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Thursday Afternoon, July 7, 1949

We Live By Electricity

We have grown to take electricity as a matter of fact, and give little thought to its value, or the importance it plays in our everyday lives. Last Tuesday, shortly before noon, the power in the business section of Waynesville went off for over 30 minutes. One would think that at noon when the sun was bright and not a cloud in the sky, that the power failure would not cause so much disruption of normal living.

Traffic became jammed, as the signal lights went dark; service stations could not sell gasoline, even the free air racks became lifeless as the air tanks became depleted. Hot dogs stopped roasting, the coffee stopped perking, and many a place of business suddenly felt a rise of temperature as electric fans stopped whipping up a breeze. The radios were silent, and a lady under the drier at the beauty parlor had to wait longer than she expected. The butcher could not grind hamburger, and the banker could not add up his figures on the electric adding machines. The soda jerker had to curtail serving milk shakes, and the postal dispatcher had to hand stamp outgoing mail, instead of using the automatic electrically operated canceller.

Jonathan Creek is seeking telephone service in their community. The area is one of the best farming sections in Haywood, and has all the conveniences of a city except telephones. We trust that the day is not far off when this too will be a reality for them.

Crowded Highways

Traffic officers of the nation lived in fear of the past three-day week-end, as they knew from past experiences that traffic would be unusually heavy, and many accidents were in the making. Here in Haywood, the records for heavy traffic were shattered, as up to 700 cars per hour passed a given point on some of the main highways, according to actual highway patrol count. The pace was slow, in that it was a bumper-to-bumper line on both sides of the highways. One patrolman pointed out that "only a crazy person would attempt to pass" in such a congestion, and speeding was held to a minimum due to the inability to get into an open space. Perhaps one solution to our traffic problems is crowded highways, with travel set at a slower tempo than at present. Driving in a long line of slow traffic is nerve-racking to many motorists who have been accustomed to "opening up" and going places. One motorist reported that he had to come through Cherokee and the long, flat, straight sections of Highway No. 19 at 35 miles per hour. This motorist was reluctant to have to be held to such a speed; however, when he saw a car and bus wreck that claimed the life of a man a few miles further up the road, he had difficulty in even traveling 35 miles an hour. We are not advocating that our highways remain as crowded as they were over the past week-end, but it did seem to keep down accidents, which is an accomplishment in these days.

A Beautiful Tribute

The Memorial Chapel at Lake Junaluska is a thing of beauty, and dignity, that lends itself perfectly to the purpose to which it is dedicated. The chapel was erected in memory of the men and women of the South-eastern Jurisdiction who served in World War II. The simplicity of the building, and the dignified atmosphere which it creates, are truly a permanent tribute to those who served their country during the recent worldwide conflict. The chapel, no doubt, will be a nucleus for the general expansion program of the Lake Junaluska Assembly to be built. Certainly the architecture and general scheme of the chapel is an ideal example for other proposed buildings in the future.

A Soft Answer

Hundreds of motorists visited Lake Junaluska Monday night to see the display of fireworks which was given on the brink of the hill just below the lighted cross. Cars and trucks jammed into every available space about the Lake, and on the Lake Shore drive motorists entered from both directions. When the line of traffic met about half way, it stopped, as vehicles lined both sides of the two-way road. One late-comer, not realizing the situation, began to blow his horn, and demand those ahead clear a way. Little did he realize that scores of cars were hopelessly jammed into the narrow road. A patient and tolerant motorist listened to the late-comer's demands, then in a soft voice told him, "Son, you are the last of several hundred who want to get through here—just cut off your motor and take it easy; your time will come right after mine." The advice was taken. From then on the situation which had begun to get on the nerves of some, took on a holiday atmosphere, and laughter and joking filled the moonlit air.

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

By Jimmy Hatlo

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Sixty-five members of Company B of the local home guards leave for encampment at Camp Glenn, Morehead City. Dr. R. H. Stretcher assumes presidency of Waynesville Rotary Club. New uniforms for Waynesville police department are stolen from the Express office. Miss Carolyn Rose entertains with a Fourth of July picnic at her summer home at Balsam. Miss Alice Quinlan leaves for visit in Towanda, Pa.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

How did you spend the Fourth of July? Miss Mary Lu Elwood: "I paraded in the morning and stayed home and played bridge in the afternoon to avoid the crowds." Mrs. Carrie Hannah: "Never ask people on the 4th of July what they did on the 4th, especially when it is as hot as it is." Tom Ray: "I went to Lake Sega for the week-end and played tennis." Miss Elsie McCracken: "I stayed at home and doctored my hands that are covered with poison ivy." Mrs. H. H. Platt: "I spent the Fourth fishing." Mrs. Dave Russell: "Just resting, because I didn't want to get out on the highway." Mrs. Ralph Prevost: "I went to Camp Dellwood to see my daughter, Joan, and attended a horse show at the camp in which she won second place." Cordell Chambers: "I stayed at home part of the day and went to the Lake for the boat races and fireworks."

