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Busy Building At The Lake

Lake Junaluske Assembly is going to be a bee-hive of building during the next few weeks. Soon workmen are to start building a new bridge across the dam, and before that is too far along, another crew is scheduled to begin work on the 20-unit Motel which will cost about \$75,000. But that is not all. While the crews are building a new bridge, and a \$75,000 Motel, another crew will be dredging the upper part of the Lake and filling in some lowland areas along the new road just a short distance inside the west gate. On this filled-in land will go other buildings. It looks like a busy spring before a busier summer.

John E. S. Thorpe

Although the activities of John E. S. Thorpe in Western North Carolina were confined mostly to the area west of the Balsam range, his influence was felt throughout the entire area. Hence his death last Friday brings a deep loss to this state, and the electrical world. Mr. Thorpe was a builder, an organizer, and an energetic business man, who was able to develop visions into realities. On one occasion, during the last war, Mr. Thorpe was heading the USO drive in this area. The quota was a large sum of money, and in a meeting, one county chairman intimated that it would be impossible to meet the goal. Mr. Thorpe, in a diplomatic manner, yet with firmness, replied: "Can't and impossible are two words I have never learned to use." This tells in some degree, his outlook on things, and his approach to problems, which he converted into successes.

The Weather and Poetry.

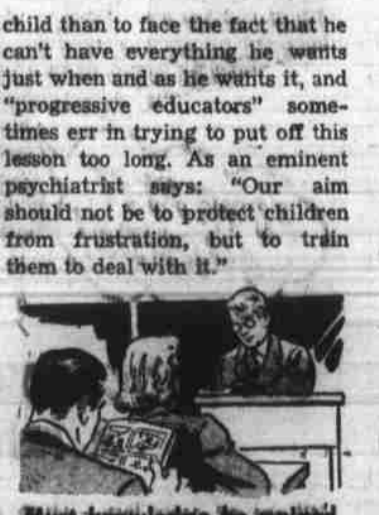
The writers of poetry are going to have to change their technique, and use such phrases as: "As bright and warm as a winter day" and "As frosty and brisk as a spring morning."

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is remarriage after divorce likely to fail?
Answer: Not so much as is often believed. Where the divorced person blames the failure of the former marriage wholly on his or her partner, the second attempt is apt to be unsuccessful as the first one, and neurotics usually select the same type of person as before and fall for the same reasons. But enough people learn from their mistakes so that it has been authoritatively stated that a large percentage of second marriages rate above average in success. More than one-fifth of remarried husbands have been married at least twenty years.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist.



Must knowledge be gained in classrooms?
Answer: No, though for the average person that's the simplest way to get it. It's rare for a wholly uneducated person to have enough critical ability to be able to judge which books or writers to accept and which to suspect as untrustworthy. But once given the right start you may learn more from independent study than from teachers, and the modern tendency to judge a person's education from the number of years that he spent in school or college can be thoroughly misleading. What counts is how much you know, not where you learned it.

Racing Patrolmen Should Be Fired

We were saddened to learn that one of the injuries sustained this year on Haywood highways was caused by two patrolmen allegedly racing on a main road through our county. We are indeed thankful that neither of the patrolmen were stationed in Haywood, and only wish, that if they were going to stage such a dangerous stunt as racing on a main thoroughfare that they would have done so in their own county, and not Haywood. We are extremely sensitive about our highway record. When patrolmen disregard all laws of common sense, and rules of safety in order to satisfy an appetite for excitement, then they should be stripped of their badge and authority. It would also be in order to have him pay for the damages done to the patrol car, rather than let taxpayers foot the bill. How could a patrolman who has participated in such an act have the conscience, or the nerve to even caution a motorist to abide by the rules of safety? Certainly no motorist is ever going to question a patrolman going at a fast speed down a highway, because all presume that the man is on urgent business of protecting life and property, and is in his line of duty to speed to the scene. However, after such incidents that happened on our highway a short time ago, it is no small wonder that many people lose respect for those who are charged with enforcing rules of safety. The Mountaineer has long participated in a program of highway safety—we have worked with officials in trying to instill the importance of safe and sane driving. We are happy that all the patrolmen in Haywood have cooperated to the fullest in this, and we have every reason to believe they will continue. Now just because two patrolmen from nearby counties broke over, and violated the rules of safety, do not for a moment confuse them with our Haywood patrolmen. In fact, we feel, the incident has so disgusted our own patrolmen, that they are going to be just a little more alert than ever in seeing that highway rules are strictly observed by every one.

