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Proposed Revival

We note with satisfaction and commendation of the sponsors that the Chamber of Commerce directors have voted to stage at an early date a "Politeness Week." We had not thought of this method, but we have seriously contemplated for some time the vital need of a revival of good manners and courtesy in our community.

We think one of the most lamentable casualties along the home front during the war were the lapses in good manners and at times ordinary decent courtesy.

We often wondered why here at home, no matter how hectic things were with our shortages and waiting lines for foods and the general grand scramble to get what was coming to us, that we had to drop our manners. In fact there were cases where people shed their previous ideas of courtesy like an old worn out shoe. It is time now to repair this damage.

We think the "Politeness Week" will help us all. No matter what our business no matter if we count our place in the home, it will be good for us.

We also think that on the eve of the summer season, when we are all given the responsibility of presenting our best manners, so that we can "sell" our community to the summer visitor, is an opportune time. May we get the habit so fixed that even the autumn leaves begin to fall, and Main Street crowds take on a more familiar look, we retain it and practice it among ourselves.

It was a crime the way the civilian used the war as an alibi for all their sins and short comings—we do not have the to hide behind any more. So let's all brush up on our manners, and the finest way we know is to live up the Golden Rule as a health measure.

Waste

This week is the 10th anniversary of "National Wildlife Restoration Week," first proclaimed by President Roosevelt and sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. The urgency for conservation of our natural resources were pointed out by J. N. Darling, honorary president of the Federation and distributed by the Associated Press.

There was much timely advice and information in the article, showing that the "need for intelligent conservation of our national resources stark and real." It is said to be inescapable if we are to prevent the ultimate economic decline of the United States.

Wildlife merely leads the parade, according to the Federation president. Two world wars in which we oiled, munitioned, and fed half the world, have taken a heavy toll of our irons, oils, forests and soils already badly wasted in a reckless era by a nation of economic spendthrifts.

Any nation can be rich only as long as its supply of resources is greater than the needs of its people. After that no nation is self supporting.

As Mr. Darling points out, "It is high time we snapped out of our idea that the people of this country can go on forever using up soils, forests, waters, minerals and wild life, without evenutally coming to the bottom of the barrel."

They held final rites the other day for the pedestrian who held that motorists are the ones who should dodge traffic.

Adults are always children at heart. During childhood they believe in fairy tales and when they grow up they believe in campaign promises.

Capt. Alden A. Howell

Extraordinary strength of mind and spirit no less than of the physical body surely must be the endowment of those whose lives, like Captain Howell's cover more than a century of history. And the 106 years between 1841 and 1947 were not years of unbroken tranquillity—indeed quite the opposite in many of those decades.

Twenty-year-old Alden Howell graduated from school in Haywood county into the Confederate Army, where he followed the new flag four full years. In the time of storm and stress that followed the War Between the States lawyer and banker Howell become one of the founders of the new order, the New South. And he felt no reason to retire from active life until he had completed his four score years.

Unless the records are mistaken, Captain Howell was the last commissioned officer of the Confederate armies, the last officer leader of "that uncomparable body of Southern infantry," in the words of a Northern historian that astonished the world by its deeds against accumulating odds.

American youngsters today North and South, may wonder how that tragedy of war ever came upon the nation, as they also strive to understand the catastrophes of two world wars and the clouds that still are visible on the world horizon.

If these youthful Americans also wonder about the sense of right that moved the soldiers of the Blue and the Gray, they may remember the Kentucky father who, losing two sons in the war, one in the Confederate, one in the Union forces, erected one monument over them both, with this inscription: "God knows which was right."

And to this question there may well be added these words of the English Colonel Henderson, who wrote a life of General Jackson:

"If Stonewall Jackson had been a New Englander, educated in the belief that secession was rebellion, he would assuredly have shed the last drop of his blood in defense of the Union; if Ulysses Grant had been a Virginian, imbibing the doctrine of States' Rights with his mother's milk, it is just as certain that he would have worn the Confederate gray. It is with those Northerners who would have allowed the Union to be broken, and with those Southerners who would have tamely surrendered their hereditary rights, that no Englishman would be willing to claim kinship."—The Asheville Times.

