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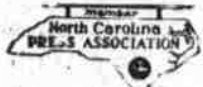
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1941

Haywood's Senator

Haywood and Henderson counties are paired in the state senatorial district, which the 1941 legislature created. The two counties will alternate in nominating one of the two senators, while the three remaining counties in the district will alternate in naming the second senator.

This county gets to nominate the senator for the next term, and now that the formal announcement has been made, this lets the bars down for candidates to announce their intentions of seeking the nomination. The second senator is to come from Jackson, which is paired with Polk and Transylvania in alternating every three terms.

Since Haywood's last senator was from Canton, the matter could narrow down to this end of the county, and a Waynesville man would probably be a likely choice. In fact, a lot of groundwork has already been done by the prospective candidate, and with the election only six months off, it is not any too soon, according to some political experts, to get foundations built, and the seeds of friendship planted.

Housebreaking Again

It has started again—robberies of summer homes. Already this fall several homes have been entered. One completely ransacked. It is generally believed that young transient thieves are responsible for most of the breaking and entering cases. It is a hard thing to cope with, but there are very few things that can discourage the building of summer homes more than having an epidemic of robberies every winter.

Bright Prospects

From present shopping activities in the stores in the community, and from the attractive array of gifts, it would appear that our people will observe Christmas with all its festive trimmings.

This is to be accounted for in two ways: first the economic situation makes it possible for the people of this section to enjoy the material expressions of the season; second, their enthusiasm is based on something far deeper than material things. Underneath is the unconscious joy of thanksgiving, of appreciation of the blessings prevailing here in America.

To enjoy this Christmas in America should not seem a selfish gesture, but rather a spirit of carrying on and making the most of the privileges a great nation has given to its people.

A Good Sign

Most people have seemed of the opinion that last year was such an outstanding one from the standpoint of the number of tourists that under the present emergency, 1942 would have to drop below the 1941 record, but the travel in the past two months in the Park tends to quiet all fears about the coming year's record.

The large increase in travel in the Park this year over last is indicative of two things. First, that business in general will be conducive to travel and second, that the Park has become one of the major points of interest for the sightseeing public from all over this country.

While a great deal can happen ere spring and summer come again the signs look good at any rate for another record breaking stream of travel.

We May Slow Down

T. Boddie Ward, commissioner of the State Motor Vehicle Department, is reported to have a very definite plan about "laying a new speed law in the lap" of the next Legislature, with "plenty of teeth".

Mr. Ward believes that speeding is the chief explanation of the unprecedented increase in deaths on the North Carolina highways, which now amount to well over a 1,000 for the year closing.

He points out that in states where they have adopted legislation similar to his proposal, fatal accidents have dropped sharply.

Among the 35 states having specific limits of speed, only two others are as high as North Carolina, according to Mr. Ward. They are Arkansas and Wyoming, and these states are sparsely settled and have less traffic troubles than North Carolina.

South Carolina and Virginia, to the south and north of us, have a 55-mile-per-hour limit. In ten states the limit is 45, in eight it is 50, in five it is 55, and in three it is 40. Others have limits varying from night to day and in special zones.

The urgent need of the reduction of the state speed limit of 60 miles was recently pointed out by Sergeant Jones and Patrolman Roberts, who serve this area, and also the difficulty of enforcing the laws already on the statute books of the state, which Mr. Ward likewise refers to in his recent statement regarding the new law.

We admit the advantage of all possible legislation on the subject. It is a necessity to have to hold over the heads, so to speak, of the careless driver, but along with the new legislation should go an educational campaign impressive enough to convince the public of the importance of preventive measures.

This will not be an easy task, we admit, for if the tragic toll of the past few months does not arouse them, what will?

And last but not least it might be a fine plan to enforce more strictly the laws we already have in North Carolina.