Students Deserve Recognition

During the war, and until about the middle of 1949, the shortage of newsprint caused many newspapers to discontinue the publication of honor rolls of schools. The Mountaineer was among the group of newspapers taking this measure to conserve space. Now that newsprint is more plentiful, it seems it would be worthwhile for newspapers and school officials to renew the practice of former years and publish honor rolls. We realize that honor rolls could not be classified as 'big news', yet we feel it is of sufficient importance to publish. For several weeks now, The Mountaineer has been working in cooperation with the high school faculties of the county in selecting twice a week, a student to honor. We have found that this is one of the most interesting features ever carried and then too, we feel that students attaining high standards in school deserve this recognition. In the same manner, we feel that students making the grade "A" honor roll deserve recognition. We trust the resumption of publication of honor rolls in Haywood will begin soon.

It Won't Be Long Now

It looks like a busy spring ahead. With the Democratic primary, and the annual Hamp Convention getting off to a good start it looks like a lot of fellows will get behind with both their plowing and fishing.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hado



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
R. T. Boyd of Route 2, Waynesville and H. A. Osborne of Canton are elected directors of the Farmers Federation.
The Bethel Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers win seed judging and seed identification contest held in Asheville.
Clyde H. Ray, Jr., and a party of friends motor to Asheville to attend the showing of David Copperfield.
Mrs. John M. Queen and Mrs. W. A. Hyatt give party for members of the Adult Womens' class of the Methodist Church.
Barbara Ann Boyd entertain with party at the Boyd residence.
10 YEARS AGO
Indications are that Haywood County will have around 200 more places of business in 1940 than 1930.
\$10,000 fire razes apartment house on B. J. Sloan estate.
Claud N. Allen observes 18th anniversary of his store in Hazelwood.
Mrs. Felix Stovall and young daughter, Sally, leave for visit in Miami.
Eloise Martin, Louella Hall, and
5 YEARS AGO
Staff Sgt. Ned S. Davis is spending a 30-day furlough at home after 33 months of duty in the South Pacific.
Both girls' and boys' teams of Bethel win in County basketball tournament.
J. D. Kelley wins D.A.R. medal in 36th annual declamation contest at Waynesville High School.
Mrs. Carl Medford is visiting at Lake Wales, Fla.