Two More Awards

So often adults forget their responsibility in the encouragement and stimulation of ideals in the generation coming on. We congratulate the Sonoma Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star for their plans to offer citizenship awards in the Bethel school.

In the Waynesville Township schools we feel sure the awards offered have been goals to which our young people have striven and they have helped them work toward better practice of citizenship. In the majority of cases the pattern of a life begins to show in early youth, and as "the twig is bent so grows the tree."

Sometimes one hears arguments against such awards, in that all cannot receive them and that they create a bad feeling. To us this is one of the finest lessons taught in the awarding of such recognition. Life is a series of competitions. Others about us inspire us to better things. In teaching that in our struggle to attain higher things and unless we give our best, others will outstrip us in the race of life—is a lesson as old as life itself that all must learn. We must learn it without bitterness and often the loss of an award is as stimulating as the winning, because it can serve as a stepping stone to success of the goal.

Largest Camp

The announcement that the largest camp ever held at the Daniel Boone Council camp on Pigeon will be conducted this year is received as good news in this section. During the war years we noticed that our Scouting activities seemed to drop, and it is with deep interest that we note renewed interest.

We have an idea that during the war years the adult leaders were busy about other things and perhaps did not have time to give the cause as many hours as formerly. The fact that the largest camp is to be expected this year shows that things are picking up in Scouting and that we are building back one of our finest assets.

On The Spot

It will be interesting to watch President Truman's popularity in the political campaign that even now is unofficially underway, for the 1948 elections are deeply involved in the current events. President Truman is going to get the blame if world affairs turn out well and he will be blamed if they are the reverse. Such is the position in which he will find himself as he helps shape world policies.

THE IDES OF MARCH

HERE and THERE

By

HILDA WAY GWYN

From the records of the long black book which contains the marriage licenses in the office of Bryan Medford, Haywood county Register of Deeds, one would be inclined to think that romance was dead in Haywood. There have been only three marriage licenses sold since the first of March. But of course on second thought, we must not be discouraged for as we write we do not have the records on file Clayton, Ga. Then March has never been a popular wedding month, even though it follows so closely on the heels of Valentine Day.

It is funny, though how much attention a prospective bride and bridegroom get at the courthouse. Dozens of people can come and go in the offices all day long, and no one gives them any mind, but let a couple come into the office of Register of Deeds to buy a marriage license—and it just gets around. Then if they ask for the services of a Justice of the Peace, the news takes wings, and they come running down from the third floor and by the time the arrangements have been made by the couple with the J. P. the "wedding guests" have assembled—and someone from the crowd will be used as the official witness.

Come to think of it, it has been months since we have attended a courthouse marriage, when at one time it was expected in the ordinary run of events. Our J. P.'s make their ceremony short and to the point. We have heard them request that the bridegroom salute the bride with a kiss, but most of the time, they say in a matter of fact tone of voice, "Well, now you are married".

None of our Haywood J. P.'s to date have been able to compete with the ceremony that an old time magistrate in Mecklinburg county back in the 1896's, is credited with by Mr. Josephus Daniels, who recently gave a full account of the J. P.'s methods of uniting a couple in the Holy bonds of matrimony. According to Mr. Daniels, he would say:

"We have assembled here my friends and brothers, upon this historic spot, to celebrate the nuptial ties of the couple now

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Inside WASHINGTON

Marshall Hopes Moscow May Windup in Six Weeks | **Gen. Eisenhower Pays Tax On $500 Check He Donated**

Special to Central Press

● WASHINGTON—Do not look for a prolonged meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers' conference in Moscow. Secretary of State George C. Marshall plans that it will last no more than six weeks, and then only if there seems to be some chance of getting together on fundamental principals—something that outsiders doubt.