The Human Side O' Life

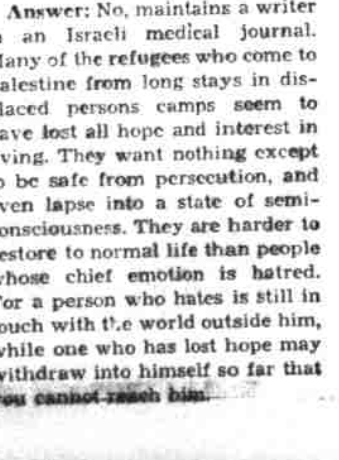
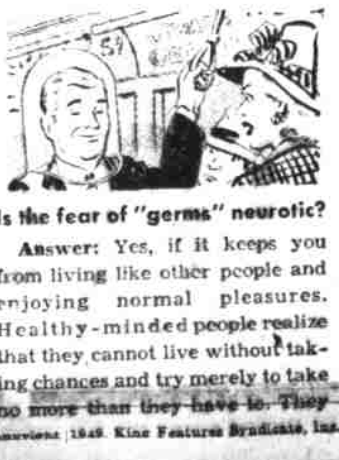
BY UNCLE ABE. DEFENDIN' MR. "SOME BODY" Mr. Editor an' Readers, I come this wk. to the defense of that unidentified, mysterious an' much-abused person called "Some body," caze I've seen him or her cuffed aroun' an' over worked long a-nough. No doubt you have this person called some body in yore home—an' you're referrin' most of the hard, dirty tasks to him or her all the time, yeah. Like this: "Some body order crawl inlonder the floor an' see if they can find that hen's nest." (Whir a dawg coodn't crawl; or, "Some body shoed clean out that closet to-day;" "If some body would cime that apple tree—" (prickly as the dickens; an' so it goes, on an' on for Mr. Some body—no let up, no rest or considera-shun whatever. An' o'course the speaker is always referrin' to "Some body"—other than himself. Often the members of the family have a good idee who the "Some body" is; then again it won't be so well understood it mout be Dad, Jr. or sister Sue. But hits a good thing the duties of "Some body" shift about, or megerally alternate about thru the family—how I'd hate to be Mr. Some body ALL the time! Neither wood I like to see any body else have sitch hard luck, caze he would be plum exausted by sun-down, gess his tung would be a-hangin' out like a houn' dawg's by noon. An' it ginerally comes 'bout meal time—when a feller's min' sho'd be on plezant things, like beautiful sun sets, flowers an' purty wimmen, when some one will up an' say— "Some body order take that d'd cat off an' berry it n' etc." Poor Mr. Some body, nobody in the family wants to be him; so when his name is men-shund for all the hard, dirty an' un-thankful tasks, you don't see any body hold up his han' an' say, "I'm Mr. Some body, I'll do it." No, sir-ee!

Bookmobile Schedule. Friday, July 8 FINES CHECK. Mark Ferguson's Store 9:45-10:00, Mrs. Frances Rogers 10:15-10:45, Harley Rathbone 11:00-11:15, Charlie Rathbone 11:30-11:45, Lloyd Messer Grocery 12:00-12:15, F. H. Fincher 12:30-12:45, C. C. Hooker 1:15-1:30. Monday, July 11 IRON DUFF, CRABTREE, HYDER MT. Frog Level 9:25-9:40, Mrs. Fannie Davis 9:50-10:05, W. C. Davis 10:10-10:25, C. O. Newell 10:30-10:45, Tommie Noland 11:15-11:30, C. L. Hill 11:35-11:50, J. M. Davis 12:05-12:20, Mrs. Fred Noland 12:40-1:00, M. H. Kirkpatrick 1:10-1:30, C. T. Ferguson's Store 1:45-2:00, Jack Long 2:10-2:30.

