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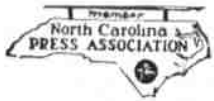
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FEARLESS FIREMEN

A mere editorial today thanking the members of the Waynesville fire department for the manner in which they combatted the fire in this newspaper plant last Thursday morning would in no way begin to repay them for the efficient work they did.

Hampered by a thick, stifling smoke, and heat, the firemen were unable to accurately play their hose on the heart of the fire until sometime had passed, but nevertheless, they bravely entered the building, and went across a sinking concrete floor to save as much of the equipment and machinery as possible.

Although the water froze under their feet, and on their clothing they fought on until the last spark was out.

Only by taking their lives in their own hands, were they able to confine the blaze to a point over the boiler room. Otherwise, the entire plant would have been lost.

It was a stubborn fire, with no signs of a blaze until an hour after the building was discovered filled with smoke.

Waynesville's fire department is composed of men who are not afraid to go after a blaze. And in this humble way, we again repeat, we are indebted to you.

ARMISTICE VS PEACE

In 1917, thousands of America's young men joined the two branches of service, in what was then thought was a war to end war.

Today—20 years later, the Far East crisis and the state of affairs in Europe, makes one wonder if all the sacrifice made in the World War by millions of Americans, to say nothing of the scores of other nations, was in vain.

Tomorrow, this country, along with the rest of the world, will observe the day that marked the signing of the Armistice.

The signing of an Armistice, did not assure the world peace—only temporary peace. The meaning of an armistice is a brief cessation of arms. Just the temporary suspension of hostilities by agreement. An armistice is only the suspension of military operations by mutual agreement between belligerent parties.

It is unfortunate that the world, on tomorrow, cannot celebrate Peace Day, instead of Armistice Day.

TRUE FRIENDS

Newspapers consider publications in towns many miles away as competitors, and often the keenest kind of business rivalry is found between newspapers in different towns.

In Haywood County, the two newspapers do not look on each other as competitors.

This is further evidenced by the attitude taken by the Canton Enterprise this week.

As soon as the publisher of The Enterprise learned of our plant being temporarily out of commission, he offered the facilities of his plant. And that is where this newspaper will be published until our plant is reconditioned and running again.

Publishing two newspapers in one plant will tax his shop, but that seemed to be secondary consideration, as he and his staff undertook the double task.

Service from our commercial printing department will continue as in the past. All customers will be served with the same speed as in the past.

Several plants in this territory have offered us the use of their mechanical equipment until ours is repaired. The Haywood Print Shop opened their doors to us.

While it will take many hours of hard work to get our machines back in condition to run, we realize more than ever, that those in the same business in this territory, are our friends.

A SOURCE OF PERMANENT WEALTH

One of the best informed cattlemen of the South has just been over our mountain counties. He tells us that the number of beef cattle in this territory is down about half and that lots and lots of good pastures are now growing up in blackberries and brush.

Beef cattle have always been a solid back-bone for farming in Western North Carolina. His mountain section is going to be prosperous, we must maintain beef cattle herds.

In and year out beef cattle pay, and are a source of financial strength to the farmer who owns a herd. Good quality beef cattle present a wonderful opportunity to the farmer of Western North Carolina.—Farmers' Federation.

TURN 'EM LOOSE—GUILTY OR NOT!

In Philadelphia last week a ring of thirteen automobile thieves were brought into court and adjudged guilty by their own plea. The federal judge passed sentence—"three years on probation."

It was not enough that one or two of the ring would be allowed to go free. No, the entire band was turned loose upon society to continue their law-breaking. They will probably profit from their experience of getting caught this time and it will involve a far greater expense to round up the entire gang again.

It is no wonder that there is so much law violation being practiced upon society today, with such a laxity in court judgment. And as long as such laxity continue, law violation will multiply as it has been doing in the past years.

"Go and sin no more" was the gist of the court sentence for these thirteen men who admitted their guilt of stealing cars and peddling them off here in Charlotte. But the average citizen interprets that sentence differently—as the criminal himself interprets it—"Go and get caught no more."—The Mecklingburg Times.

In case you are interested, there are 36 shopping days until Christmas.

COMPETITION

The pineapple now bids fair to become a strong, although not the only, competitor of the hard-working silk worm, a way having been found to convert its fibers into "silk." Invention has become so ingenious converting plant life into serviceable cloth that it would occasion only mild surprise to learn that a good quality of sandpaper is being made from spinach.—Christian Science Monitor.

FORTY HOURS

We've been breeding cows to give more milk, chickens to lay more eggs and pigs to put on more fat.

We've been encouraging our lands to produce greater yields and making machines to manufacture more shoes.

Now comes the Black-Connery labor bill agitation to put us on a 40-hour week. I know of no successful man or woman in all history who ever got there on 40 hours a week.

Make this a land of drones and smarter nations willing to work 50 or 60 hours a week will skin us alive in the competition of the world.—Clayton Rand, In Gulfport (Miss.) Guide.