Despite the seeming softening of Russia on some subjects, such as United States demands for a security trusteeship over the Pacific islands won by American blood, it is doubted that there will be any great concessions from Moscow.

Secretary Marshall

This seems to be particularly the case on the questions of Germany's future boundaries with Poland and on Germany's future.

Marshall probably will make some concessions but will not yield on fundamental principals. It is now hoped that within six weeks the Big Four at least will agree on these and then the deputies will go to work drafting the formal peace treaty.

How long this will take is purely a matter of guesswork.

Thereafter, it is planned to hold a new meeting with the outside powers having a further hearing. This may take months and only afterward will the Big Four meet again, probably in Paris, London or Washington.

Only then, it is believed, will the major powers begin to discuss the Japanese treaty, which most observers believe should have been put ahead of the German treaty since Japan has a going government—Germany none.

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● THE INCOME TAX LAW is the great leveler. It respects neither the big nor the little—not even the big brass. All this Gen. Dwight Eisenhower recently found out.

The Army chief of staff went up to Lafayette college in Pennsylvania to make a speech and get a degree. After receiving his laurels and delivering his message, the president of the college told the five-star general that Lafayette had a little custom. He said:

"We always give a $500 check as an honorarium to our speaker. Here is your check, general."

"Ike," in his usual bashful manner, explained that he couldn't accept it. He said he came to the college as head of the Army, was speaking for the Army, was a servant of the people and could not accept such gifts.

"But it is our custom—our regulation," the bewildered college prexy insisted. The general was just as insistent. It appeared an impasse had come about. Then "Ike" had an idea. He asked:

"Don't you have college funds, for this or that, where the money could be used to good purpose?" The answer was yes, Lafayette did. Whereupon Eisenhower endorsed the check and turned it over to the fund.

Came the day when the income tax had to be made out. For some reason, the general used the "short long" form. In so doing he paid a tax to Uncle Sam on the $500 he held in his possession just long enough to sign his name.

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● THERE IS A COMPACT-AND-LIPSTICK BRIGADE among Capitol Hill lobbyists. Forty-one women are among the 496 registered lobbyists.

The highest paid, the record shows, is Margaret Taylor of the National Co-Operative Milk Producers association. She gets $7,000. The average salary of the female lobbyists is $3,300.

Male lobbyists do better salary-wise. One gets $65,000, and few are under $5,000.

The lobbyists represent varied interests. A man and a woman promote the interests of the International Apple association. Thirty work for the Townsend pension plan. One man gets $4,500 for looking after interests of the Klamath Indians of Oregon. Others represent, almost literally, "butchers and bakers and candlestick makers."

Lipstick Lobby Brigade

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Would you favor Haywood county buying a suitable piece of property and equipping it with the necessary buildings for holding Agricultural-home and art Exhibitions, and Livestock shows and Sales?

J. C. Patrick—"Yes, I certainly would favor such."

C. F. Kirkpatrick—"Yes, I would approve such."

Mrs. Carl Medford — "Yes, I would favor such action eventually, but I think the present is not only a bad time to buy property, but also to build."

Judge F. E. Alley—"I would certainly favor such a project, for besides the benefit for the local and county people, it would be a big advertisement outside of Haywood county."

R. N. Barber, Jr.—"Yes, I would definitely approve of the county taking such action at this time."

W. H. Burgin—"Yes, I would be in favor of this for I feel that it would be a good thing for the county."

Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:

Music lovers of Waynesville will remember the evening of March 18 for the enjoyable concert by the North Carolina Little Symphony under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin. And the many detained at home by the influenza epidemic will have as much occasion to regret that they could not be present.

As its opening number the Orchestra performed Bach's little known Chorale Prelude, "The Old Year Is Past", with flair and all requisite precision, making the most of the beautiful organ point in brass and woodwinds that marks the latter half of the development.