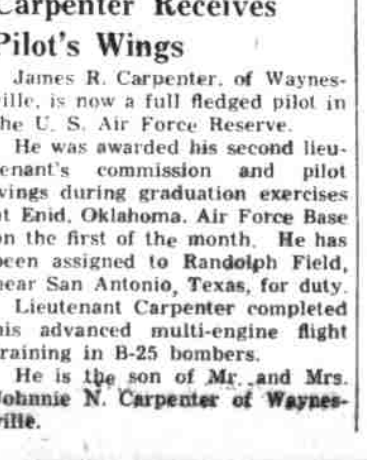
MEMORY LAPSE EXPENSIVE ENNIS, Tex. (U. P.)—Mrs. H. M. Schoepes placed the day's receipts from her grocery in a pasteboard box, then forgot the money was in it. She started a fire with the box. Loss: \$300. Uncle Abe desires to say to the several persons whom I've recently met and who spoke kindly of the Human Side, that he 'preciates this, but making acknowledgements through this column has been discontinued as being too tedious and hard to remember. Yores truly, UNCLE ABE (Hizself)

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist. know that they may "catch something" in the subway, but if they must travel that way, they don't let the knowledge make them miserable. An "anxiety neurotic" exaggerates every danger, especially those which symbolize the things he fears but finds attractive. "Germs" to him are symbols of moral contamination. Answer: That depends on whether they are really talented, and whether they are truly artists, neither of which is too easy to determine. A true artist creates from a psychological compulsion and will go on working even if he starves because there is no other way in which he can release his inner tensions. But he can do better work if he is free from outside pressure, so that subsidizing him may be well worth while. A talented person who is not an artist psychologically may become a social parasite if he does not have... Is the fear of "germs" neurotic? Answer: Yes, if it keeps you from living like other people and enjoying normal pleasures. Healthy-minded people realize that they cannot live without taking chances and try merely to take no more than they have to. They you cannot reach him.



Carpenter Receives Pilot's Wings. James R. Carpenter, of Waynesville, is now a full fledged pilot in the U. S. Air Force Reserve. He was awarded his second lieutenant's commission and pilot wings during graduation exercises at Enid, Oklahoma, Air Force Base on the first of the month. He has been assigned to Randolph Field, near San Antonio, Texas, for duty. Lieutenant Carpenter completed his advanced multi-engine flight training in B-25 bombers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie N. Carpenter of Waynesville.



Rambling

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked—Of The Mountaineer. She was noted for her quick answers and keen reports... Heard as We traipsed about... "Well, she just can't have everything she wants, I've already..."

Every page in a book has two sides... He was one of those preparedness souls... "Lebanon" a new book by Caroline Miller (Mrs. Clyde H. Ray, Jr.) is available at The Mountaineer. Haywood passes bond quota by \$300,000. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt accepts invitation to appear on program at Lake Junaluska. Marine Private Louise Stringfield is assigned to the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.

Capital Letter

By EULA NIXON GREEN. NOT SO REGAL—You wouldn't know the Governor's office now that the women have been allowed of it. West a month ago. There is one thing he will like: the fireplace just three feet back of his chair. After a couple of minutes of wrestling around in his chair he managed to tell them that he had just accidentally swallowed some tobacco juice. CIGARETTES—Most of our leading North Carolinian are users of tobacco, the majority of them smoking cigarettes. Another great Democrat, Franklin D. Roosevelt, smoked creat-

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Obese, 4 Coniferous tree, 7 Trip, 8 Elliptical, 10 Male duck, 11 Royal, 13 Trouble, 14 Question, 16 Exist, 17 Bachelor of Medicine (abbr.), 18 Fuss, 19 Amazon estuary, 21 Type measure, 22 Misrepresentation, 24 Country, SW Europe, 27 Italian poet, 28 Spanish conqueror of Mexico, 30 Greek letter, 31 Confederate, 32 Often (poet.), 34 From, 36 Sun god, 37 Scotch river, 38 Obscure bird, 39 A marsh bird, 42 Left-hand page of a book, 44 Hauled, 45 Send forth, as rays, 46 Girl's nickname, 47 Alcoholic beverage. Down: 1 Colt, 2 Flightless bird, 3 Sleep, 4 City (Pa.), 5 Evening, 6 A hat, 7 Neatland, 8 A bird, 9 Inserted lip ornament, 10 Prek, 12 Pre-under contract, 15 Weep, 16 Frisbee, 18 Any flower, 19 Japanese aborigine (var.), 21 Nobleman, 23 Editor, 24 Wound mark.