OUR SYMPATHY

The News-Herald was distressed to learn of the misfortune which befell the newspaper plant of the Mountaineer at Waynesville last Thursday when a fire with resulting water damage, caused both loss and inconvenience to the splendid weekly newspaper published there by Messrs. Russ and Bridges. Mr. Russ, the editor, is president this year of the North Carolina Press Association. The meeting of the Association in Waynesville in 1936 was one of the most successful in recent years, with much of the credit due to the capable people who make the Mountaineer. Other newspaper people throughout the State will join us in sincere sympathy to Mr. Russ and associates in this trying experience.—Morganton News-Herald.

MODESTY PLUS LOYALTY

Followers of football are watching closely every development in the Carolina and Duke teams, as the players prepare for their annual game in Durham Saturday. Fans from every section of the State will attend, but right here in Waynesville there is one man who prefers to stay at home, and his reason is different from that of perhaps any other man in the state.

Dr. Tom Stringfield has played for both institutions. He remains loyal to both teams, and has no favorite picked to win the annual game Saturday. He will not even go so far as to predict a winner, other than to say, both teams are good, and the one getting the breaks will win.

Many people occupying the unique position of Dr. Stringfield would no doubt be on hand in Durham Saturday seeking far-flung publicity from every conceivable source. But modesty, together with loyalty, keeps Dr. Tom home.

One of the oddest pieces of news of the week has to do with the tearing town of a filling station in Hendersonville. That was real news, until the next day, came the announcement, that one four times as large would be erected.

A well known educator recently said that "Football is no longer a sport—it is a business." Certainly it is a growing, and profitable "business" as he terms it, since the paying customers are always waiting for more.

No doubt China and Japan will celebrate Armistice Day with a ker-bang.

An Indiana University professor claims that the ear excels the eye in responding to a traffic signal. He over-looked the fact that when a woman drives from the back seat that the tongue is the fastest.

A group of scientists are spending considerable time trying to determine where the rose smell goes. We are not concerned where smell goes, but what we want to know is where some smells come from.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have decided to postpone their trip to the United States. Maybe they figured that they had received enough publicity and just get a double dose by not coming over.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



WHEN STAMP COLLECTOR DOC PILLSBURY FOUND OUT HIS PATIENT WAS ALSO A COLLECTOR, DOC SPENT THE WHOLE AFTERNOON AT HIS BEDSIDE

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

After such trying experience as a fire, one might think that a column on that subject would be timely, and the easiest to write, but I find it to the contrary.

I am thinking right now of an event that was just the opposite of a misfortune. It happened six months ago. To be exact, it will be six months ago tomorrow that our daughter arrived.

My brief column of that date was the cause of much comment for several weeks. Since that time I have not mentioned the baby, so after holding out for six months, I would perhaps be justified in devoting this column to the subject this week, to offset the blow of last Thursday's fire.

Well, Marguerite is growing fast, is well, and naturally we think she is getting more precious every day. She weighs slightly more than 15 pounds, and has already learned that she has a temper and appetite kindred to her daddy's.

From her mother she gets her brown eyes, black hair, sweet disposition, and ability to smile.

During the past week she has learned to make both ends meet. She can put her toes in her mouth. One of the cutest things a baby can do, and certainly something that few grown-ups can show them how to do.

She prefers to keep her feet out of the bath but has yet to agree that to have them wrapped up.

As long as someone is standing over her, playing with her, and giving her the utmost in entertainment, there isn't the slightest sound, except for a continual coo. But the minute she finds she's alone, right then the world is told that something's wrong.

She looks forward to her morning bath but has yet to agree that her ears and face ever need washing.

Her favorite position is on her tummy, with thumb in her mouth—feet uncovered, and kicking as if swimming.

Several weeks ago she learned that her mother is afraid of a mouse, so instead of crying when she wakes, she merely has to scratch the pillow case and imitate a gnawing mouse, and her mother is soon on hand.

Her 17 toys receive rough treatment, and her rag dog has literally lived a dog's life since she became her owner. She has been chewed, kicked, licked, cried at, and flung far and wide.

It has been a short six months. During that time we have learned to live all over. Everything is different. At one time we could get ready for a week-end trip in 15 minutes. Now it takes that long to check the long list of necessities that she requires for 24 hours.

—and while on the subject of babies, I promised LeRoy Davis long ago that he'd get his picture published when he could boast of the title of "daddy." Well, he's acquired that title, but the photographer says that the new daddy's head is so big that three different views would have to be taken to get it all in one picture.

After walking a baby for three or four hours a night, I am told

HEADLINES of The PAST

NINETEEN YEARS AGO (From the files of Nov. 7, 1918) The Democrats Win—Congressman Weaver succeeded himself. Considerable building at Lake Junaluska. North Carolina's Wrongs Shown Up in Washington. Waggoner J. D. Messer in France. We're With You Mr. Wilson—By Jesse Daniel Boone. The Western N. C. Livestock Show.

FIVE YEARS AGO (From the files of Nov. 3, 1932) Engineers now surveying Soco Gap Road. Car runs down 30 foot embankment on Highway 10. Tannery Cutting Plant Begins Work. Largest Vote ever cast in County Expected here Tuesday. Which will wear the smile of Victory—Roosevelt or Hoover? Your Country Needs Your Vote.