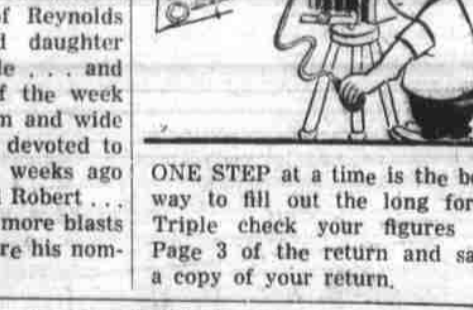
Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD
INTENTIONS — Although they were woefully underpaid, cussed and discussed, and frequently ridden hard and put up wet, it does begin to look as if most of those gentlemen who were here representing their counties and their districts during the 1949 Legislature will attempt to come again as time draws nearer the Primary. So far, the only woman who has signified her intentions to be a candidate is Mrs. Josie R. Carr of Chowan County. J. H. McMullan, brother of Attorney General Harry McMullan, says he isn't interested in returning now that plans are moving along to put the bridge across the Chowan River between Windsor and Edenton in good condition. That was his main idea in running the last time. Macklenburg had the feminine side of the ledger cornered in 1949, but will not have that honor this session. Jim Vogler, who ran for State Treasurer in 1943, will be a candidate as also will be Robert Lassiter, Jr., also of Charlotte. The Governor may have a hard time with both men.
AND OTHERS — Some of the others expected to be candidates are: Harry Vander Linden of Catawba; Clifton Blue of Moore; Roy Taylor of Buncombe; B. T. Falls, Jr., of Cleveland; J. V. Whitfield, a Scott champion last time; Pender; L. A. Matlin, friend of the dries, in Davidson; Gordon Maddrey of Hertford; John B. Reagan and Wayland Floyd of Robeson; Scott Foe Kerr Craig Ramsey of Rowan; C. S. Bunn of Nash; Scott Friend John Umstead of Orange; Scott Friend Fred Royster of Vance; Scott Foe Frank Taylor of Wayne; Scott Foe R. L. Harris of Person; Scott Foe Arch Allen and Scott Friend J. C. Little of Wake.
SENATE — There will be some sharp changes in the State Senate, but indications are that Gov. Scott will have just as hard time on the north side of the Capitol as before. The problem facing the 1951 General Assembly: Raise taxes or cut appropriations, the House favoring the former; the Senate the latter. Thus you have a four-months session already in the making.
NOTES — The Young Democrats group in this State is rapidly being transformed into a Dr. Frank Graham organization. At the recent rally held in Greensboro Graham buttons in University of North Carolina colors were all over the Primary, which is all right if the Young Demo's want it that way, but heretofore they did their big rallying for the Democratic

Voice of the People

Should Haywood County women take a more active part in politics?
Mrs. Charles Rogers: Yes, I believe they should.
Miss Guyline Caldwell: Yes, in general. But I don't believe I'd like to do so myself.
Miss Sarah Fulbright: They certainly should.
J. D. Hipps: Yes. They should clean up politics.
A. W. Ferguson: I believe we'd be better off if we turned politics over to the women.
Mrs. John McDarris: I don't see how they could be any more active in it than they are right now.