State Forester Holmes

We noted with interest during the week that State Forester J. S. Holmes, who has held his post since 1915, and has the record of having held a major State position longer than any other official on Capitol Hill, is to have an assistant to help with the field work.

Forester Holmes, a native of Canada, but a loyal adopted son of North Carolina, has done an excellent job during the past 22 years in which he has served the state as forester. Prior to 1915 when he received the title of State Forester he was connected with the forestry division of the old Geological and Economic Survey located in Chapel Hill, which he joined in 1909.

Only one other state forester in the United States has served in one position as long as Mr. Holmes and he is F. W. Beasley, of Maryland, whose record is only a short period longer than that of Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes has seen the department increase from \$3,000 annual expenditures to \$150,000, and the personnel from a half dozen to around 3,500 on part and whole-time employment.

A great many changes have taken place in the state during his years of service. When he first became forester it was the booming days of lumbering when great forests were lashed with little thought of the future or much idea of conservation.

Quite a contrast to the work now of conserving and reforesting and a better understanding on the part of the citizens of the state as to the value and proper treatment of our natural resources. Here in Haywood County we have a true picture of what has taken place in the state.

Mr. Holmes says, "There is still much to be done, since fire prevention is not yet state-wide, and the amount of forest land in public ownership is still negligible, with the exception of two slowly developing national forests."

What A Contrast

It is reported that eighty per cent of the industrial workers of France are in the zone occupied by the Germans, and almost 75 per cent of the agricultural production of the country is also in the same area.

The longer the occupation goes on, naturally the weaker France will become. Thus the raw materials and the manpower of France are being brought under complete German control.

Yet in this country workers are not satisfied in many cases working under most favorable conditions.

Often people do not realize their blessings.

Most married women will tell you that a husband helps most with fall and spring housecleaning when he stays away from home.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We wonder how E. C. Moody felt last Saturday night when he closed the doors of his grocery store on Main street for the last time . . . for seven years he had done business in the same building . . . since he moved from his location on Boyd Avenue . . . in 1934 . . . where he had operated since 1924 . . . when we talked to him during the week he seemed mighty jubilant over moving from noisy Main street to the peaceful shores of Lake Junaluska . . . where he is going to manage the Junaluska Supply store for Jerry Liner . . . and we congratulated both on the new connection . . . but we bet when he walked out of that door on Main, he must have felt a tinge of sadness . . . for Mr. Moody has made many friends during the years he had been in business for himself . . . when you can keep numbers of your customers who bought from you from the first day you started in business up to the last . . . you have given them a very satisfactory service . . .

"You know the biggest problem I have found in business," said Mr. Moody . . . as we talked over his leaving . . . "is trying to please the general public and each individual." . . . Mr. Moody, we admit that you put your fingers on the vulnerable spot in the business world . . . for if you can't please the public to some extent . . . it is hard to build up a business . . . in fact it can't be done . . . and as Mr. Moody further pointed out that "everybody is a little different, no two are alike . . . you might as well make up your mind . . . that it will take time . . . for the latter would hold a life time grievance for any show of abruptness . . . we told him we understood . . . and he seemed amazed that in the life of a reporter such problems came up . . . which all proves how little we do know about the other fellows headaches . . .

"But take it all the way through, it may be news to you, but I had rather wait on a woman any day than a man . . . in the first place they know what they want and how much they need . . . and they naturally buy more than a man." . . . continued Mr. Moody . . . in both instances, we were surprised . . . for we had thought that a man would buy with greater speed and assurance (even if he bought the wrong things, according to his wife when he got home) . . . and we were sure he would buy with a more lavish hand . . .

"And another thing I have observed . . . is the great change in the things people eat . . . twenty years ago you sold meat and bread and a few vegetables . . . but I will admit we sold just as good grades of food then, as we now . . . but not the large assortment that we do today . . . the change has been noticed in the country as well as the town . . . people eat so many more fruits and vegetables and drink fruit juices than they used to . . . you'd be surprised at the number of fancy groceries that the country folks buy now . . . in fact everybody eats alike . . . both in the country and the town . . . they are all counting vitamins . . . both the lean ones and the fat ones . . . The good roads have had a lot to do with that." . . . he said . . .

