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A SYMPATHETIC COMMUNITY

It was clearly demonstrated last week that this community is truly a most sympathetic one, when they opened their pocketbooks and contributed \$250.00 to the Red Cross for flood and storm sufferers.

On Friday afternoon the members of the Rotary Club made a canvass of the community and received \$200. This has been forwarded to Red Cross headquarters.

Never before in the history of this nation, has major disasters been so frequent as in the past six months. Snow storms, blizzards, and wind made it the worst winter in years. And as spring approached, the rivers and streams rose and did untold damage—taking life as well as destroying property.

And while the floods were still raging, the south was stricken with tornadoes, with North Carolina getting a part of one.

On every hand—and at present rather close home—we find communities in destitute circumstances, and we feel that the liberality with which the people of this community have contributed to these sufferers expresses their willingness to help.

Thus far this community has been most fortunate in never having to call for help.

THE DRIVERS' LICENSE LAW

A total of 2,300 automobile drivers' licenses have been revoked since the law went into effect, according to an announcement from Raleigh recently.

The majority of those having their licenses revoked were charged with driving while under the influence of liquor. About 600 were charged with reckless driving.

The effectiveness of the drivers' license law will be determined when the officers and courts strictly enforce that part of giving the defendant the maximum sentence when caught driving after having had his license revoked.

WRANGLING COUNTIES

It is quite interesting to stand by and watch, or perhaps we should have said listen, instead of watch, the wrangling of Mitchell, Yancey and Avery Counties with Asheville over the proposed state road to the top of Mt. Mitchell.

The three counties are claiming that Asheville has shown a selfish attitude towards the matter, while Asheville comes back with the fact that more money has been spent in the three counties per capita for roads in the past few years than has been spent in Buncombe.

Such controversies as this one never settle a question. The ultimate result will probably be a break in friendship between the counties involved, and no material gain made for either.

NOBODY KNOWS

Nobody knows about money, and everybody knows that nobody knows anything about it. And that is about all anybody knows about money. Arthur Brisbane has this to say about it, but knows that he doesn't know anything about the coin of the realm:

"There is plenty of money in this country, billions of it, Jesse H. Jones will tell you, but it is not circulating.

"You know the strange, perhaps true story of a man who unknowingly passed a counterfeit \$10 bill. It went through the hands of 10 individuals, paid for \$100 worth of goods, and came back to the man who originally passed it. He identified it and destroyed it.

"One hundred dollars worth of debts had been paid, nobody was any the worse. Money is a queer thing."—Ex.

NORTH CAROLINA'S INCOME

In the current issue of the University News Letter, a very interesting tabulation is shown as to the sources of revenue received by the state of North Carolina, and a similar tabulation regarding the expenditures.

North Carolina's total revenues for 1935 totaled \$50,983,000. The wages were as follows:

Income tax	\$ 7,482,000	14.7%
Gasoline tax	17,334,000	34.0%
Automobile licenses	7,643,000	15.0%
Franchise taxes	6,681,000	13.1%
Non-tax revenue	1,594,000	3.1%
Privilege licenses	1,728,000	3.4%
Inheritance taxes	502,000	1.0%
Sales tax	7,654,000	15.0%
Beer tax	365,000	0.7%
Total	\$50,983,000	100.0%

Expenditures

Debt service	\$14,053,000	27.6%
Highway maintenance	9,426,000	18.5%
Social welfare	1,486,000	2.9%
Legislative, executive, administrative and judicial	2,193,000	4.3%
Higher educational institutions	1,303,000	2.5%
Public schools	16,665,000	32.7%
Pensions	626,000	1.2%
Highway construction	190,000	0.4%
Surplus	5,041,000	9.9%

These figures in comparison with those of other years show quite a bit of difference. In 1924 the total of all state revenue was \$16,500,000. In 1929 it was practically doubled for \$32,700,000. No surplus was had in either 1924 or 1929—there being about a million dollar deficit in 1924 and a deficit of \$117,000 in 1929.

The combination of sales and beer tax accounted for about one million dollars in 1935.

IS IT TO LAUGH?

This incident is related:

A business man of limited means, so limited that he was unable to indulge in wholesale philanthropies, became interested some months ago in a German boy of 20 who sorely needed work.

