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Bethel

The Bethel community has always been one of the outstanding areas in Haywood county. The dedication of the Bethel Methodist church last Sunday marks another milestone in the progress of the community.

Nestling in one of the most beautiful valleys in Western North Carolina, its citizens have always been of the highest type, and the church center, with its three churches has been an outstanding part of the community life.

One of the finest things about the community has been the perfect harmony of the denominations in their cooperation with each other. While they show their preference in their designated membership, each congregation aids the other in their church work.

Worthwhile Project

We congratulate the American Legion on their project to sponsor the purchase of a bookmobile for the county library. We likewise congratulate the rural people on their good luck to have this improved library service which will be extended to the rural areas through the acquisition of this vehicle to the county library service.

While the rural population have had a fine service in book stations, it has been a hardship on the library to get the books delivered, with no certain means of transportation, and with a bookmobile this will all be changed.

Now people en route the lines of the bookmobile will have an opportunity to borrow books from the truck and it will be possible to have a quicker turnover of books than in the previous arrangement.

If anyone doubts that this service is appreciated by the rural people of Haywood county, and what their appreciation of this larger and more extensive service through a bookmobile, they have only to visit the county library and check on circulation in the rural areas. They will come in for a big surprise, and in addition to the number of readers throughout the county, they will also wonder if the town people are making the most of this opportunity, which is so convenient to them.

A bookmobile on the rural roads of Haywood county will be an inspiring sight, it will be a banner of progress which is in keeping with the trend of better living which marks the passage of time in Haywood county.

Just For Drinks

We must be a thirsty nation. The liquor bill of the United States is reported last year to have been twice as large as the amount spent for public education.

It reached the staggering sum of \$8,750,000,000. This large sale of intoxicants was also reflected in the number of cases on the dockets of our criminal courts.

This matter of education which most of us have taken for granted has been neglected to such an extent that most of us are completely surprised.

The time has come when the American citizen had better take an over-all picture and get his values more balanced.

The Vanishing Potato

We read that the old standby, the Irish potato, is a "vanishing American institution, according to an internationally known economist.

The consumption of the potatoes per capita has declined some 25 per cent since World War I and only a "major depression can ever restore the spud as the monarch of Yankee Doodle vegetable."

Potatoes will not disappear, we are told, from the American table, but will become just another vegetable, and will not hold the place of importance which it has enjoyed so much.

It seems that the potato is "going to pot" not in the pot, chiefly because of the improvement in the standard of living. Better transportation and refrigeration make it possible for housewives to buy vegetables that once were curiosities to their mothers.

One of the biggest reasons, however, is the blame put on the women for a "waistline aversion." The women feel that potatoes and poundage are inseparable, so they are given as one of the main causes for the decline of the good old standby.

We are told that the farmer is making it up on the sale of spuds for potato chips, and that the wise farmer who grades his potatoes and uses improved methods will still make an honest penny on his crop of potatoes.

A Timely Suggestion

In an address at the Rotary district conference in Charlotte, Mr. Holt McPherson, retiring district governor, presented an idea that might well be considered by members of all civic clubs in Western North Carolina which are members of national or international organizations, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Civitan, Lions, and others.

He made the point that opening of the Blue Ridge Parkway is going to present new and greater opportunity and challenge to Rotarians of Western North Carolina to afford the hospitality and fellowship which the many thousands of visiting Rotarians have a right to expect from their fellow clubmen of these communities. Mr. McPherson said that in Florida, where he formerly lived, he saw a demonstration of what he was proposing for Western North Carolina.

The opening of the Blue Ridge Parkway, which will be one of the finest highways in America and designed primarily for tourist travel, unquestionably will greatly increase the number of visitors who will be coming annually to the great scenic mountain area of North Carolina in the years ahead. The opening of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park years ago meant a great increase in the number of visitors coming to North Carolina from all over the country. The Blue Ridge Parkway and the great Smoky Mountains National Park will form a combination that will still further greatly increase the number of people coming to North Carolina from other states for their annual vacations.

The members of the Rotary and other "luncheon" clubs of Western North Carolina can increase and promote the attractiveness of the section for visiting vacationists by meeting and cordially greeting their fellow clubmen from all over the United States. The hospitality and friendship shown the visitors will have the effect of strengthening the desire of tourists and vacationists to come back repeatedly to North Carolina.—Charlotte Observer.

