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Modern Law Enforcement

The modern police radio system in Haywood is in operation, and affords officers of the law instant two-way communication.

As we have often said before, the county-wide radio system for the officers of the law will pay for itself many times over in the years to come.

In addition to the modern police radio system, we have here in Haywood another effective means of trailing criminals.

Now that our officers in Haywood have radio, fast cars and bloodhounds, it looks as if they are prepared to lay a heavy hand on any law violator in mighty short order.

Ah, Golden "Punkin"

A resident of Waynesville recently remarked that he could not understand why here were not more old-fashioned pumpkin pies available at this time of the year.

We got to checking on pumpkins, and learned to our amazement that in New England they roast the seeds of pumpkins and when salt is sprinkled on them, it is said, "there is no tastier nut" to be found anywhere.

The pumpkin crop in this area has been much larger this year than usual, and many a large, juicy pumpkin is delighting the appetite of Haywood cattle, as farmers are feeding pumpkins rather extensively.

The 1947 pumpkins seem larger, and more golden than ever. Many a field looks like a full crop of large full moons, as the pumpkins lay on the brown grass or dead vines.

Those who like pumpkin pie will usually put it above all other desserts; just as those who don't care for it won't even give it a fair trial, even when the pie is highly spiced and seasoned.

Maybe the lowly pumpkin is coming back, and before too long there'll be plenty of pies.

The Practical Side

Nearing completion on the high school grounds is an up-to-date vocational shop for students to learn the fundamentals of carpentry and general farm repair work.

We have always been interested in the vocational courses in our schools, because that to us is the finishing touches for the practical education for every boy and girl.

Our school system here has had vocational training for many years, and the students taking the courses have found them fascinating and practical.

We are happy to see this field of education broadened and feel that as time goes on that educators will find it becoming more essential than ever before.

Speed

Driving at high speed along the highways creates more than just the safety problem, according to an editorial by T. C. Wagstaff, editor of the N. C. Highway Review for the state highway department.

High speed demands better constructed highways, fewer curves, and open spaces at intersections. In fact, high speed calls for an almost entirely new system of highway and traffic regulations.

A recent study of the speeds of motor vehicles operating on North Carolina's highways, compiled by Statistics and Planning Engineer James S. Burch, throws some interesting light on one of the State's more pressing problems.

The speed study, since it was conducted by engineers of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was not for enforcement purposes but for the purpose of ascertaining certain facts vital to highway designers.

The logical assumption is that highway engineers will have to take today's increased speeds into account in the planning of modern highways. But even more important than figuring the speed factor into highway construction is the importance of getting across to the public the effect of speed on safety.

As few people know, despite the fact that it often has been repeated, excessive speed is the major factor which causes automobile accidents. Try as they may, highway engineers cannot build a road to an absolute standard of safety so long as excessive speeds on the part of the motorist nullify all the safety precautions which the engineers have taken.

At first glance, 45 miles per hour does not seem to be an unreasonable speed but, considering that it represents the average now prevailing on the highways, it is sufficiently high to indicate that many motorists are traveling faster than the law allows.

The FDIC Scores

Smithfield has had its share of economic reversals over the years, but the town has the distinction of never having experienced a bank failure. That record stands as a tribute to our banking leaders who won the confidence of the people and justified the people's trust by wise conduct of banking affairs from the establishment of the old Bank of Smithfield in 1898 until the present.

Other communities haven't been so fortunate. Many a depositor throughout the United States can recall dark days when bank closings wiped out their savings and disrupted the business world.

One has heard little about bank failures in the past 14 years, since the late President Roosevelt dramatically inaugurated his New Deal by declaring a banking holiday and taking steps to restore public confidence in the banks through protective measures.

In a speech delivered in Baltimore, H. L. Cook, director of the FDIC, reported that nearly 13,400 commercial banks and trust companies and 200 mutual savings banks have their deposits insured by the FDIC.

Director Cook's report showed that the corporation's operating expense, for 13 1-2 years, amounted to only \$49,000,000. During that time, the insured banks paid in as assessments \$728,000,000 and the surplus of FDIC, exclusive of capital, is now more than \$800,000,000.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, we must not forget, was a product of government planning. The people wisely used their government to correct a condition that was interfering with human welfare.