"Another thing . . . wholesale business is a lot easier on the nerves than retail . . . I have tried both . . . when you fill an order in the wholesale that is the last . . . but a wholesale order retailed . . . is another story . . . you can see for yourself . . ." then he broached the subject of modern methods of cash and carry . . . for Mr. Moody has stuck to the old "time system of credit . . . and "on time . . ."

"I guess I have lost a lot of

money . . . maybe I have been too trusting . . . for my own good . . . but then on the other hand . . . maybe I have helped people along the way . . . I have always felt that folks really intended to pay . . . and you know it has been hard sledding for a lot of us during the past ten years especially . . . there have been some pretty lean ones . . . but I believe if I had to do it all over again . . . I would go on a cash and carry basis . . . because after all sometimes it is best not to credit folks . . . it is better for us all to pay as we go . . . it helps keep us all more honest" . . . which was pretty good philosophy . . . for credit has been the undoing of many . . .

Letters To The Editor

A MESSAGE TO TAXPAYERS

Editor The Mountaineer:—The folder, "Know Your Taxes," which is being distributed by the Treasury, shows at a glance what every citizen will have to pay in the coming year and how much of your monthly income you should set aside regularly for tax payments. The purchase Tax Saving Notes, now on sale by the Treasury, is one way to save systematically and conveniently for this purpose—but the important thing is to save. I suggest that people consult their local bank, savings and loan association, or employer. They will, I am sure, assist you in arranging now a savings plan to provide the money for income tax payments next year. Financial institutions are now making, and I know will continue to make, a real contribution to the defense program by educating the public to save. By saving and thrift we can combat the threat of inflation which endangers us all. Very truly yours, H. Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

WRAPPING SMALL GIFTS

An unusual way to wrap a number of small gifts that are to be given in a good-sized Christmas box is to tuck each one in an envelope made of either plain red, holly, silver or gold paper. Wrap each gift first in plain white tissue paper, folded in envelope style, and seal the flaps of both the inner and outer envelopes with contrasting seals. Patterns for the envelopes can be cut from ordinary envelopes by tearing one apart and either enlarging on it or trimming it down.

Boxing teaches politeness, says a trainer. Sure—your friends are afraid to be otherwise.



Rambling Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Bits of this, that and the other picked up here, there and yonder.

Voice OF THE People

What season of the year do you personally prefer for a vacation?

Miss Margaret Terrell—"Usually, I prefer the spring, but this year I would like to go to Florida in the winter."

G. C. Summerrow—"I believe I would prefer the autumn on account of the good weather."

R. M. Waddell—"I would take the spring, because I would rather be off from work then."

Mrs. C. N. Sisk—"I would say the summer time so I could go to the beach."

Mrs. John N. Shoolbred—"I would prefer the winter time, as I do not like to travel in hot weather, and then I would like to go to the coast and of course the summer is the time for that."

F. C. Compton—"I prefer the spring as I like to go fishing, and my second choice is the fall so I can hunt, but I get to do mighty little of either one."

Mrs. William Hannah—"I would take the spring as my favorite season for a vacation; as I like to ride through the country when the foliage is putting out."

Milas Ferguson—"I prefer the season that happens to be the most convenient for me to get away from my work."

Joe Howell—"I would prefer the fall, when it is nice to get out in the open."

Miss Hester Davis—"I think that October is an ideal month for a vacation."

Latin America Sure To Profit As War Goes On

By CHARLES P. STEWART (Central Press Columnist)

By making the United States Latin-American conscious the war promises to prove a very profitable affair for our southern New World neighbors. Yankee big money is beginning to learn that they have tremendous resources to develop and shows signs of an urge to put up the necessary capital for the purpose. Naturally the inflow of a few billions in fresh outside cash into a somewhat primitive country is economically stimulating to the recipient people.