ONE YEAR AGO (From the files of Oct. 29, 1936) Landon and Roosevelt—Both Confident of victory next Tuesday. W. Roy Francis on Speaking Tour in Piedmont section. Office of Land O' The Sky Moved. Picture of Check that Paid Junaluska Debt. Bethel Boy Wins First Place in National Contest. Leaders of Both parties confident of victory next week.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It seems that government officials are trying to prevent our ambitious farmers from exceeding the seed limit.

A man is as old as he looks when he needs a shave; a woman as old as she looks right after washing her face.

The school of experience can also boast that its students wear a uniform—a pair of overalls.

More than one man can tell you that when his wife drives the car that all he does is to sit in the front seat and steer.

Troubles always seem to learn to add and multiply a lot easier than they do to subtract.

When we're right we credit our judgment; when we're wrong we curse our luck.

"Footprint on the sands of time are not made by sitting down."

An instructive book is like preaching. The only people who will read it are the ones who don't need it much.

An angry man at the wheel is often as dangerous as a drunken one.

Nothing is more suggestive that a town is dead than to find a lot of buildings in dire need of paint.

There's profit these days in making almost anything but mistakes.

A preacher says there are no divorces in heaven—and another says that the reason is because there are no lawyers there to draw up the papers.

Apparently the President is not worrying over the possibility of a third term, as he has something like three more years to serve in his second term.

That the swelling from the head settles in the feet and legs—

At that time, LeRoy, we will publish your picture, but only of your face.

Weather Reports Are Based On Action And Direction Of

By Harry Hall Very early in life I became aware of the influence of wind upon the scheme of my then little world. Being hustled a few times into a Kansas Cyclone Cellar before I was old enough to be proud of my first pair of pants, made a lasting impression upon my embryonic mind.

Later on, throughout my years in sailing ships and in steam ships as well, I learned further that wind was a factor to reckon with. To welcome in its happy, peaceful moods as the power to drive our winged ships over the ocean in swift and comfortable voyage from port to port; or to dread in its wild, angry roaring tempests, lashing the surface of the sea and filling the air with shrieks and blasts of unearthly voices; a hell far beyond any descriptive power of mine; making us fight for our very lives with all the knowledge of seamanship and storm laws we possessed.

What is this force we call wind? How does it act to influence our weather?

Wind is air in approximately horizontal motion. Observations of wind should always include its direction, its force and its speed as it moves over the earth's surface.

Winds are caused by belts or zones of different atmospheric pressures. A knowledge as to the nature of air is necessary to an understanding as to how it can be set in motion by these differences of pressure.

The atmosphere has been likened to a sea of air at the bottom of which we live and extending to a distance above us that has as yet only been estimated. Its pressure decreases as the altitude increases because of the lessening of the weight of the air itself that still is contained in the space above. This air is a mixture of transparent gases which are elastic and highly compressible. It is very light, but yet has a weight which can be measured. At usual pressure and temperature a cubic foot of air weighs 1.22 ounces or about 7-770th part of the weight of an equal amount of water.

Because of this weight air exerts a pressure upon the earth's surface, averaging about fifteen pounds per square inch. To measure this ever changing pressure we make use of an instrument known as a barometer. The mercurial barometer is a tube in which a column of mercury is balanced against the weight of the outside air at any special time and place is known as the atmospheric or barometric pressure for that time and location. In place of calling this pressure as shown by the barometer as so many pounds per square inch we say that it is a certain number of inches of mercury that many inches in height, and one square inch in cross section. All gases, including air, are very sensitive to heat, expanding or increasing in volume as the temperature rises and contracting or diminishing as the temperature falls. This is the action of the air which causes winds.

If the atmosphere over any large area of the earth's surface is maintained at a temperature in excess of that of its surroundings the warm air expands and the upper layers of it will flow off to adjacent regions, becoming cooled as they go. The Pressure of the atmosphere at sea level throughout the heated regions will thus be lowered, while that over the circumjacent cooler areas will be proportionately increased. As a result of these differences in sea level pressures there will be a

movement of the air from the region of high pressure area to the region of low pressure area. The pressure difference results in wind. The difference in temperature and their heights to the closer they are to the steeper the slope of high and low pressure and therefore the more and violently they thereby increase the resulting velocity. Many changes in weather conditions are reduced from this change of air from place as the result of temperature variations. There is too for an article of this all over the world (Continued on page 3)

The LETTER

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A bit of news that interest to you. Enclosed clipping which appeared in "Asheville Times" two

Robert Davis, of (Asheville seems to be who has a role with in Metro-Goldwyn-MGM Four Marys" spent the in Asheville and Waynesville was the guest of Mrs. and family Thursday is the son of Mr. Jim Fines Creek.

He and his wife, Miss Myra Boyd, returned Friday, where she will be "Love's ache", with Metro-Goldwyn-MGM.

Your truly, Mable Clark.

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