No more appropriate introduction could have been chosen to the little Mozart symphony that followed ("Linz", No. 36), the slow movement of which was probably never excelled by the composer, while the Mendelssohn Andante from the Violin Concerto in E Minor with which the second section of the program opened, offered interesting contrasts between the classic and romantic styles. It is good to hear the Liebesfreud performed once in a while by the full orchestra, for which incidentally Kreisler wrote it.

"Contrapuntal Capers" by Sol Cohen, violinist with the Orchestra and an instructor at the Richland

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Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

THE ANSWER—You have been hearing a great deal about how appropriations for teachers for the coming year have been so very disappointing to some groups. Here is the answer to the questions being asked: In this biennium, 1945-47, the appropriation for all salaries for all N. C. public school teachers is $75,233,158. The appropriation for the next biennium, 1947-49, for instructional salaries has been settled at $102,418,430.

This is an increase of 36 per cent or about four per cent of which will go for experience increments, better-trained and more experienced teachers, and the other 32 per cent for PAY INCREASES TO ALL TEACHERS.

ANOTHER JOB—[illegible] ployed by the Good [illegible] ciation since early [illegible] B. Caldwell of Gre[illegible] been performing [illegible] kick service for agen[illegible] cies during the [illegible] Legislature. For this [illegible] ceived no compensation.

Former State Grange [illegible] secretary of the [illegible] Food Council [illegible] could not stay out of [illegible] even if he wished. He [illegible] ing the cooperatives [illegible] forts to avoid further [illegible]

Don't be surprised if [illegible] executive secretary [illegible] around $7,000 of the [illegible]

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Washington Letter

ONCE-SHOCKING BOOK ON CHILD CARE REACHES 20,000,000TH COPY

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—When the U. S. Children's Bureau first published a pamphlet called "Infant Care" back in 1914, there were raised eyebrows.

It was alright for the federal government to tell farmers how to raise horses and hogs, but some folks thought it was outside the government's province to tell mothers how to care for and feed their babies.

"Infant Care" is today one of the nation's best sellers. By February this year, 20,000,000 copies had been issued. [illegible] may be obtained free [illegible] bureau, and Ameri[illegible] write in for them fr[illegible] the world.

At the time the bu[illegible] to get out the pamphlet [illegible] can babies out of ev[illegible] dying in their first [illegible] Today fewer than four [illegible] die.

"It was a crusading [illegible] pamphlet leveled agai[illegible] norance and superstiti[illegible] time—the paregoric e[illegible] be called," an official [illegible] dren's Bureau explain[illegible]

The book was a pl[illegible] shine, pure water, m[illegible]

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BROADWA[illegible]

By Jack O'Brian

TIME ON THE MARCH FAILS TO SHOW ON FREDDIE AND FLO

NEW YORK—Fredric March and his wife, Florence Eldridge, are having their biggest success as a husband-and-wife acting team in Max Gordon's production of No-relation-Ruth Gordon's autobiographical comedy, "Years Ago".

They have been in thespic tandem frequently in the past, and have received generous journalistic back pats for their combined trouping. But the manner in which praise now is being heaped on the duo in their present vehicle is, they say, a most heartening facet of the theater, the meat of which keeps them coming back again and again from between-stints in films.

Florence Eldridge thinks their vaunted dual accomplishment stems from their close fami[illegible] ship. It never has been [illegible] secret that the Mar[illegible] marriage is a real ro[illegible]

"You get to know e[illegible] well," Florence said the [illegible] ning backstage as she [illegible] makeup. "That you just [illegible] ly sense every move a[illegible] stage rhythm is the re[illegible]

March has a tendency [illegible] their bilateral expertise [illegible] profesisonal stage term[illegible] reason appeared to be [illegible] same nevertheless.

"We have been plain[illegible] for so long," he said, "[illegible] blend dialogue and a[illegible] sort of rhythmic unity [illegible] at least to me, to be a [illegible] piece."

Individually and se[illegible]

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