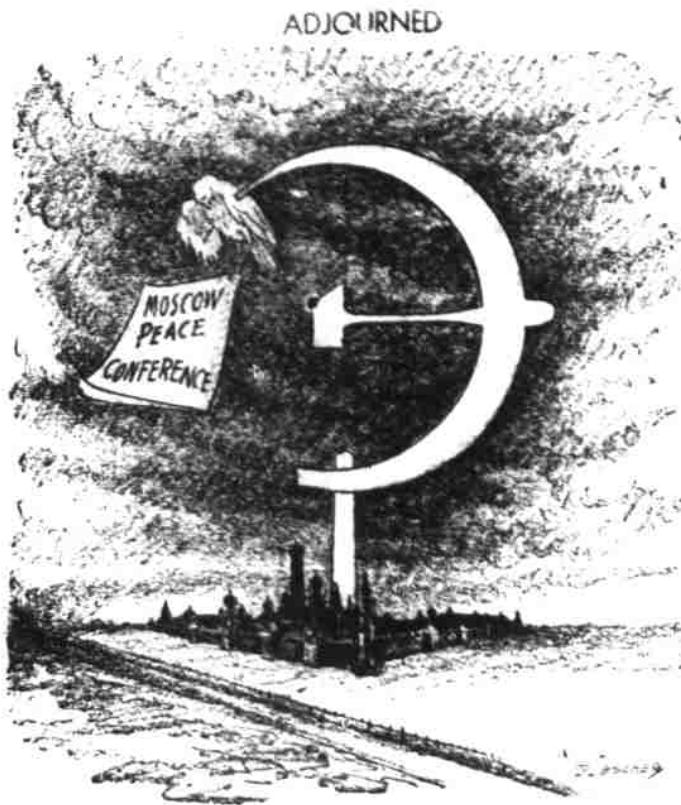
Henry Ford's Will

We were glad that the great motor company that bears his name and which he founded with only \$28,000 in cash back in 1903, will remain in the family under the will of Henry Ford. That we feel is in keeping with the character of its founder.

The responsibility of carrying on the great family empire now rests with the younger members of his family, as they reach maturity, the four grandchildren, and the elder, now in command, seems to have much of the spirit of his grandfather.

Certainly the public can have no fault to find with this feature of his will, when we consider the vast amounts which he has left to make the world a better place, and to aid fellowmen. It is said that the foundation which started with \$164,000 and has grown steadily with his wealth, will be the largest foundation of its kind, even surpassing the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation.

If the principles which Mr. Ford laid down are followed we may expect the huge sum to go for purposes practical to mankind, we are told. He was a stern believer in helping only those who were willing to help themselves and once was reported to have said "I have no patience with professional charity."



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Mrs. Hugh A. Love and Mrs. Cornelia Nixon, delegates to the North Carolina State Music Federation of clubs annual convention held last week in Gastonia, must have felt very much at home when one of the visitors, the newly elected president of the National Music Federation, Mrs. Royden J. Keith opened her talk at the convention by telling of a visit to Waynesville, where she came to give a concert. She described the beauty of the country and especially seeing the sunrise from the Sims home in Chestnut Park, where she was a guest during her stay here. She said "it was the most beautiful sight she had ever seen." Everyone who heard or met Mrs. Keith, the former Marie Morris, who was brought here in a concert by Clyde H. Ray Jr., will recall her lovely voice and remember her charm of manner.

We ran into the finest bit of sportsmanship last week, so we pass it on to you. There were eleven girls in the Woman's Club reading contest at the high school. Only two of the group were seniors, so the others, some of whom are members of the 9th grade will have another try at the top place. One of the girls reported to us that every contestant who entered this year had made a pledge to keep on being in the contest as long as they were in school, and that each one had made up her mind to win. Of course the last will not be possible, but it is a commendable reaction on the part of a loser. Success to you girls, and even if you don't win the top place, you

have already won something very precious, which will be a help to you all through life, if you apply it. That is the art of losing with grace—and instead of letting it get you down, build on failure to higher things.

We sincerely trust that the Hope diamond will have to be sold for the benefit of four-year old Mamie Spears Reynolds, recently left by her grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean. Of course it is none of our business, but we all have a tendency to express ourselves. We would not want to wish the responsibility of the possession of such a fabulous and famous stone on anyone, much less a sweet four year old. A jewel like that should be in a museum, it seems to us and its very possession would demonstrate the "burden of riches," instead of monetary security which valuables sometimes mean. We often wonder what pleasure the late Mrs. McLean had from wearing the thing, regardless of its accepted superstitions, and ill luck association. Perhaps though, as far as its safety was concerned, it was too distinctive and too famous to tempt a thief to take a chance on.

While Herman Francis and J. T. Russell have done a swell job at the stamp-window of the post office, we have greatly missed Linwood Grahl, who served there so many years. Linwood who has been quite ill, is much improved and we hope someday will be back in the post office, whether he takes over his old post or another.