He paid for an advertisement in a farm paper offering the services of the boy for \$10 a month for living expenses and a home.

He received 300 offers of jobs for the German.

Then having placed this friend, he thought so well of the idea that he began going from one relief agency to another trying to find men on the dole who would take the other 299 jobs available.

Eventually he gave it up when not a single man on relief would agree to take such work.

The gentleman said that some of the relief authorities joined in with those on the dole in laughing at such a proposition.

And, come to think about it, it is funny if patriots can laugh at incidents like that!—Charlotte Observer.

ADVANTAGES OF FARM LIFE

Even if it weren't worth a very great deal to be in any vocation which you really like, I wonder if you've ever had pointed out these inherent advantages of rural life as listed by Dr. O. E. Baker, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture:—

1. A farmer has more and better food to eat than have most people in cities.
2. He has better health and lives longer.
3. He accumulates more property than the average city resident.
4. He is more likely to enjoy his work than are most city people.
5. He is likely to enjoy a better family life.

Dr. Baker's statements are all backed by the actual facts. He says that young people who reach the age of 17 are likely to live three to five years longer in the country than in the city. Also from the money standpoint, though you may not believe it, the states with the highest average or per capita wealth are all dominantly agricultural states.

There are other decided advantages that should not be overlooked:—

1. Fundamentally, the country is more beautiful than the city. The artistic and esthetic value of the rural panorama—tree and plant and bird and insect and ever changing sky—is incalculable.
2. The country is more conducive to clear thinking and to leisurely living than city. Life in the city is always geared to high speed.
3. The country offers wider opportunities for recreation than the city, if the advantages are utilized. If, however, any girl or boy is so minded that social advantages can never mean anything but those that must be purchased, such as movies, flashy parties, or commercialized sports, he or she will probably never be satisfied on a farm.—Alexander Nunn, in The Progressive Farmer.

THE OLD HOME TOWN by STANLEY



DON'T LOOK NOW, STRANGER. BUT THERE'S THE HOME OF THE TOWN CHAMPIONS - THE CHAMPION PLAIN SITTER - THE CHAMPION SOFT WOOD WHITTLES AND THEIR MAW, CHAMPION ROCKING CHAIR KNITTER - 18 HOURS WITHOUT A STOP - USING BONE NEEDLES, TOO!!

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

W. R. Woodall, manager of West-Carolina Creamery, has just completed his "experimental chicken yard" next to his place of business, and will feed the White Leghorn hens different kinds of dairy products to see what effect it has on their laying. If it continues to gain much more, Mr. Woodall might have to substitute ducks for his hens, as the water seems to seek his chicken lot for a ponding place.

A pitiful sight the other morning was a man who must have weighed every bit of 300 pounds, leading a calf that must have been two days old.

If you were not one of those attending the "freak show" at the Park Theatre last Thursday or Friday you missed something. A new development in films called "audiokopies" was given, and never before have I felt like I've been hit in the face as much as at that show.

The pictures give depth as well as height and width. They are in colors, and just by looking at them with the naked eye they appear like a mass of colored blotches, but the two-colored glasses handed to each person in the audience solved the problem.

The folks in the picture looked as if they just stepped right out into the audience. One time a clock was pushed right into our faces. But the most "painful" of all was the baseball pitcher. He threw three times, and each one was a strike, and right on the nose. It was a queer feeling, seeing a ball coming straight for your face—and at the same time knowing no harm would be done.

And to cap it all, a man with a shot gun, aimed and fired it point blank into the face of the audience. It was the first time I've ever looked down the barrel of a shot gun and seen the load coming out—and I trust the last.

Someone said the other day that a certain man in Waynesville must think the world of his wife, since he takes her everywhere he goes. To that remark, one who knew the facts in the case said: "He don't take her place, because he loves her, but in order that he won't have to kiss her good-bye."

Of course I realize that last week should have been the time to talk about Easter eggs, but even this week there is some evidence that the Easter egg season is not far gone. Every time I think or hear of Easter eggs, I recall the time when a large Sunday school hunt was staged, and the person who had charge of boiling the eggs did not have the practical experience, and did not let them get done. Now if you can picture what a mess 70 or 80 children about six or seven years old made, each with about four half-boiled Easter eggs, you will readily realize why the superintendent of the junior department of the Sunday school resigned.

