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More Historical Mix-ups

We knew it was bound to happen sooner or later and here it is again—a noted historian has debunked what most everyone thought was perfectly authentic history up to now.

Here in Haywood, we pay special attention to history of our state, due to a large degree, by the constant hammering of our local historian, W. C. Allen.

However, the new burst comes from Dr. Hugh Lefler, of the University of North Carolina history department. First off he explained that the first governor of North Carolina was not the Governor of North Carolina at all, but was really the Governor of Albemarle county.

He went on to explain: "This so-called governor, William Drummond, was appointed by the Governor of Virginia, Drummond was later hanged by the Governor of Virginia on charges of rebellion, but not while he was Governor of North Carolina.

"There is no truth in the claim that the first battle of the Revolution was fought in Alamance in 1771," Dr. Lefler said. "Nor is it true that North Carolina had more Tories than any other state. North Carolina did have around 17,000, but New York had more than 18,000."

While North Carolina contributed to the Civil War more men than any other Southern state in proportion to population, a total of 125,000, not including officers, it also had 23,000 deserters, including members of the home guard and junior service men, but this ratio of deserters was not above the average for other states, North or South, he said.

The professor has spoken. We wonder how long his statements will stand until someone comes along and debunks the debunker.

No Substitute

"The world sorely needs honest and courageous leaders who will truthfully tell the people that 'something for nothing' is a slogan-mirage luring them to economic and physical slavery and degradation," declared Ernest E. Norris, of Washington, D. C., president of the Southern Railway System.

"The pioneers' slogan 'Waste not, Want not,' is one that needs to be seriously studied and practiced in these days when a sound economy is so essential."

We agree with Mr. Norris that there is no substitute for hard work. There is little value to those things which we get for nothing. Democracy gives each individual an

"The Bride Was Lively"

We have not decided whether the average reporter's fingers work faster than his brains, or his brains far ahead of his fingers. Anyway, the confusion creates a lot of interesting phrases, and sometimes embarrassing ones. No newspaper is immune from mistakes, both from a typographical nature nor from copy prepared for a "fast-fingered, slow-brained" reporter.

The Cleveland Times has uncovered some pointed ones, but in so doing, gave special emphasis to one of their own, in which the following sentence appeared in an account of a wedding, "the bride was especially lively in her white satin gown."

Laughter is not only good for the soul but, generally, healing to whatever ails you—or the world.

This time we're going to forget Russia, the Fair Deal, the Woes of the World and the Weevil, and just pass on a few good, typically American laughs.

They are all at the expense of the newspapers. There are few jokes which earn the guffaws that errors in newspapers get when a transposed letter or a typographical error change the original meaning.

The man who compiles the first exhaustive anthology of newspaper "bulls," as they are called, will surely become as immortal as Joe Miller of joke-book fame. A beginning was made by John R. Clawson in the December issue of "Future," the Jaycees national organ.

So, here are a few doses of the best prescription for "world situationitis."

"Judge Bentley, one of our most eligible bachelors, is retiring from politics. Hale, hearty and 55, the Judge says he wants a little peach and quiet."—Corlis, Cal., Journal.

"Mr. and Mrs. R— left Wednesday for Rochester, Minn., where Mr. — expects to have a garter removed by the Mayo Brothers."—Fairmont, N. D., Sentinel.

"Dr. P— returned home from Baltimore yesterday and will take up his duties at the hospital."—Little Rock, Ark., Gazette.

"The physician felt the patient's pulse and decided there was no hope."—St. Louis, Mo., Globe-Democrat.

Persons who insert classified ads in newspapers contribute to the collection of "bulls," also.

"Wm. H. Finding. Auctioneering is my special line of business. Prices are very reasonable. If I am out of town, make dates with my wife."—Kirksville, Mo., Daily Express.

"Spend your Saturday night at the Hacienda and your Sunday mornings in bed with a Progressive Alaskan."—Ketchikan Progressive Alaskan.

"Experienced meat-cutter wanted for full-time position. Apply Room 1022, University Hospital."

In the headlines department appeared: "EGG-LAYING CONTEST WON BY LOCAL MAN."—Hollywood, Cal., Citizen-News.

"CHRISTMAS SALE OF METHODIST WOMEN TO BE HELD TUESDAY."

Community correspondents are not to be outdone, either.

"This is Mr. Artress' fourth trip up from Pittsburgh this summer. He has been enjoying a vacation since his wife died last February."—Warren, Pa., Times-Mirror.

"Bishop Codman surprised the congregation of the Episcopal church last Sunday. The Bishop preached a fine sermon."—Richmond, Me., Bee.

The bulls provide laughs, usually, for everyone but the editor.

opportunity to earn, to learn, to save and enjoy the fruit of his labors. What more could we want? There is no substitute.—Transylvania Times.

They'll Do It Every Time

BIG DOME FRACTURED HIS BRIDGE ON A TURKEY LEG BIG ENOUGH TO BE CALLED A LETHAL WEAPON



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT AT THE DENTIST'S YOU'D THINK HE WAS A VENTRILOQUIST... HE'LL HARDLY OPEN HIS MOUTH...



