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A MOSES IS NEEDED

The hopes of having the \$32,000 Armory here completed by July 4th have faded into thin air, as workmen have left the scene of construction after boarding up the windows and doors.

Two words tell the story of why work on the Armory has ceased: "Funds Exhausted."

The Armory, which is a WPA project, will cost \$32,000 when completed. To date about \$28,500 has been spent on the building, and about \$4,000 more is needed for its completion.

The story of the Armory to date might tend to clear up any misunderstanding that perhaps now exists. WPA officials, in an effort to start local projects, agreed to erect a regulation size Armory, with WPA providing \$24,000 if the town and county would obligate themselves for the remaining \$8,500. The town of Waynesville was named as sponsor of the project.

The county commissioners, which was the board that went out of office last December, said the county would put up \$4,250, provided they could legally do so.

To make a long story short, WPA spent \$24,000 as their part and the town of Waynesville put over \$4,250 into the building. After this \$28,250 was spent, the county was approached for their \$4,250. In the meantime, the new board of commissioners had taken office and informed the town authorities, as well as WPA, that the attorney general of the state had ruled that the county could not donate nor contribute to the Armory, without a vote of the people.

And that is where the matter stands, WPA has not obtained their allotted fund into the building. The town has contributed their part, and the county is unable to do anything, and the building is boarded up waiting for \$4,250 with which to complete it.

On the other side of the picture, the local Company "H" of the home guards, is fearful that they might be called upon to disband, because their present headquarters are inadequate, and in the second place the federal government has stored here something like \$100,000 in equipment. The equipment should be in a fireproof building and that is one reason why the Armory project was approved.

Besides the valuable equipment, the local unit of the home guards brings into this community a cash payroll of about \$6,000 each year.

What all concerned are now most interested in is finding a Moses to lead the way to securing \$4,250 with which to complete the Armory which will be a creditable building to the entire county.

The foregoing facts are identical with the Armory in Canton. The same arrangements were made with the county for the Canton Armory, and the same facts were found. As soon as the Canton officials learned of the inability of the commissioners to come across with \$4,250 they provided means of raising the money, and the Canton Armory is new well on the way towards completion.

It might be well here to state that the Armory can be used for community functions, as long as they do not interfere with military operations. At present the building would be used only one night a week by the home guards.

Certainly there is some way that the building can be finished, and not have to remain boarded up so short of its completion.

Isn't there among us, a Moses, who can lead the community to a way of seeing this building completed?

FATHER'S DAY

According to the national calendar of events, this nation will observe Father's Day, this coming Sunday.

Father's Day has quite definitely taken a secondary position with Mother's Day, and for the most part, the day is just another Sunday.

The average father of today has had to make extreme sacrifices in order to properly care for his family, yet the true father never grumbles or shirks this duty. We do not believe the average father wants a lot of pomp and ceremony praising him for shouldering his burdens quietly.

We feel that the only compensation a real father wants is respect from his children, and to see each of them succeed in such a way as to make him proud that he is their father.

A GRAVE INJUSTICE

We are at a loss to understand what possessed some newspapers and magazine writers to continue to leave the impression with their readers that all people living in the mountains live in tumbled down cabins.

We are at a still greater loss to understand why a daily newspaper that is usually prone to over-rate conditions in this section, should find it necessary to publish a picture and lengthy article about people in this section living in a cave.

It is only far back in the remote sections that one will find a "typical" mountain cabin. We doubt if there are five people in all of Western North Carolina living in caves. Such things as picturing typical cabins and the like to add local coloring to articles is absurd. It is also misleading.

Descriptive articles of New York City, Washington or Chicago, do not use a slum scene to illustrate their articles. It is usually the tallest building, their skyline or a bird's eye view of their city. There are people in any larger city that are living in much worse conditions than anyone in this mountain section.

We are doing ourselves, and our citizens a grave injustice to continue to use such misleading pictures and illustrations.

A PUZZLING CASE

Dwight Beard, former North Carolina State college grid star, paid with his life in the electric chair at the Texas state prison, Huntsville, Texas, for the hold-up and murder of a Texas man. Beard had been convicted of a number of serious crimes before, including the murder of a merchant at Valdese, in this state. A death sentence for that particular crime had been commuted and Beard escaped from the North Carolina state prison while serving a life sentence.

After escaping from prison Beard staged many daring holdups and was not adverse to taking life in his escapades. He was defiant of the law and of death. He maintained until a few hours before his life was "snuffed out" that he would in some manner, escape death in the electric chair. Just a few days before the time set for his execution in Texas, the 27-year-old, and said to be handsome, North Carolinian, made an attempt to escape from prison. His carefully planned effort failed, however, and he paid the price demanded for the crimes he had committed.

We have no doubt that justice was meted out in this particular case, nor that society is not better off and safer now that the career of this public enemy has been ended. The astounding and pathetic phase of the case is that a young man with the advantages which surrounded Beard in his youth would follow the course which he chose. Coming from a once proud and well-to-do North Carolina family, well educated and later working as an instructor in a Y. M. C. A. camp, it is hard to conceive of how he could become so degenerated. Prior to his death, Beard branded crime as "the biggest paying racket." His pay-off was death. —Sampson Independent.

