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The Reading Club

The program for the annual reading club sponsored by the Haywood County Library this year might well be studied by the older generation as well as the rising one, for it is outlined to teach much of local interest.

Built around the theme of "Blue Ridge Billy," with a study of the mountains, wild flowers and natural resources of this area, it will undoubtedly prove to be, in addition to promoting summer reading, a profitable course.

A Warning

The records of traffic violations in the city police department should sound a warning note to the motoring public. The fact that there has been an increase of one fifth more violations during the current year than during the same period in 1946 is significant.

It is strange how most of us think that laws are made for the other fellow, and we can get by. With more cars, plenty of gasoline, hence more traffic, is no reason why drivers should become careless.

It is up to all of us to see that there is a decline in this record, for we have made it.

Ask The Women Back

We read that Britain has turned to her women again with an appeal that they go back to work in key production areas, as they did during the war.

In his plea the labor minister said in a recent broadcast: "I am sorry that I have to make this appeal. You did amazingly well by your country during the war and it seems a pity that there is again this urgent call for your help."

It will be interesting to see the results of the plea for the government seems to be offering little in the way of inducement to get the women back.

Under the country's income tax laws, a married woman who works gets a tax redemption on the first \$400 of her annual earnings, but must pay very high tax rates on the rest because her earnings are added to her husband's total income for taxation purposes.

From the American standpoint, it looks like England might have a slight "civil war" on her hands, in trying to get her women back into the factories.

The New Organ

Sunday morning the new Hammond organ at Lake Junaluska will be formally presented. It is the gift of two of the prominent laymen of the Methodist church, J. B. Ivey and H. A. Dunham, the latter of Asheville.

These men have given of their means generously for years to the church of their faith and this latest gift is especially fitting, since both men have been so deeply interested in the development of the assembly at Lake Junaluska.

Program Continued

We note that cuts planned by Congress in the appropriation of the Department of Agriculture will force a curtailment in the 1947-48 soil conservation programs that are planned for the midwest farms.

It is reported that such economies will not dim the farmers' increasing enthusiasm for soil-saving agricultural practices. It is said that the sensible farmer will follow soil-saving practices without governmental reward, simply because he can make more money thereby, and can protect his land from threats of future dust storms.

We feel sure that the Haywood farmers who have learned the value of soil conservation will have the same attitude, for it has been demonstrated beyond doubts that the value of contour plowing, terracing and proper fertilization in Haywood county has brought our farms to a high state of production which could never have otherwise been realized.

To The Graduates

We have been interested in the lines of thought presented in various graduation addresses and among those arresting our notice was that of Bishop Wright of Eastern Carolina in his talk before the North Carolina State college seniors.

The bishop's subject was "Giving One's Head to God," and he brought out this point: "Intelligence without goodness is a public calamity and so is goodness without intelligence."

In the foregoing statement is a great challenge, for as the speaker stressed, "tomorrow's world will not be an easy world to build, and it will require all the intelligence and energies that you have, for the world needs dedicated brains."

In closing he left this pertinent thought, "God speaks to us in so many ways, but God cannot help us unless we listen." This applies not only to the graduates, but to us all, for there is guidance and warnings about us, if we only take heed.

Tribute To Reports

A newspaper reporter's "receptivity and ceaseless quest" is as important to human relations as Dr. Albert Einstein's theory of relativity is to science said Dean Ackerman of the School of Journalism of Columbia University recently in commenting on the Pulitzer prizes given in this field.

He added that "reporters are the realists who explore and record daily news which is indispensable to readers, to governments, to business, to labor, to religion, to education and society."

Freight Rates

The following from the Christian Science Monitor, a newspaper published in Boston, will be of special interest to those living in the south, which admits the injustice certain sections have suffered from the difference in freight rates.

"That the north and east (so-called 'official' territory) will not be pleased at the Supreme Court's decision on freight rates is obvious. To the south and west, however, the ruling means the end of an injustice against which they have been protesting for three generations.