It was the biggest mess ever seen in the town since the day of the cyclone.

And while on the subject of eggs, there are perhaps more ways of cooking eggs than any other one thing—and by the way, if you want to see several pieces of hen fruit, visit the creamery some day when the truck returns from the route, and you'll probably see six to seven hundred dozen.

WOMEN FIRE-WALKERS
 A strange cult of women that defy fire, secure in the belief that their faith will not let them be burned. Read this unusual story in the April 19 issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Get your copy from your newsdealer.

LETTERS to the Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:—

We are now entering into another political campaign which seems as if it might be one of the most intense in the annals of our country, both state and nation.

The main issue in the National campaign seems to be the New Deal under which our Government is now functioning.

All the figures we see for the last three years indicate that our country, in many ways, is no better off than it was five years ago when President Hoover was just around the corner. To some extent the country is not much better off than it was when President Roosevelt began his New Deal program three years ago. The number of the unemployed has possibly been greatly reduced, but it is still uncomfortably large. The Public Debt is getting larger and larger and expenses for each day of the year of the National Government are as great now as for a whole year a century ago.

The tragic part of all this seems to be, that no end seems to be in sight yet and no one seems to have a plan whereby we may be lifted permanently from this state of conditions.

One thing, however, is undeniable. While we have been going in debt, we have more general distribution of the National income, and, in part, of the National capital stock now than we had three years ago.

Our banking institutions are on a safe basis, a condition which encourages more people to trust them with their money. Our farmers have been receiving more for their products; the numerous relief projects are placing money in the pockets of the unemployed; the merchants and business men are prospering; and our factories are running even though with limited production.

When one views the unending stream of fine cars which travel our highways and stand parked on our streets, it almost makes us believe that prosperity has come from its hid-

23 Years Ago in Haywood

Mr. David Miller went to Asheville on Saturday night. Mr. Bill Schaufle went to Asheville on Wednesday for the day. Editor Horace Sentelle, of the Winston Observer, was here this week. Mrs. Riley Ferguson and her daughter, Miss Fannie, were in town on Thursday.

Miss Meta Adams will be away from Raleigh, and will be the guest of her parents.

Lieutenant Henry Lee is expected home next week.

Mr. J. Q. Adams, of Petersburg, is in town this week, the guest of his parents.

Miss Hazel Killian's cousin, Miss Williams, who has been here since she left Wednesday for Concord, is expected to resume her studies.

Miss Dollie Lee gave an informal party at her home on Walnut street last Wednesday evening. "National" was played.

Mr. C. W. Miller, Jr., has erected a very pretty bungalow cottage on Haywood street next door to his father's place.

There is being built quite an annex to Eagles Nest Hotel and enlarging the dining hall at least one-third. There will be about 25 extra rooms, some of them with private baths.

James and Hilliard Atkins are erecting on Main street a splendid brick structure two stories high. The first floor will contain a store room and a modern playhouse—"The Waynesville Theatre."

The Greater Western N. C. Association is getting out its gummer booklet and all hotels and boarding houses desiring to appear in this booklet are requested to send in full information about accommodations, rates, surroundings, etc., that will help a prospective visitor to make up his mind.

The Board of Trade has called a meeting of all its members and other citizens of Waynesville at the court house on Monday night at 8 o'clock to discuss questions of good roads and other matters of importance.

ing place around the corner.

The critics continue to tell us of the cost of the New Deal, but offer no remedy for its shortcomings. They say that the Government must not let anyone go hungry; must take care of the farmer; must give all worthy laborers employment, but never tell how these things can be provided, except by some such methods as have been employed in the past three years.

As every one in the past three years knows, permanent prosperity is to be attained only through some method of fairer distribution of our National income.

J. A. FRANCIS

Slave Holders in 1860

The United States census of 1860 shows there were at that time 350,742 slaves. One of the striking and little appreciated facts shown by this census is that less than 5 per cent of the southern whites were slave holders. The total number of owners being 187,894. In the decade 1850-1860, negro slave holders had increased more rapidly than the smaller ones. At that time 104,577 owners held 50 or more slaves apiece, 2,202 held 100 or more, 212 owned 200 or more; 41,500 owned 100 and over 1,000. The number of owners holding one slave amounted to 77,223.

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