TO MAKE PEOPLE LIKE YOU

Do you know the six "sure fire" ways to make people like you? Here is a summary of Dale Carnegie's rules from his best seller, "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

1. Become genuinely interested in other people.
2. Smile.
3. Remember that a man's name is to him the sweetest and most important sound in the English language.
4. Be a good listener. Encourage others to talk about themselves.
5. Talk in terms of the other man's interest.
6. Make the other person feel important —and do it sincerely.—Morganton News-Herald.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Several weeks ago, as Jim Massie went back stage just before the show at the Park Theatre was scheduled to begin, a middle-aged person in the audience whispered to a friend in the adjoining seat: "He's going back there to start the show."

Now that man was perfectly sincere in thinking that the picture was unfolded or unwound at the screen. After thinking the incident over, I decided that but few people really know what it takes to produce talking pictures on the screen. So, through the courtesy of Jim Massie and Operator Evans, I was shown through the projection room.

It would be impossible for me to use the proper technical terms as applied to every part of that complicated department of our modern theater, but by using every-day terms you might be as interested as I was to find what makes the wheels spin.

The projection room is just as far from the screen as it is possible to put it. The room is fire-proof throughout, having a steel door, and thick walls of concrete. Over the small window through which the operator watches the screen there is an aluminum arrangement that through a hole in the wall, looks out into the projection room.

The film used, is wound on spindles which hold about 1,000 feet. The speed of the machine is 30 feet of film per minute.

The film passes before two light. The first is a strong carbon light which throws the images from the film to the screen. Just about a foot below this there is a small light bulb that throws one small streak of light on the edge of the film. As the film passes this ray of light, the sound is reproduced through an exciting lamp, and from there goes to the sound apparatus and down to large speakers behind the screen.

It is all too complicated to discuss in detail, but the sounds are separated and sent through different speakers—for low, high and medium tones as well as volume.

The operator knows exactly how long it will take to run a certain size film, and when the film gets near the end he watches the screen for a large black spot to appear in the upper right hand corner of the picture. The appearance of this dot is a signal to start the other projection machine. He starts the other machine and with both machines running at full speed, he looks for the cut out signal, which is also dots in the upper right hand corner. The instant this last dot appears, he throws a lever which cuts out one machine and starts the other.

I watched Operator Evans make these change-overs for almost an hour, and the speed was so quick I could not note the change even by watching the actual change-over.

Operating these two machines keeps one busy. It takes about four or five minutes to thread up a machine, and get it all set to run, and

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

There are a lot of men and women who try to imagine they have poor health when all that ails them is laziness.

It's the small change clinking in church collection box that makes the most noise.

When a politician says he trusts the people's judgment, he means that they still seem to agree with him.

Those citizens who go to bed with

often the reels don't take over 9 minutes to run.

Sitting down in the audience enjoying a picture, the average person fails to realize that the operator is working in an intense heat, straining every nerve and muscle to see that there is not the slightest hitch in the entire show. The heat thrown out by the carbon lamps runs the thermometer away up past summer heat.

The screen on which the picture appears is a solid surface. In fact, from the back it looks more like a screen door than anything else. It is a metal surface, full of holes. The sounds from the large speakers go through the screen and that gives the appearance of the actors on the screen speaking.

The hour I spent looking things over was well worth my time.

QUEEN OF HIGH DIVERS

Attractive Dorothy Poynton Hill, Olympic Champion



A Little Label With A Big Meaning

Had he lived in this day of trademark, branded merchandise, Shakespeare would never have propounded his famous question, "What's in a name?" In fact we'll wager that if he were a resident of Waynesville today he would be one of the hundreds who INSIST that their prescriptions bear the ALEXANDER LABEL.

For he, too, would be bound to know what this little label signifies in the way of accuracy and skill in prescription propounding.

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ALEXANDER'S DRUG STORE

Phones 53 & 54 Opposite Post Office
TWO REGISTERED PHARMACISTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION

HEADLINES of The PAST

(From the files of June 20, 1937)
Prominent men will give a section of the county on War Sunday.

Hotel Gordon's baseball team will play a big ball on Saturday evening.

A proclamation will be made in Waynesville, by the Mayor and Queen.

A peep into the Red Cross chapter in Waynesville, by the Mayor and Queen.

No soft drinks will be made in North Carolina according to Henry P. ...

(From the files of June 21, 1937)
Roosevelt given State's 20th convention.

Road into park made passing here.

\$50 cash free to everybody in year plan proposed.

Francis calls people to financial affairs.

Lake Junaluska activities affected by litigation.

(From the files of June 22, 1937)
Confederate veterans receive ...

Waynesville's modern ... will be completed latter part of ... Earl Ferguson predicts great development in dairying in Haywood county.

Press Association members will many favors.

195 are enrolled at Duke ... school.

New Mexico visitors term ... section of U. S. as the "ideal place live."

the chickens have the advantage getting up in time to get the eggs.

It's as hard to determine who ... a strike as it is to figure out who ... the World War.

The best defense the taxpayer ... is to make everybody pay some ... One reason why taxes are the ... that they are is because too few ... ple pay taxes.

A Cleveland, Ohio, preacher ... girls to say "No" the first time ... proposes, and "Yes" the second ... But just suppose there isn't any ... ond time?

"Is it natural for a husband to ... more than one wife," into a ... ad, to which we would reply " ... about, no;" but probably the ... was penned in Hollywood where ... toms may be different.