The facts involved are complex beyond description. The Interstate Commerce Commission made a six-year study of the problem, and in 1945, by a vote of 11 to 2, ordered 'classified' rates lowered in the south and west and raised in 'official' territory. The I. C. C. was enjoined from enforcing its decision, but the Supreme Court now upholds the commission's findings, 7 to 2. So, although there is still honest disagreements, the facts would seem to have been thoroughly weighed.

History, justly or unjustly, adds up in support of the I. C. C.'s and the Supreme Court's rulings. The south and west for years have argued this way: Capital accumulated from the industry of the northeast built and has controlled American railroads. Long ago these railroads established rates which enabled the south and west to ship raw materials to northern and eastern factories economically, but penalized distribution of southern and western manufactured products.

To the contention by railroads and industrialists in 'official' territory that the volume of classified freight originating in the northeast justifies lower rates, the south and west reply that this greater volume has been maintained partly by rate discrimination.

The Supreme Court did not inquire into motives, nor hint that any conspiracy lay behind the rate differentials. It did find sufficient coincidence between the long-standing shipping disadvantages borne by the south and west, and the fact of their industrial retardation, to conclude that some casual relationship has existed and should be corrected.



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is vacation a good time to find a husband?

Answer: A lot of girls seem to think so, and feel cheated when they find they've spent their money on hotel bills and good clothes "for nothing." But the average young man going on vacation is not in the mood for matrimony. He feels he has worked hard and has some fun coming to him, not a chance for new responsibilities and worries.



Can a mother blame her child for the pain his birth caused her?

Answer: Certainly a healthy-minded mother would not, but the feeling can be pretty strong in a neurotic, especially if she is herself the sort of spoiled child who has always been protected from

HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

J. C. Black, Haywood county tax assessor, rounded out 12 years at his post in the front office in the court house first noon to the right as you enter on last Wednesday, Mr. Black, as he expresses it, has seen a lot of changes take place in the valuation of property in the county and in the personnel of the courthouse since he took over his job back in 1935.

Valuations in property have stepped up over three million dollars, which he attributes to new buildings and general improvements in the county, and he says there are only two other persons who have worked in any of the offices for a longer period.

"Taxes have been paid more promptly during the past ten years than they ever have, before I mean since we got over the Hoover administration. People just have more money," he commented.

"I could guess within six names each year the property owners who pay in January and take advantage of the discount, for they are the same crowd each year. I guess a tax office is a pretty good place to find out the condition of a community and also the nation, for people in the

majority of cases do not gripe about paying taxes. They seem to take them as a matter of necessity, but of course there are a few who do gripe about valuations, but if they wanted to sell their property, it would be another story."

Mr. Black, who was general agent at the Southern station in Canton for a number of years before taking over his current post likes figures and the rows upon rows of routine numbers which he deals with each day, with his adding machine at his elbow are not dull to him, but are like working a fascinating cross word puzzle. His office is a key one in county affairs, and his records, which must be kept in perfect order, are just that way.

"I guess people pay taxes about like they do other things. Some of them like to pay early and get it off, while others who have the money hate to part with it and wait, while to others it does not come easy," he said.

We read excerpts from a prayer this week made by Rev. Peter Marshall, senate chaplain. We have an idea that Americans today—no matter where they live—whether it be in some isolated

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you prefer to make decisions rather than to allow circumstances to decide for you?

Guy T. Massie: "I depend on circumstances."

John Boyd: "I let circumstances settle things for me like most other people in the world. None of us are independent."

Clark Medford: "Sometimes I prefer to wait, but generally speaking I had rather make a decision as the occasion arises."

Dixie Campbell: "I usually let circumstances make my decisions for me, because I feel that is always the best plan."

H. H. Holt: "I make my own decisions."

Mrs. W. T. Crawford: "I depend a great deal on circumstances because you are likely to go off half cocked if you don't. I watch circumstances and try to put the whole situation together."

STUDENT EXCHANGE AGAIN IS SENDING MEN DOWN TO SEA

By JANE EADS

Project, the Harvard Student Council, the Fontainebleau School, the Yale Department of Education, the Girl Scouts and the World Federation of Education Associations.