—The Smithfield Herald.

FLASH! FOREST FIRES RAGE IN SIX STATES!



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members - Of The Mountaineer Staff

Fall and Summer holding hands. The trees in the parking lot next to the LeFaine Hotel have gone absolutely leafless in the past week, and the grass on the Courthouse lawn has assumed the verdancy of mid-spring.

Thanks to those who kindly inquired about the puppy in search of a home. It all goes to show that this is far from a heartless world after all.

The brilliant blue sky is so welcome after the few soggy days (Continued on Page Three)



CAREER PLUS HOME IS URGED AS GOAL FOR COLLEGE GIRL

BY JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—In a neat little eight-page pamphlet the U. S. Women's Bureau is trying to help a young lady make up her mind about her job future after college.

for you" the Women's Bureau says. "Start out with what you have and what you lack; find out where these fit in the world of work; plot your course. Keep on the beam, stay alert; shift direction as necessary with changing winds."

The Women's Bureau says it's wise to investigate how many women are employed in an occupation in which you might be interested.

Looking Back Over The Years

5 YEARS AGO Contractors have finished the grading work from Soco Gap to Bir Witch Gap.

10 YEARS AGO The Rotarians have adopted a beautification program for the town as the service project for the coming year.

will make Waynesville their home in the future.

15 YEARS AGO Haywood County ranks seventh in the state in farm value according to the University News Letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Braren, of Daytona have arrived in town and

will make Waynesville their home in the future.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE Consulting Psychologist



Is it bad for you to have a name you dislike?

Answer: It makes very little difference, says Paul Plotkin in the Individual Psychology Bulletin. "Certain people have the magic belief that one's name determines his or her character,"



Is one person socially as good as another?

Answer: I might just as well claim that I am "as good as" Jascha Heifetz at playing the violin because I might have been so if I'd worked as hard at it as he has, being socially acceptable.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you look for any major federal income tax reduction for 1948?

Ralph M. Crawford: "No, I don't think there will be. We have such an enormous debt to pay, we should not reduce taxes until they are taken care of and not leave the debts to the coming generation."

Mrs. Edith P. Alley: "I don't think they may make some change in the tax structure, but I doubt if the government is in a position to make any drastic reductions."

C. R. Eckhoff: "I hope so, I think we'll get a reduction... something like that passed by Congress this year but killed by the president's veto."

Dr. Mary Michal: "I don't look for a tax reduction. Unless we look to our tax needs and cut down on the national debt, we will just add to the burden our next generation will face."

Charles E. Ray: "I think prospects for a tax reduction are slim, and more likelihood of employment almost anywhere."

It says more than 250,000 women are in each of these groups: stenographers, typists, secretaries, teachers, saleswomen, office clerks, bookkeepers, accountants, cashiers and professional nurses.

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

MIGHTY EMBARRASSING — virtually disrupted the States have narrowly escaped a mighty embarrassing incident. They all met at the famous tourist Hotel Grove Park Inn, in Asheville a few days ago. These leaders of the South attended to some very serious business, had a little fun on the side, but all in all attracted wide attention for the vigorous manner in which they co-ordinated their efforts to build a greater Dixie.

However, within 10 days after their departure from the exclusive Grove Park, the manager of this hostelry, H. L. Thomas, was indicted and convicted of selling liquor at the hotel, operating a bar for guests at the hotel, and possession of 30 quarts of what the Associated Press described last week as "fine liquor."

Now if this indictment had come while the governors were in session, there is just no telling what it would have done to the solid South. Fact of the matter is, the meeting of the governors at Grove Park probably led to the indictment for at one of their conferences the confusion and noisy conduct of guests gathered at the bar...

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Wednesday, November 12 "The Crimson Key" Starring KENT TAYLOR and DORIS DOWLING Serial and Short

Thursday-Friday, November 13-14 "Dear Ruth" Starring JOAN CAULFIELD and WILLIAM HOE Fox News and Short