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REVISING THE FIREWORKS LAWS

The news that a state senator plans to introduce a bill in the North Carolina legislature which meets early in January, that will place a ban on fireworks being sold in this state should receive the support of the legislature, and the moral support of every citizen of the state.

A majority of the towns in the state have an ordinance which prohibits the sale of fireworks within their city limits. But since few counties have such a law, those wanting to sell them can get just a few feet outside the city limits and by paying a county license, open for business.

Many towns like Waynesville, found that just as many fireworks were being shot in town, although none were being sold within the city limits. A heavy license fee was placed on the sale of fireworks, and the town got that, whereas, it would have been that much less in the town treasury.

If a ban was placed on the sale of fireworks in the state, a similar law should be passed and enforced against shooting them within the state. Such a law would eliminate the shipping of fireworks into the state to individuals, or the bootlegging of them across the state lines.

If such a law was passed now, before stocks are replenished for the Fourth of July and next Christmas, we can not see where anyone would have grounds for complaining. Certainly there is no argument but what fireworks are dangerous, and they never will be anything else.

PROGRESS

Last week before teachers in Raleigh there was a discussion of the question: Has North Carolina made progress in education in the last century?

That is an interesting question but one not half so important as the query: Is there any room for improvement in education in North Carolina today?

This last question has the virtue of being far more easily answered. Consider the facts: Only South Carolina exceeds this State in the percentage of its population enrolled in the public schools. The percentages are: in the nation, 23 per cent; in South Carolina, 31 per cent; in North Carolina, 30 per cent.

North Carolina's teaching load is 33.7 pupils per teacher, the highest in the United States. The national average is 26.9.

North Carolina's average teacher's salary is \$576 (white, \$604.50) as compared with a national average of \$1,227.

North Carolina's per capita school cost is \$28.56, as compared with a national average of \$78.58.

North Carolina's percentage of white illiteracy is the highest in the United States, except for Kentucky.

North Carolina's length of term in days is 160 as compared with a national average of 171.6.

Is there room for progress in education in North Carolina? There is only one answer to that question unless the people of North Carolina are not only incapable of progress but even incapable of understanding its needs.—News and Observer.

Temporary insanity is an over-used phrase, and excuse in our courts today. But the more we think about it, the more we are becoming convinced that probably a great many reckless drivers are thus afflicted.

A NEW DAY FOR THE FARMERS

One of the best pieces of news to greet the farmers of Haywood County in many years, is the fact that the Creamery here will take all the milk that can be produced.

This news is encouraging, in that it means a weekly payroll for the progressive farmer for 52 weeks in the year. It means that he can expand, and enlarge his herds and not worry about a market for his milk.

The fact that The Pet Dairy Products Company will make this plant here their chief source for ice cream mix, as well as butter, means that the market through their channels is unlimited.

During the past two and a half years that the Creamery has been in operation, it has averaged better than \$7,000 a month to Haywood farmers for milk and cream. Now the program will be expanded, and no limit is made on the quantity of milk that the creamery can handle each day.

This, it seems to us, affords a real opportunity for the dairy-farmer to get in on a cash market. A market that is well established—we might add, very well established, since the Pet Company is the second largest dairying company in the world.

One interesting feature about the new program, is that the local unit will be managed and operated to fit the local requirements. The market is established. That is no worry of the manager, Mr. Woodall, who has been manager of the creamery since it was established. He will remain manager, and will put into practice some of the things that he has been working on for several years.

The Creamery, although owned by The Pet Company, will not be a condensery. The principal products, will be ice cream mix, butter and raw milk for local consumption.

There is no question in our minds but what Haywood County farmers have become dairy-minded during the past few years. They have taken advantage of every opportunity for bettering their herds and physical equipment. They have co-operated with the public health service in every way, and now there are some of the best dairies in the state in Haywood County.

If the farmers of this county will take full advantage of the opportunity that is being offered them by the Creamery, we feel that the total cash for next year, and the years to come will not stop at \$90,000 and \$100,000 a year, but go up into figures that would now sound absolutely unreasonable.

It looks to us like a new day for progressive farmers of Haywood County.

DON'T TROUBLE TROUBLE!

During the "depression years" it seems that everyone lost faith in themselves and in everyone else. The chief topic of the day seemed to be, "My troubles and your troubles."

In short, we seemed to live on trouble. We seemed to enjoy looking for new troubles.

How different 1937 looks to the world. Business is unquestionably better. All indications are that the new year will be one of prosperity.

We recently heard this poem read, and immediately got a copy for the sake of our readers.

Don't trouble trouble
'Till trouble troubles you;
Don't look for trouble,
Let trouble look for you.

Don't you hurry worry
By worrying lest it come.
To flurry is to worry
'Twill miss you if you are mum.

If minding will not mend it,
Then better not to mind.
The best thing is to end it—
Just leave it behind.

Then don't you trouble trouble,
'Till trouble troubles you;
You'll only double trouble
And trouble others too.

TIME TO GET EXCITED

When two people were killed by an explosion in Asheville Christmas eve, it did not take long for the news to become the chief topic of conversation. For several days it was discussed frequently.

At the same time that two were killed by an undetermined explosion, sixteen were killed in this state by automobiles. It seems that death by automobiles is now taken as a matter of fact, and not seriously considered by the average person.

It is just because of that indifferent attitude that so many deaths continue on the highways. It is high time that we were getting excited over the situation.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

by STANLEY



THE OLD MUSKET THAT POP FIDGETS FIRES OFF EVERY NEW YEAR'S EVE LET GO EIGHT HOURS AHEAD OF TIME

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Here it is the 31st of December, and it's time to make out a brand new set of New Year's resolutions. Sure, I know it is a waste of time, but it's lots of fun.

