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SMOOTHING THINGS OVER

One of the best pieces of public work done on the streets of Waynesville in recent weeks was the leveling of the street crossing at the depot.

The rough places are now fixed so that motorists traveling within the speed limit hardly realize they are crossing a double railroad track.

"POOR AL"

The fact that Al Smith has announced that he will not vote for President Roosevelt is not news. That has been expected.

There are many differences of opinion as to the result of his stand in the November election. Of course no one knows, but it now seems that the Democrats are smiling over his decision.

A generally accepted opinion, seem, however that his opinion is not going to carry much weight either way.

TAKING THE OATH

We are often impressed with the careless manner in which witnesses in court take the oath when they are sworn to "tell the truth and nothing but the truth so help me God,"

The taking of an oath and kissing of the Bible was planned to impress the witness with the serious ceremony, and the importance of telling the truth in his or her testimony.

We believe that if the oath were more seriously and solemnly administered, as if the officer were exacting a serious promise from another, that the witness might be more impressed and more eager to tell naught but the truth.—Ex.

EDUCATION PAYS

Your boy and perhaps your girl is ever and anon remarking, now that they have gone back to high school, they can see no use in all such tomfoolery as is enforced upon them in the classrooms.

What's the use of studying this and that? They are never going to be of any practical value to them!

And why not go on out now and get a job—begin to make money? Is that not the end of all things, anyway?

It's not difficult to answer such a philosophy of futility as it has to do with education.

Anybody with eyes wide open can see what education has done for society, what it has done for individuals who have made the most of it. Such is the most effective logic in disposing of the issue of the value of education.

The Continent of Chicago has made a careful study of the successful men of that city, with the conclusion that the person who graduates from the high school has 11, the graduate of a business college or a normal school has 15, and the graduate of a classical college, 35 times the chance of success of the one who stops with the grades.

Only one per cent of our men are college graduates, but that one per cent furnishes 46 per cent of our congressmen, 75 per cent of our senators and members of the Supreme court and nearly all our Presidents.—Charlotte Observer.

PERMANENT FAIR GROUNDS OR NO FAIR

Unless there is a decided change on the part of the directors of the Haywood County Fair Association, farmers, business men and county agent, there will not be another county fair held in Haywood unless permanent buildings and grounds are provided.

For three consecutive years, the officials of the Fair Association have spent a lot of time, energy and money in staging a fair each fall, and while the fairs have been all that could be expected under the temporary set-up, no great progress has been noted during the last two years.

Public sentiment is now to the point where the fair officials believe that permanent quarters should be provided, and they are ready to take what has been made in the past three years to apply on buildings on permanent fair grounds.

From what we can learn, the county commissioners will be called upon to provide a suitable site for the fair grounds. The argument that will be used will be that the county owns a number of pieces of land, and that this land be given in exchange for a suitable fair site.

Farmers have not exhibited in the past two fairs as they would if better quarters had been provided. They were afraid to exhibit valuable live stock in the improvised quarters, and the means provided for exhibiting farm exhibits were not all together satisfactory, and hence a reduction in the total number of exhibits.

For the first two years, the carnival company received fifty per cent of the gate receipts. This year they received only thirty-five per cent, and from that provided the two exhibition tents and half of the cost of the free act, and also some advertising.

If permanent quarters were established, the fair association would get all of the gate receipts, and at the same time could in many ways control to a better and more satisfactory manner some of the shows or amusements that are a part of the carnivals.

Few people know it, but some trouble was experienced this year in closing a side show which was declared far from being fit to be seen by the public. It was only after much persuasion and the issuing of a warrant that the show was finally closed.

Since the fair officials and all others that we have discussed the matter with are definitely decided upon doing away with the annual fair unless permanent quarters are provided, this one question arises in our minds, "Is a county fair worthwhile?"

The question was put to W. D. Smith, secretary of the fair association and county farm agent. His answer was emphatically "Yes, by all means."

He explained further that a county fair was one of the best ways to stimulate interest in better farming and better stock raising. Mr. Smith also said that he was through with the fair under the present set-up, but was willing to go the limit in doing his part in establishing a bigger and better fair under permanent quarters which could be called "our own."

In the three years that the fair has been operated, there has been more than enough spent on temporary structures to build a decent permanent building. But that cannot be counted as a total loss. It has been well spent, and we say that for this reason—it has enabled those responsible for staging the fairs to find out whether or not the people of Haywood County wanted a revival of a county fair.

From all indications, there seems to be a need for a "home-owned and locally controlled" fair in this county, and unless there is a change of mind before next fall, we believe that is what Haywood will have—or no fair at all.