WASHINGTON—Mrs. London, wife of the Netherlands Ambassador to the United States told me that her government gives a layette to all country women expecting babies—six diapers and four balls of wool. The diapers have to be returned after the infant outgrows the use of them. On the other hand, the Netherlands is one of the 14 countries of the world which provides for payment of maternity benefits to agricultural workers. Under the social insurance plan of the country they are covered by "combined compulsory sickness and maternal insurance." In 1946 the birth rate was 50 percent over that prevailing in previous years, and the death rate has dropped. The number of babies

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is the woman a man marries always the one he really loves?

Answer: Certainly not. A man may choose a wife for as many different reasons as a woman does a husband—and is just as likely as a woman not to know what his real reasons are. A man may marry for money or social prestige, or because he feels it is dishonorable not to keep a promise, or because he thinks he has found someone who will make a good wife and mother; or in order to get even with a girl who has thrown him over. All he can say surely is that he marries the girl he wants to marry.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Are you in favor of the measure before Congress to boost substitute benefits for disabled veterans taking on the job training?

Ralph Phillips: "Yes, I would, for I think they deserve it."

Howard Bryson: "I would if conditions were different, but since some of them are taking advantage of the privilege they are being granted, I am not so sure I would be in favor of the measure."

Ches George: "I am for it, I think they need all they can get."

H. M. Dulin: "I am not familiar with the entire set up, but as a general thing I would not be in favor of it, for I think the veterans are being well taken care of."

Joe Davis: "I am not familiar enough with the present benefits to say."

W. A. Bradley: "I think that the veterans in some cases are not using their benefits rightly, though I am sure that those sponsoring the measure in Congress have the best intentions, but it's hard to put such systems to work."

FREE DIAPERS PART OF NETHERLANDS AID TO HER BIRTH RATE By JANE EADS

prudent and thrifty, are most concerned over strengthening their economic status through trade with other countries. The exportation of bulbs, for the production of which Holland is noted, showed a sharp increase during 1946. Great Britain provided the most important market. Fruit, fresh vegetables, vegetable seeds, cheese and other dairy products are also largely exported. A woman here who is familiar with the situation in the Netherlands says that the Dutch are having difficulty getting Dutch cheese, that friends in this country are buying Edam and Gouda cheeses to send over. "It's like sending coals to New-

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By LAWRENCE Consulting P

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Are people who... "escape"

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Can a child of five be insane?

Answer: A child can of course be mentally defective, but cases of actual insanity are so rare that their existence is sometimes debated. A psychiatrist in Nymwegen, Holland, recently observed and treated a five-year-old girl

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Capital Let

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

HORTON APPOINTMENT—Although the naming of W. P. Horton as chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee does not necessarily rule him out as a candidate for Governor, the odds now are definitely against his running.

In his new role, he may be expected to tear his shirt plugging for W. B. Umstead for Senator. He will be in position to render a service which could not be purchased at any price.

POLITICAL ERROR—The feeling around Raleigh is that Tom Pearsall made a mistake in announcing for Charles Johnson at such an early date. Consensus is that he could have given himself, and Johnson, greater stature by waiting until the middle of the winter or early next spring — then coming out with a statement to the effect that "after giving the matter serious consideration, and having surveyed the field, I regard Johnson as the best fitted, etc."

The talk that Pearsall may have been making a trade for 1956, when the Governor will come from the East again, sounds rather empty in view of the fact that veterans are expected to name virtually everything after 1948. Pearsall was too young for World War I and too old for World War II.

BALLENTINE STRATEGY—Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine has been offered several important posts if he will pull out of the Governor's race in support of Johnson. Reports are that he will be given the Johnson nod for Commissioner of Agricul-

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YOU'RE TELLING

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

THE POLICE of London, Ontario, Canada, are reported mystified by a girl stranger who refuses to talk. Zedok Dumkopf wonders if she may be a refugee from a phone strike picket line.

The jumping mouse, according to Factographs, can jump 10 feet. This is adequate—until someone discovers an 11-foot cat.

Denmark's new king, Frederik IX, is 6 feet 6 inches tall. Among the Danes there is no mistaking as to who is the big shot.

China is to take a census of its population, the first since 1772. Sounds like a billion Chinese now.

If the suggestion of police and fire departments should a cop stop out a fire stop issue parking tickets.

And think how be for some copper scale speedily over two flat feet!

April showers flowers—plus glass, phantoms, work and a sword.

BACK ROAD SHOOTING

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



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