Attending seminars in England, France, Denmark and Switzerland this summer will be about 450 teachers, members of the World Federation of Education Associations.

The Youth Hostels Organization is sending about 250 members to Belgium, the Netherlands, France and England to help rebuild hostels destroyed during the war.

Later in the summer a large group will attend the World Conference of Christian Youth at Oslo, Norway. Otto L. Mohr, rector of the summer school of the University at Oslo, in correspondence regarding the plan wrote:

"Norway is already profoundly (Continued on Page Three)

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

ANYBODY'S GUESS—Your reporter was in Charlotte for two days this week getting a look-in on the Mecklenburg vote on ABC stores to be held there on Saturday. Your guess as to the outcome is as good as anybody's. You can get into an interesting discussion, a heated argument, or a fight over the question—if you want to—by raising your voice just a wee bit at the corner of Tryon and Trade streets, Charlotte main stems. The registration for this vote is the largest on record, it seems, and the voting will be multitudinous.

This column's guess is that the ABC system may get its first foothold west of Durham in Mecklenburg. No, on second thought, your capital letter will swing along with the dries, thinks they will win by a narrow margin. Now, that nails it, right or wrong?

THE RURAL VOTE—The vote in the country is the deciding factor in most of these ABC elections. In Franklin county, the country people beat Franklinton and Louisburg, and thus kept Franklin dry, and the politicians in these towns fixed it in the last legislature so that they could vote on the liquor matter for themselves. With the ruralites no longer in the picture, these communities may get the stores.

Soon, Hickory and Asheville will vote as cities—and they may also carry for the ABC setup. The people wanting legal liquor have learned not to fool with their country cousins.

NO THIRD PARTY—The belief around Raleigh is that Henry A. Wallace will not form a third party next year. His doing so would guarantee the election of a Republican president and the Democrats here, doubtless doing a whopping big job of wishful thinking, don't think he will pull a Bull Moose. Nevertheless, the old line Democrats, who stayed away from his speech in droves, feel like choking him. That's a fact. But at the

EIGHT YEARS—where radio-broadcasts come throughout the (Continued on Page 3)

Creating a Reading Problem

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

FROM one of the very many broken homes comes the following account of a boy, 2, (with a sister, 6). Whatever other factors are involved, there can be no doubt that this boy's lag at book learning, especially reading, is related to the brutal treatment of his father during this child's first experience with reading.

To quote: "When he was five his father decided to teach him to read. When the child missed a word the father would rap him across the knuckles with a ruler. The result was that the child could not think of reading, and the lesson would end with the father in a rage and Tommy's knuckles all covered with welts."

Father Scolded "After a week his father said, 'He's too dumb to learn to read. After that, every time he saw him, and at every meal, he would start yelling at him in a sneering tone. 'Shame on Tommy. He's dumb. Too dumb to learn to read. I never thought I'd ever have a dumb son. Oh, what a stupid boy. Oh, what a dumbbell. I learned to read when I was three, but you're dumb.' And so on. He never was so hard on Nora as on Tommy. He said fathers always favored girls."

Tommy has great difficulty with reading at school. Once in a great while he knows his whole lesson and then the next day cannot tell a word and cannot seem even to keep his eyes on the book. His teacher says he seems to go to pieces at the sight of a reader. She says she does well at arithmetic, art and science. He loves anything scientific—birds, animals, astronomy, physiology, mechanics and asks questions which astonish his teachers.

They'll Do It Every Time

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By Jimmy Hatlo

WHEN ANY OF DOC'S GOLD-LINED PATIENTS HAVE A LITTLE COLD HE'S, OH, SO SOLICITOUS



BUT JUST LET HIS WIFE HAVE LA GRIFFE. THAT'S DIFFERENT.



By LAWRENCE Consulting Psy



Does each of us have a special gift?

Answer: Probably we are born with natural endowments which we are to use. But our talents are often buried by outside of the people we are. But once any special gifts are discovered, you should carefully develop them as you can. You may find that you have a special talent which you have not developed. It may be in any of the following: art, music, writing, etc.