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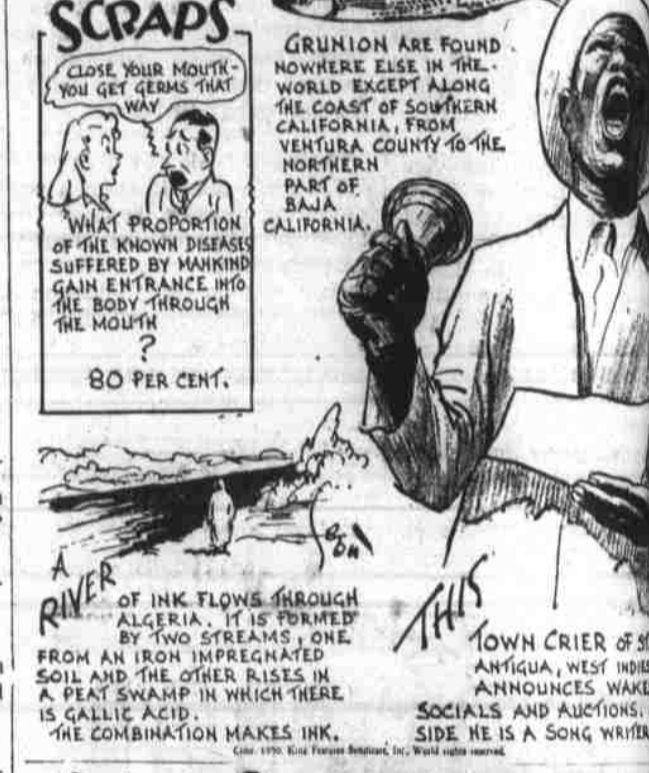
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Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert-Frazier
Of course, it was coincidence but it was a bit uncanny. Two men sitting next to each other in church unconsciously assumed exactly the same posture while listening attentively to the sermon. Each had his chin cupped in his right hand, at precisely the same angle. We watched, fascinated, to see which one would break the spell. But soon we, too, became so interested in the services that we took our eyes off the two duplicates... so we do not know how long they remained in identical positions.
Just the minute you let the other fellow know you are afraid of him, then the odds are ten to one in his favor.
Inferiorly complex is a mighty master although really a "scary cat" at heart. It builds up high walls of perfection so that the public eye cannot see how really small it is. It talks UP to the height it really would like to be. It climbs aboard a diesel capital I and rides pell-mell down the track of conversation, hoping to cover the distance before the weakness of its rails is discovered. It may fool a few... but it never fully assures itself.
She had a mind as open as a book—a bank book!
Flowers always seem to be one of a trinity—music and Spiritual sanctity. Flowers bring peace and standing. Flowers are always associated with the beautiful. Never seen without wanting to go back; the fragrance of a rose lifts one above the cares of the day. The crushed lemon-geranium rings one back on a wave of memories to an old fashioned flower. The Great Artist that flowers, created His masterpiece.
Time, like the highway, only goes in one direction. It can look back but can't turn on it.
He was about six years a bit small even at that sitting on the edge of a chair in which we, implanted our frocks for the fortunate going south for winter watching the passing time; he wearied of the same turned, his full attention to contents of the window which he had been sitting. He spoke directly to the model who was in that pose only a mannikin can assume you," he said in a stern dress up in that dress corner. Put on those fuzzy on that table and pick up pocketbook. All right. And he sat down again on the of the window and musings contemplation of the passing time.
Cutting corners; slick keen competition; sounds; never a dull moment.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS
The Story Behind the Scenes | Not Moral Angle but of Pro and Con on H-Bomb | of Bomb Caused Controversy
Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—What was the point in the argument reportedly raged within the administration high command before President Truman finally decided to build the hydrogen bomb?
It appears quite certain that the controversy did not revolve around moral grounds, as reported for a long time, but whether the H-bomb as a weapon would be the time and the money.
It is recalled that when President Truman announced that Russia has the atomic bomb, many military and scientific leaders were of the opinion that numerical A-bomb superiority was little, because a given number of the A-bombs could immobilize any country, regardless of how many A-bombs it might have.
The same reasoning is doubly true of the powerful H-bomb. One nation might have 10 bombs and another 50, yet the 10-bomb nation could be on a strategic par because its moral lack of scruples about dropping without warning, could make it difficult for the other nation to retaliate.
PHONE STRIKE—Government labor leaders are doubtful the nationwide telephone strike called by the CIO-Communications workers, if it comes off, will have any crippling effect on the States phone system.
These experts point out that the walkout may result in delays in long-distance calls, but there should be little, if any, on local phone calls.
The dial system, they point out, can handle local calls in areas even if the switchboard operators go on strike.
The greatest threat to the nation's communications system is in the danger that dial equipment may break down and a system of maintenance men would make it difficult to repair.
However, this threat only would arise in event of a general strike unless there is excessive use of telephones. Along these lines CWA President Joseph Beirne already has urged the CIO million workers to make as many phone calls as possible.
In support of their belief that the walkout won't seriously hurt telephone service, labor observers point to the 1947 telephone strike when little delay in service was encountered.
EXCISE TAXES—President Truman unwittingly gave a jolt when he recommended to Congress in his special tax message that retail excise taxes be reduced. These levies are 20 per cent of the retail sale prices of all jewelry, furs, cosmetics, luggage, bags and the like.
Since the Truman tax message, a number of congressmen received letters from manufacturers and retailers of these articles saying that sales have fallen off because prospective buyers feel they will be able to purchase the articles cheaper when the taxes are altered or repealed.
The constituents of factory-area congressmen are urging that both Houses act on the excise matter immediately to clear the air.
KEEP IT GAY—Judge George T. Washington had a bit of merry advice for young lawyers—get some comic relief into your briefs. These words were included in the judge's address at luncheon meeting of the District of Columbia Bar association.
Washington "tut-tutted" young barristers for their superior courtroom appearance. He urged them to keep it "gay"—a touch of "lightness and humor."