Accounts of Dutch Guiana's wealth-producing possibilities, following the dispatch of a Yankee protective force thitherward, illustratively has been first rate advertising, not only for the Netherlands possession itself, but for the whole area in the vicinity.

It's doubtful that more than about one North American in 100 ever had heard, previously, of the port of Paramaribo, or knew anything of its bauxite deposits' near-by riches or the potential but hitherto unappreciated productivity of the surrounding jungle.

Today Paramaribo pictures are appearing in all our newspapers, the National Geographical society's bulletins are describing the whole region in detail, and we're becoming fairly well informed on the subject.

Adjoining Brazil is getting its share of publicity, partly because it's so close to Guiana that it can't get a percentage of notice and partly because it's co-operating with Uncle Sam in Guiana-esque protective activities against the

PURELY PERSONAL

"Daddy, how is it that Claus is here, and in Asheville in Hendersonville and over the radio, too?" The flubbergasting question the 4½-year-old daughter like a flash of lightning clear sky.

She had seen Santa Claus on the streets of Hendersonville, had written that she had seen him in Hendersonville, and she was living in a confusing and world.

An explanation that Santa Claus is here, and in Asheville in Hendersonville and over the radio, too? The flubbergasting question the 4½-year-old daughter like a flash of lightning clear sky.

She further insists that Santa Claus is here, and in Asheville in Hendersonville and over the radio, too? The flubbergasting question the 4½-year-old daughter like a flash of lightning clear sky.

Santa's helpers have an important role to play. To protect the one and only must be jolly and love of too often the helper is over-worked and has lost his nerves—and even some weight times their ill-fitting suits dead give-away.

Yes, it all must be might fusing and nerve wracking.

In the window of the Green Tea Room is the "sweetest" cookie house I've ever seen. Rung was the architect, and vided the construction, which done by Mr. Rung. The candy fence around the yard the horehound rocks in the rye, and the cookies wall had F. G. Ripptoe and myself name ourselves as humbly mites to bore into the interior timbers. To date the gnat always been too heavy for penetrate.

Henry Gaddy has a job don't think I would like, suits him. That of many buildings for fire hazards, average person thinks "it not happen to me." For the part, people are careful, but that are careless are very careless and that endanger property of everyone. The spections are fine, and well while.

Over in Brevard, The Times gone modern—and expanded after using the latest by their news columns. The is managed by bustling working newspaper men and on. The new style paper, no same size as The Mountaineer a big improvement over the size.

The Times has added meters, and is carrying more news than the old size permitted. More power to your paper folks across the ridge.

A Waynesville man, known for his inability to sober very long at a time, had the other day about get he had to go home and get and "he sure did dread it" an ordeal is beyond me. Why? Why? That's a new one "the Book of Excuses."

chances of Nazi mischief in the Dutch colony.

Rubber Available Not far from Paramaribo, the South American east bulge into the Atlantic, the mouths of the Amazon, and Amazon are wild rubber trees.

They doubtless need catering for gum-tapping purposes, but considering our worrying concerning supplies for our tires other manufacturing, it would be as if it should be a job worth dertaking. Henry Ford started about 25 years ago, due to the permit pestered out, due to of shipping to bring the good the river.

So inland water transportation an item not to be overlooked South American development gram.

As for rubber, the trees are over western Brazil and down eastward slopes of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Hence that quartet of republics that stand get plenty of Yankee financing tention as the rubber-raising paign gains headway.

Bolivia and Chile are rich in erals. Not that they haven't already but they can stand intensive digging into 'em.

Oil deposits are scattered over—in Venezuela and Colombia up and down the Andes, in Argentina and in the Chaco, which Paraguay and Bolivia over recently.

One of the beauties of the (Continued on next page)