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Miss Annie D. Rathbone is now postmaster at Lake Junaluska.

Miss Elene Fisher and Miss Ruth Summerrow visit friends in Charlotte.

Watch party is given at Lake Junaluska by Miss Jane Stentz and George Stentz.

Misses Annie and Corrie Kerr of Asheville are spending Christmas with their sister, Mrs. John K. Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Morgan have returned to Duke University after a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan.

10 YEARS AGO Survey of 80 miles of rural elec-

tric lines starts today into the Jonathan Creek, White Oak, Iron Duff, Fines Creek, and Clyde sections.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Summerrow celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary.

Miss Ova McCracken is hostess of Christmas party.

Miss Louise Stringfield gives contract party.

Bobby Platt, student at Mars Hill College, is spending the holidays at home.

Weaver McCracken, Jr., student at Western Carolina Teachers College is spending the Christmas vacation at home.

5 YEARS AGO Charles Randall Miller, son of Pfc. and Mrs. Tommie C. Miller of Clyde, is Haywood's first baby for 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Massie leave for Chicago to attend the Furniture Market.

Sgt. Walter R. Franklin is awarded bronze star for bravery.

Glenn Palmer is slated as chairman of House Agriculture Committee.

Lions raise \$905 on the dime board.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Noland observe fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Ratcliffe Cove.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

NOTES — Approximately 13,000 autos owned by the State and various cities will have "lightnin' bug" license plates during the coming year. . . . This is being done on an experimental basis, and all tags may be of the reflector type if the test works out. . . . You can readily see the big help which reflector plates might be to law enforcement officers. . . .

HELPING HAND—They aren't saying much about it, but Wake Forest police are of the opinion that Raymond Hair of Fayetteville, who is charged with the murder of Roy Coble of Stanly County, received help in his quick and elusive jumps from the hand of the law.

As this is written . . . at 8:45 on the night before Christmas . . . Hair is still at large. It has been more than a week since he made his getaway. A month ago he was just another student seeking a lucrative career in dentistry. Now he is a hunted man. At Wake Forest, meantime, the Police Department is planning an extensive probe into gambling activities at a place operated by a student on the edge of town. In fact, one of the policemen is a student at the college. The fact that the institution closed its doors for Christmas on the day the murder was discovered has hampered investigation.

Money is now relatively plentiful among college students. Parents seem to be less careful with their offspring in college than they used to be. Several college students have been in the courts of Raleigh and Durham this fall and winter, the charges against them ranging from public drunkenness and petty thievery to crime against nature and now, murder. With the Big Four schools bursting at the seams with students, hundreds of private dwellings provide homes for these boys. They are away from home. They have cars, many of them, and money to gamble with and otherwise throw away. It is impossible to keep check upon them. It is easy for the parents to place the blame on college officials, but the colleges are doing the best they can under the circumstances. If anybody is at fault besides the student himself, it is the parent who has given him too much freedom.

OFF THE CUFF—Prof. E. W. Timberlake of the Wake Forest law faculty cruising down Fayetteville Street here in the new car recently presented him by former students, including Judge John J. Burney, Judge Hubert E. Olive, Attorney and Senator Irving Carlyle. Called "Toe" by intimates the regularly uses "toe" for "to."

Prof. Timberlake in his 44 years at Wake Forest has taught more than one-half the practicing lawyers in North Carolina. . . . Bouquets to the Chatham Manufacturing Co. ("Chatham Makes Good Blankets") of Elkin for another perfect year of employer-employee labor relations and this firm's biggest Christmas party for its fine employees. . . . A salute from the State Labor Dept. to Chatham President Albert Butler and Vice President Hugh Otham. Saunook School. 12:45-1:15 O. J. Beck. 1:15-1:30 Ensley's Valley Groc. 1:45-2:00

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What is your New Year's resolution for 1950?

Bill Porter: I'm not making any.

Carl Scruggs: I'm going to make more money.

Finnie Timbes: I'm going to try to make less money. It might work out just the opposite.

C. B. Hosafook: To stop working on Sundays—maybe.

Ester May Gibson: To keep the resolutions I made last year.

Herb Singletary: I'm going to stay home at night more to play with my baby.

Charles F. Miller: I'm going to try harder to please my Maker.

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, January 4th ALLENS CREEK & BALSAM RD. Allens Creek School . . . 9:10-9:30 Mrs. E. K. Chambers . . . 9:35-9:50 Frank Worlick . . . 10:00-10:20 Mrs. Wiley Wilson . . . 10:30-10:50 Kay Allen . . . 11:00-11:15 Franklin's Home Groc. 11:30-11:45 Rainbow Cafe . . . 12:15-12:30 Saunook School . . . 12:45-1:15 O. J. Beck . . . 1:15-1:30 Ensley's Valley Groc. 1:45-2:00

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can husband and wife be too much alike? Answer: Yes, particularly if the things they are alike in are their weaknesses and defects. Married partners should have the same fundamental tastes and life-goals, but should supplement not duplicate each other in their ways of trying to achieve them. A man who is tense and nervous is apt to be happier with a wife who has an even disposition, and a woman who lacks confidence in herself should have a strong and self-reliant husband. Then, too, nothing is so irritating as to see your own faults mirrored in another person.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

you know, not by how easily or rapidly you learned it. Unless you are out-and-out defective mentally, there are no limits to the extent to which you can go in adding to your knowledge and experience, and thus making the intelligence you have more evident and useful.

