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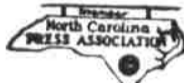
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Decoration Day

We are asking you to accept the invitation of the American Legion post to join them in their annual ceremonies on Decoration Day at Green Hill cemetery.

There has never been a time in the history of this country when we American citizens should have greater pride or gratitude in the achievements of those who have protected us from the combat of wars.

Taking a view of world conditions, despite the many imperfections of this great nation, we know that we have many advantages that are not enjoyed by the citizens of other countries. From time to time we have had to defend these privileges, which most of us take for granted, feeling that because we pay taxes we have earned them.

We trust that a record crowd will gather on the top of Green Hill Friday afternoon and take this short period out of their busy day to pay this deserved tribute to those who have served.

"Know Thy Community"

The Chamber of Commerce banquet held here last week was certainly a "family affair" where frank discussions were made on problems that concern this immediate community.

This newspaper feels it is always profitable to stop and take inventory, and as Carlyle so truthfully wrote, "know thyself."

All the speakers stuck to their assignments, and several threw out challenges that certainly will be considered for action before too long.

The economic life of this community is built around industry, agriculture and tourists. Each unit of this triangle has its own definite problems, yet each is dependent on the others for a satisfactory solution to the problems.

The housing shortage was brought up at the meeting and certainly this is one matter that all three groups will have to work untiringly with to solve.

The time has long past when a merchant can sit idly by and say to a manufacturer, "That is your problem, do the best you can to solve it."

Every major problem of this community should be the direct concern of every individual. The community is so closely linked together that we are directly involved in every matter that gives any one group any concern.

We think the time has come when manufacturers, farmers, business men and those catering to tourists, must hold conferences together, study the needs and problems of each other, and proceed to help solve them.

The matter of merging Waynesville and Hazelwood and taking in additional territory was also mentioned at the meeting. This subject has been frequently discussed in private groups before.

This newspaper has always maintained that the first obligation and responsibility of the Chamber of Commerce is to "sell the community to the citizens here" and continually instill in them that this is truly a "good place to live."

The meeting last week was right along this line, and we feel that much good can come for a follow-up of a discussion of our community needs, and then doing something about them.

Extra Furniture

When you are giving your household the once over in the great elimination process of spring cleaning this week, keep an eye out for a piece of furniture, some odd chair that is excess baggage in your house, for it might be just the thing to pass on to the Youth Club.

The Woman's Club has started the movement by its gift of chairs and a bench. See if you can't add something to the collection, for this center is an important place in the life of our community.

THE BEGINNER



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is it passion that puts a man at a heartless woman's mercy?

Answer: No—if only because he could satisfy that elsewhere. The less a man feels at heart that he deserves true love, the more likely he is to be satisfied to buy an imitation.



Are gullible people lacking in intelligence?

Answer: No. "Brains"—or a lack of them—have little to do with it, although inexperience is sometimes a factor.

HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

The Haywood county Ramp convention is certainly getting publicity through Carl Goerch and his State Magazine. In the last issue Mr. Goerch published a long account by the editor of The Waynesville Mountaineer.

adopted sons. We feel that this year we should give Mr. Daniels the largest audience in the history of the event at the Lake. He deserves it, and is ever loyal to this section.

We are glad that the American Legion and Auxiliary have changed the hour of the memorial services from the 11 o'clock morning period, they observed for years to an afternoon program.

While the opening of The Assembly grounds for the summer season with the annual Haywood county Day is a Methodist observance, we hope that some of the members of other congregations will play trumpet from their own churches and slip off and go to the Lake for the 11 o'clock hour, in honor of the speaker, Mr. Josephus Daniels.



WASHINGTON — When Casey Jones piloted his iron horse across the countryside folks knew who was at the throttle.

An engineer could really express himself on the old-style locomotive with the whistle blown directly by hand. Some had special ways of blowing their whistles as they approached their homes.

Now most locomotives "talk" the same language. About the only variation you get from the whistle is making it shrill or soft-pedaling it.

Although operating rules of an individual railroad may vary according to such things as terrain and local and state statutes, the Association of American Railroads standard code of operating rules recommends two long, a short and a long toot to be used when approaching public grade crossings.

Most railroads follow this recommendation and a Georgia statute requiring two long and two short blasts was recently amended to require the suggested "toooooot, toooooot toot, toooooot."

An incident that happened at a railroad crossing between Bagworth and Thornton, England, May 4, 1883, resulted in the first train whistle. A train ran into a cart bearing 80 dozen eggs and 59 pounds of butter.

When this railroad first started operations a man rode on horseback ahead of the train to warn people, but when it got to going 15 miles an hour the horseman was ordered off the tracks.

America's first recorded train whistle was put into use in 1837. In 1880 the "bull whistle" appeared. It had a chamber of increased depth and gave forth a sound more on the baritone side.

Then chime whistles came into use. One critic described them as so seductive that they lured cattle on the tracks instead of frightening them away.

Here's how one railroad figured the cost of whistle blowing on one run where the whistle was sounded 309 times and blew a total of 42 minutes and 37 seconds. It took 4,709 pounds of steam.

The train people got excited, decided to put a steam trumpet on the engine. It was 18 inches high and shaped like a megaphone.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think that Henry Wallace will be a candidate for President in 1948?

Stanley Brading: "I hope so, for I would then have a chance to vote against him."

R. R. Campbell: "I don't think he will, for by then he will have played out."

Rudolph Carswell: "I don't think he will, because he will not have enough of a following by then to carry him."

S. E. Conatser: "I think he would like to be a candidate, but at present I don't see him having that much influence."

V. C. Nabeck: "No, I do not think so, for I think he will have more wisdom than to try to pull a third party."

Rutus Siler: "I surely hope not, but I wouldn't be surprised if he is."

WHISTLE BLOWING ART FADES BUT IT STILL IS COSTLY

By JANE EADS

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BROADWAY

By Jack O'Brien

NEW YORK — Jimmy Dunn of the films, recently of the touring Eugene O'Neill play, "Moon for the Misbegotten," may take over for six or eight weeks this summer when Frank Fay vacations from "Harvey."

Fred Astaire will return to pictures, preferably as a producer-actor and possibly as simply an actor. Perry Como and 20th Century-Fox aren't going steady any more.

There are other Berlin, Illinois jazz saxophone swing charmer-birds who are still "in" the business.

Bandleader-trumpeter Charlie Spivak got Fritz Kreisler's personal okay to record some of the violinist's famous compositions, written especially for classical fiddle.

Art Linkletter of radio's "House Party" will be an American citizen any day, having passed final naturalization exams.

YOU'RE TELLING

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

OLD KING COLE, according to Factographs, is said to have been King Crolius, who bossed Britain around 300 A. D. This comes as a distinct surprise to Junior who thought Old King Cole was just a nickname for John L. Lewis.

How Old King Cole ever managed to join the group of Mother Goose characters has always been a mystery to us. He must have been a first-class reprobate, senior grade.

He called for his pipe— Apparently the hypo needle had not been invented in Cokehead Cole's time so he just stuck to smoking the stuff.

He called for his bowl— No one-ounce shot glass for this royal tippler. He guzzled.

They'll Do It Every Time



THE OLD HOME TOWN