Well, to start with, I guess about the best would be:

Resolved: Not to lose my temper.

Resolved: To be patient, and not get upset—even when a shirt button comes off while hurriedly dressing.

Resolved: To not eat too fast, too often, or too much. (The last two are easy.)

Resolved: To do my best to keep from double parking.

Resolved: To keep an alert eye on reckless motorists while I cross streets.

Resolved: To try not to think less of those who blow smoke in my face.

Resolved: To make sure I have the right phone number in mind before placing calls.

Resolved: To get home to meals on time. (If possible.)

Resolved: To try and hold my tongue when people meddle in my business.

Resolved: To blame no one but myself for having a dull razor.

Resolved: To say as many good things as possible about people.

Resolved: Not to scream when hearing old jokes retold.

Resolved: No to waste time listening to torch singers.

Resolved: To start sooner to go places, and drive slower. (35 is fast enough.)

Resolved: To keep my troubles to myself, and complain as little as humanly possible.

Resolved: To replace frowns with smiles.

Resolved: To brush my teeth twice a day and to see my dentist twice a year. (If reminded to do same.)

Resolved: To make more friends and less debts.

Resolved: To try every way possible to determine the difference between the smell of Uncle Abe's cigars and garbage burning.

Resolved: To keep this list for next year, because I know I'll need it—

MARRIAGES

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of This Week)

T. T. Matney, of Waynesville, to Lucy Tate, of Junaluska.

Cecil Cogburn, of Clyde, to Mattie Hall, of Clyde.

Robert Way James, of Canton, to Elizabeth Moody, of Canton.

James Haney, of Clyde, to Pearl Hill, of Clyde.

Amos Theodore Smith, of Waynesville, to Mae Sutton, of Waynesville.

Joe Rathbone, of Clyde, Route 1, to Arbie Jenkins, of Clyde, Route 1.

Glenn Harris, of Clyde, Route 1, to Ora Anderson, of Clyde, Route 1.

Theodore A. Hargrove, Jr., of Canton, to Lassena Jannet Clark, of Canton.

Kaywood Messer, of Cove Creek, to Mary Jane Evans, of Waynesville, Route 2.

Dillard Cook, of Dellwood, to Lucile Carpenter, of Dellwood.

Large Dairy Firm Buys Creamery. Much Milk Needed

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J. E. Ferguson, Glenn Palmer, A. J. McCracken, Jarvis Allison, C. A. Campbell, S. J. Moody, W. D. Ketter, and W. F. Swift. These are operating under the supervision of the public health service. The dairies are checked once each week, and the milk given two tests weekly.

Mr. Woodall said that C. D. Ketter, who has been with the creamery since it opened, would be field man in charge of activities among the producers in this area.

The Pet Milk Company has established plants in all sections of Tennessee and North Carolina. At present they are building a \$100,000 plant at Charlotte. Mr. Woodall said that a greater part of the ice cream mix made in the Waynesville plant would be sent to the Charlotte plant.

Fourteen people are now employed at the creamery. Others will be added later.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Coble Celebrate Golden Anniversary

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connection lasted for many years. Always interested in civic affairs, Mr. Coble was twice elected to serve the town of Waynesville as a member of the board of aldermen.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble during their long residence here have made many warm friends and have always been interested in the worth while activities of the community. They have been the recipients of many gifts, flowers, and messages on this happy occasion.

On Wednesday evening, December the 23rd, the day of the anniversary, friends started calling, which has continued through the week. The house was arranged in yellow and orange calandulas, with other decorative features carrying out the golden motif. On Wednesday evening they were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Charles E. Ray, Mrs. Rufus Siler, and Mrs. G. C. Platt.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble have seven children, as follows: John Coble, of Waynesville; Walter Coble, of Wintergarden, Fla.; Will Coble, of Atlanta and Waynesville; Mrs. Robert Sullivan, of Glendale, Calif.; Scott Coble, of Charlotte; Ray Coble, of Bennettsville, S. C.; and Mrs. Hugh Kirkpatrick, of Tate Springs, Tenn.

19 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of Jan. 3, 1918.)

Frank Moody was here this week from Macon county.

Hugh Abel, Tom Lee, Jr., and Frank Compton returned today to Camp Sevier.

McKinley Green visited his family during the holidays and has returned to his command at Camp Sevier.

Many people sat up all night Saturday night keeping fires going in the stoves to prevent freezing of water-pipes.

Swift and Co. and other packing houses have bought a half interest in the Junaluska Leather Company of Hazelwood, and an inventory is being taken at the store and at the plant.

May 1918 bring success to our armies and plenty of desirable business to us all.

President Wilson took charge of railroads and the steamships last week and all will be operated under government supervision, with Secretary McAdoo at the head.

W. L. Brogden, of Raleigh, state chairman has appointed Bolling Hall of this county to assist in raising funds to send 100 carloads of apples to our soldiers in France. North Carolina has been asked to contribute \$1,000 to this fund.

"We are glad to report 1,343 new members of the Red Cross, as a result of the Christmas drive and I wish to thank those who contributed either by money or by work to make such a success of this campaign"—James W. Reed, membership chairman, Red Cross.

The old Mull house on Main street in front of the court house is being torn down today by W. T. Smart who has bought the building and will convert it into a barn. The old building was an eyesore and was sometimes called Waynesville's roof garden, because of the grass and field crops grown on the roof of the front porch. Dr. J. Howell Way owned the building and the town will thank him for getting rid of an unsightly building.



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