Should a writer wait for "inspiration"? Answer: I do not believe so. If you have writing to do, waiting for inspiration generally is a subtle way of dodging the necessity of getting to work. I admit that there are some times when—for wholly unconscious reasons—words and ideas come more easily than they do at others. But I've also found that "inspiration" of this sort is more apt to arrive when you are trying to work than when you are idle. Take your pen, or sit down at your typewriter and start writing, and after a while you'll usually find that you have something to say.

Three Persons Lynched In U.S. During 1949

Tuskegee Institute reported last week that the United States had three lynchings in 1949. This brought the number of such tragedies for the nation up to 13 for the last five years. Two people were lynched in 1948, one in 1947, six in 1946, and one in 1945. The Institute's records showed that two of last year's lynchings occurred in Georgia, and the third in Mississippi. They also showed that 14 other instances of mob action were halted before they became lynchings. On of the intended victims escaped by jumping into a river, and law enforcement officers saved the 16 persons involved in the 13 other cases. It would take 4,393,000,000 cubic feet of space to store the estimated 1949 U. S. corn crop of 3,500,000 bushels.

GIFT EXCHANGE SEASON



Rambling 'Round

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

All right now! How many resolutions have you made for the New Year? And how many of them will you keep? Some people argue that it is foolish to even make any promises to yourself for you won't keep them and why waste time! In reply, we would suggest that it is an excellent thing to say you won't do certain things . . . for that proves those things are not really good for you and you know it. So go ahead and make all the good resolutions you want to . . . then if you break your promise to yourself, you will at least realize your shortcomings for the time being.

Have you written your "thank you" letters yet? By all means get busy for the longer the delay, the harder it is . . . for your giver to understand. Remember, the person that took time, effort and pleasure in sending you a gift won't know whether it reached you or not, until you write.

We know of one mother who made quite a sacrifice to give her little boy a mechanical train but was fully repaid by seeing the joy with which the young chap received it. And let her tears join with his an hour later when a neighbor's child, in a fit of temper because he couldn't take it home, deliberately smashed it beyond repair.

The hill of future days seems pretty steep as you view it from

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Anti-Red Pact Nations To Get Atomic Bombs? Put pressure on U. To Mike 'Em Avail

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Continued Russian opposition to atomic plans may see the anti-Communist Atlantic Pact nations armed with American-made A-bombs for their own defense. Pressure of every conceivable type is being brought to bear on the United States to make the "total weapon" available to western European pact members.

Proponents of A-bombs for Europe point out that with Russian possession of the bomb, the pact countries left virtually defenseless should an atomic occur.

Britain and France, particularly, are envious glances at the United States A-bomb stockpile and seek to get some of the bombs for their own arms.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson undoubtedly once again faced the arguments of the French and British spokesmen at the recent Big Three meeting in Paris. These countries are arguing that if the United States will not let A-bombs out of its control, it should at least send them United States-manned overseas bases.

SENATORIAL PARADOX—Senator Paul Douglas (D), Illinois, is at creating for himself a reputation as the outstanding paradox in Congress. Douglas came to the Senate in the 1945 Truman landslide, defeated Republican Senator Wayland Brooks and was generally labeled a New Dealer.

Yet he has become one of the foremost economy advocates in the Senate. His views on spending are virtually the same as those of Senator Robert Taft (R), Ohio, who is generally regarded as a thorough opponent of anything smackng of the New Deal of "Fair Deal."

Douglas, a former economics professor, insists that government expenditures should be trimmed \$4.5 billion. He opposes President Truman's suggestion that taxes should be increased, saying it would be inexcusable to boost them without trying to cut spending.

Naturally, the senator's views have not put him in good light with the administration. However, he is determined to stick to his independent course. He is not opposed in principle to many of the president's domestic welfare proposals, but contends that the country cannot afford them at this time without substantial cuts in other expenditures.

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR ECA—The Marshall Plan appears to face the strongest opposition it has ever had to contend with in Congress. Indications were that when Congress reassembles Jan. 3 a strong campaign will be launched either to severely reduce the "installment" on European recovery funds or eliminate it entirely.

Rep. Mike Mansfield (D), Montana, influential member of the House foreign affairs committee, which will hold early hearings on the program, anticipates increased opposition unless the western union recipients form an economic union.

Failure of the Marshall Plan countries to eliminate their barriers would strengthen the hands of ECA opponents. More, according to Mansfield, it would raise "doubts" in the minds of some supporters.

A mounting government deficit and the threat of increased taxes are expected to be potent arguments in the fight to reduce ECA aid to Europe.