WHAT GOOD IS CAMPAIGNING?

We just wonder if all this campaigning that is being done by the major political parties is worth all the time and money. We are of the opinion that few voters are swung by all the campaign ballyhoo. Instead of being swung from one party to the other, we sometimes feel that voters who do not take their politics seriously are just disgusted with it all and decide not to vote.

Some campaigners are so desperate to get across their side of questions that they go beyond all means of reason, and in so doing leave the true facts out of the picture. The sooner the dyed-in-the-wool politicians realize that all the voters are far from being politicians, the better impression they will make with their campaigning.

THE OLD HOME TOWN by STANLEY



ON HIS FIRST DAY OFF IN TWO YEARS, MAIL CARRIER LUKE TIZZEL RODE OVER THE ROUTE WITH SUBSTITUTE JIM EGGER, TO SHOW HIM ALL OF THE MAIL BOXES.

HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

I hear it reported from none other than himself... that the tireless president of the First National Bank... in order to take in the sights of the Golden West... not only purchased himself a tie... but wore it...

There is something about the midway of a fair that gets one... you may be quite sophisticated about such ordinary amusements... in fact you may suffer terribly with a superior complex...

Have just finished reading two articles in one of the nations big dailies, under one title, "Two campaigners meet the people..." I liked very much the description of both Roosevelt and Landon...

LETTERS to the Editor CLEANLINESS NEXT TO GODLINESS

Uncle Abe's remarks on this subject, in the issue of The Mountaineer for September 24, strikes a responsive chord in the writer. And as a result I crave space for a few remarks on the subject.

When I was a boy, the Haywood country folks rarely came to town other than on Saturday except for matters of pressing business. When they did come, like me they generally wore home-made shirts of domestic sheeting (bleached by washing) but these were clean. Coats and trousers were made of homespun jeans (as were mine) but they were clean.

Now in these days of concrete roads, I saw last summer jostling our summer visitors on our sidewalks, countrymen wearing overalls which had never been washed since they came out of the store and shoes which had never seen brush and blacking.

One of our principal crops is our tourists, and one of our problems is to get them to come earlier and to stay later. During our all too short season, we are taking care of them in hotels, boarding houses and restaurants, whose standards of food service and cleanliness are steadily rising.

And to conclude, another mountain man who believes that cleanliness is next to godliness is E. W. GUDGER, Natural History Museum, New York City.

"Smoke Camels for Digestion's Sake"



"AN EXPLORER needs good digestion," says Sir Hubert Wilkins. "Camels bring me a sense of well-being."

CAMELS COSTLIER TOBACCO

INDUCEMENTS

We have always operated this institution on a strictly professional basis. To make any sort of concessions in an attempt to appeal to people's "trading" instinct strikes us as just as much out of place in the practice of pharmacy as it would be in medicine or law.

The only inducements we offer are, Quality, Skill and Service. But aren't these the only inducements that count where health is concerned?

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23 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of Sept. 26, 1913)

Hon. Zeb Weaver, of Asheville spent Sunday in town as the guest of Mr. Ed Battle.

Mrs. William J. Dale returned her home in Columbia, Tenn., spending a month with her parents.

Mrs. Delos Cray left town after a visit to her family here.

Mrs. Gerald West, of Cartersville, Ga., is the guest of her sister, M. L. Mitchell.

Mr. Way Kinsland went to Asheville Tuesday to attend the Jackson County Fair.

Mrs. A. S. Anderson left Sunday for Gastonia, where she will visit friends.

Mr. Howell McCracken and Henderson Jones left Saturday to attend the Knoxville Fair.

Dr. J. R. McCracken and Mr. J. Plott attended the Jackson County Fair in Sylva on Wednesday.

Miss Alice Quinlan returned home on Wednesday after spending the summer in New York.

Hazelwood wants to become a part of "Greater Waynesville." The boundary line between the two towns is only imaginary and should be abolished.

The race is growing more swift each day between the different contestants in this paper's great \$100 Popularity Contest for the handsome diamond ring to be awarded next Saturday, Oct. 4.

Thomas, Ethel Woody, Blanche Seigels are leading their respective districts this week.

Mr. W. T. Snelton, a son of Mr. S. J. Shelton, and formerly of Waynesville, is down in New Mexico where he is successfully engaged in school work.

Supt. Shelton accompanied by his wife recently went to Farmington to see his Navajo play ball against Farmington (N. M.).

"There are more homicides in Haywood county than in London," said the judge, in pronouncing judgment on one of the men sentenced in court here this week.

London has nearly five million people within the city limits, more than twice the number of people than in North Carolina.

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