO MANY OF THEM REALLY WANT TO WORK?

The Cleveland Star relates a story vouched for by one who really knows and who says it actually happened in a city of about 40,000 people not far from Shelby.

The colored cook in the home of a young lady secretary quit her job. Another was needed, and she telephoned her lady friend in charge of the unemployment relief office to send up a good cook. "Yes, we have plenty of colored cooks and I will send you one," she said. The day went by and none came. The secretary telephoned again to the relief office and learned that one had been sent but she did not report. For two days the secretary kept in touch with the office and each time the unemployment office secretary reported that cooks had been sent. And they had, seven of them at different times, but not one of the seven reported for the job. Finally, in desperation the young lady in charge of the relief office picked the eighth cook and accompanied her to the secretary's office where the job was bargained for. To make sure the eighth negro on relief would report, the young secretary gave her street car fare, specific instructions as to how to reach her home a few blocks away and telephoned mother: "I have a cook at last. She's coming on the next car, look out for her." The eighth cook failed to report.

"What is the lesson?" asks the Star. All of them were on relief. They were being cared for without work. Should they accept a job their names would be marked off the roll.

And so it goes. It presents a problem to Uncle Sam and the taxpayer. Thousands are refusing work to keep on relief. Will social workers not report these abuses for fear relief will be suspended and they will lose their own jobs?—Morganton News-Herald.

GETTING READY TO GO

Tuesday night, April sixteenth, has been set as the date for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The announcement is being made two weeks in advance in order that no conflicting affair will be planned for that date. It is important to the entire community that a large attendance be had at the banquet. Definite plans for the coming season will be presented to the community and the actual "Forward With Waynesville Movement" will begin.

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

It certainly looks as if I'm being put on the spot. With Uncle Abe and The Rambler scolding around picking up the bits of news that I have used to get on. Perhaps they think I'll resort to the key-hole method of getting news.

For several weeks I have been trying to induce Joe Limer to fill this column for me for a couple of weeks on "The Early Morning Happenings in Waynesville." You see, Joe delivers papers while half of the town sleeps and the other half is in bed. If Joe would only tell what he sees it would make interesting reading.

Heard of a preacher the other day who said that some preachers painted new in such a way that it wasn't even a good case word any longer.

—and a certain scientist once made the remark that if hell was hotter than the roof of a house in August that it would be useless to sell him shoes at the first building stand in.

Speaking of hell and hot places makes me think of Fire Chief S. H. Stephens who says that some of the things that are impossible to believe are the things that are true. Fire Prevention Week is going on this year, the national fire week.

Last Friday morning after shaking up the trash in a letter from Frank Ammons in Miami, and I almost imagined I got a wind of balmy weather out of the envelope.

There's a certain smell about a country grocery store that whets my appetite each now.

Waynesville has a policeman now.

Will Walter policeman at Hazelwood, has a joking good joke about buying cats and get the facts from him.

Way is it that old men can't talk five minutes without telling their age? ... and usually it's a year or two more ... while a woman goes the other way.

The story is told that the late Rev. R. A. Sentelle was unable to sleep for a week after one of his grandchildren had asked him whether he slept with his beard on the outside or inside of the cover.

Oscar L. Briggs explained how he finds water pipes under the pavements. It works by a battery and a pair of ear phones, and as long as you are away from the pipe there is a hum in the machine, and when directly over it all is silent ... and Oscar says it never lies.

A "dry" brought in the following bit of information ... to tell the truth the figures seem exaggerated, but maybe he knows ... anyway, he says that in the good old days, when liquor was made from corn instead of 400-ye and manure, that: The farmer got \$25.00, The United States got 4.40, The railroad got 1.00, The manufacturer got 3.70, The drayman got .15, The retailer got 1.00, The consumer got 1.00, The wife got 1.00, The children got 1.00, ragged.

Have you ever noticed that when speaking to someone if you call their name that over in turn will mention yours? Try it.

An interesting thing to do in church when the sermon is dull, is to look at the title of the hymns and read one right after the other ... many times they make sense, but more often will cause you to almost laugh out loud.

When a group gets to the point where the conversation is largely, merely mention some peculiar name or names, and right off the bat things will begin to hum ... for instance, in Hendersonville there are doctors by the name of Sample, Carpenter, Payne, Cliff, Bracket, Drafts, and two Browns ... now for more fun try and arrange the names into one sentence. ... A carpenter stood on a town cliff in a draft trying to fix a bracket; he took cold and a Payne struck him on the chest, which he found out later was not just a sample.

Primitive Trade Extensive Discoveries of archeologists show that primitive man carried on extensive trade operations.

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24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

From the files of March 31, 1911.

Mr. Ott Hampton of Canton was here on business Thursday.

Mr. Charles Knight spent several days at home this week.

Mrs. Riley Ferguson was here from Crabtree Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Ferguson visited friends at Clyde on Monday.

Mr. Waldo McCracken of Crabtree spent Monday in town on business.

Mrs. Fannie Bean will go to Clyde on Saturday for a short stay.

Master Walter Knox went to Asheville on Monday to see Buster Brown.

Mr. Weaver McLaughlin of Crabtree spent several days in town this week.

Mrs. Fannie Burr Howell, spent the weekend at her home on Jonathan's Creek.

Mr. D. M. Cagle of Clyde was a business visitor to Waynesville on Wednesday.

Captain W. J. Hannah went to Clyde on Wednesday for a short stay.

Mrs. Harry Rotha, Miss Ruth Amott, Virginia Rotha and Mr. Joe Graves attended the Buster Brown performance given at the Grand Opera house in Asheville.

The Woman's Literary Club will meet Thursday, April, the club with Miss Lillie Satterthwaite.

Miss Sarah Stringfield was hostess to the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. James E. Carraway entertained informally at bridge on Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. McKinney, the house guest of Miss Jean DeWoods.

Friends of Miss Josephine Guimer will be interested to know that she is progressing nicely with her work culture in New York City. Miss Guimer is to sing this week at a concert given at the Plaza Hotel.

The local lodge of the Royal Aquantum announces through Mr. E. P. Martin, regent, that there will be a prize drawing and plenty of fun at the meeting on Monday night.

The Haywood County Singing Convention will meet at Bellwood Saturday, April 6th, at 9:30 a. m. The chorists that have already registered are: Bellwood, Ratcliff Cove, Tinkety, Hyder Mountain, Maggie, Waynesville, and Clyde. Beavertam, Cove Creek and Balsam will probably sing also.

Yesterday was a typical day of twenty-five years ago in March, but seemed unusual for these latter years when spring and summer mingle with winter, and peach trees bloom in January and February. It would be difficult to estimate the snow as it melted as rapidly as it fell. On the mountains the snow has been seen for two or three days.

LETTERS to the Editor

MAKE THEM SELF-SUPPORTING Editor The Mountaineer:

Seeing so many people come in for relief at the office here has caused me to seriously think of our situation. I think now is the time for our people to get busy and begin to

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