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An Open Letter To Governor Scott

Dear Governor Scott:

According to our records, it has been about ten months since you were in Haywood County, and we are looking forward to your visit with us on Saturday.

Many things have happened in Haywood since you were last here, Governor. Soon after you left, this county voted overwhelming for your rural road and school expansion program. While we did not receive the plaque for the largest pro rata vote, we were right at the top of the list.

Soon after that election, the citizens voted about 13 to 1 approving bonds to expand our county Hospital.

During all this time, there were 21 rural communities actively engaged in the Community Development Program, and carrying on a progressive program, which you will help climax here Saturday, by awarding cash prizes totaling \$1,000 to the three communities adjudged as having done the best work.

The rural communities of Haywood have more civic pride, and progressive ideas than at any time in the history of the county. We call your attention, Governor, to watch the roadside development, the names under the mail boxes, the cleared hedgerows, and the atmosphere of progress in the areas as you drive into Haywood Saturday.

As a dairyman you know the importance of good pastures, so you will realize what the program of getting 10,000 acres of Ladino clover this year in Haywood will mean.

While our rural citizens were going forward, the industrial, and tourist folk of Haywood were also active.

Several of our industrial plants have made substantial expansions since you last visited Haywood, and the tourist association has rolled up their sleeves to go after more business for their increased facilities.

Down at Lake Junaluska an atmosphere of building is noted, with the Methodist Assembly carrying on several expansion programs. And as you know, the Park service plans to begin work in 60 days on a \$750,000 Parkway project here.

We have been interested in your program of expanding utilities into the rural areas. The program is already well underway in

A Greater Howl From Higher Taxes

The American public seems to be more concerned about increased taxes today than at any time in many years.

Groups of business and professional people, and all types of associations are becoming aroused over the heavy tax load. There appears to be more thought, and attention being given to the subject than ever before.

Every mail brings in copies of letters, or resolutions proving that people are studying the tax question. One of those just received included a statement from the Carolina Motor Club, pointing out that motorists of this state have paid approximately \$28,600,000 in federal automotive excise taxes. The same statement goes on to explain the huge cost of gasoline and other taxes also paid by motorists.

The whole thing gets down to this. As long as the American people felt that Uncle Sam was trying to balance the budget, they went along under the load of heavy taxes. Now when it appears that the balancing is of little concern to Washington, then the taxpayers begin to squirm, and rebuke under the load.

When the taxpayers get tax relief, it will be they who bring themselves that relief. After all the people are the government.

Haywood, Governor. Only Sunday, a week ago, Carolina Power & Light energized new high voltage lines into this section, and also Canton. All the lines get power from the big plant of the company at Waterville in this county. At the same time, our local REA has spread their network of lines into many coves, and between the two systems, over 90 per cent of the citizens of Haywood have power available to their homes.

Haywood now has telephone service into almost every section, with another \$75,000 project scheduled to begin within two weeks.

Our school officials have been working to complete blueprints for additions to crowded schools, using the money allotted to us under your school bond program. Indications are that this work will start soon.

And while you and the governor of Virginia were discussing corn growing, Haywood came forth with her part, and produced the champion of the state with 141 bushels per acre.

All this, Governor, shows material development, and expansion. And we know you will agree that with such growth, a county or state can "Go Forward"—familiar words, to you.

Haywood has also made progress in the spiritual fields, as well as learning the value of cooperation.

Under your rural road program, the township committeemen have spent long hours of studying the needs of each community, and presented those findings to Highway Commissioner L. Dale Thrash, without a single dissenting voice.

Our rural and town people are cooperating on mutual projects and problems. They are working together to make this the best place on earth to live.

For a long time, Governor, Haywood has been recognized as "the best Balanced County in the State."

We are sincere in our belief that it still deserves this recognition.

It is also our belief, that you will find here in Haywood, a progressive spirit, as well as one of cooperation, that helps make this "The Best Balanced County in the State."

We trust that your visit to Haywood Saturday will be most pleasant, and that you will enjoy it as much as we know we will enjoy having you—we hope further, that you will come back before another ten months—come back often and, visit longer in "North Carolina's Best Balanced County."

They'll Do It Every Time

IN ARITHMETIC CLASS, SYCAMORE IS STRICTLY MINUS... ESPECIALLY IN SHORT DIVISION... THEN HE'S SUB-MINUS...



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT COMES IT TIME TO DIVVY UP THE SWEET-TOOTH DEP'T, EINSTEIN HIMSELF COULDN'T FIGURE IT QUICKER...



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Western Carolina Creamery is ready to pay farmers of Haywood \$5,000 weekly for cream.

Miss Mary Barber talks on Southern Germany and the Passion Play at the regular Sunday evening service at the Baptist Church.

Three young hostesses, Miss Jane White, Miss Thomasine Stringfield, and Miss Marguerite Murphy, give party.

10 YEARS AGO

Tom Blalock observes birthday

for the first time in four years on Feb. 29.

Three appraisers are named to fix price on eight acre tract to be used as the site for the new Clyde School.

Miss Ruth Green is married to Joe Jack Atkins.

Mrs. Charles Quinlan is honored at tea given by Mrs. Willis Smith at her home in Raleigh.

5 YEARS AGO

Representative Glenn C. Palmer

introduces measure to extend the term of office for officials of Hazelwood and Clyde to four years.

Mrs. Noble Garrett is elected worthy matron of the Eastern Star Chapter here.

Midshipman James L. Walker is at home in Clyde after a six months tour of duty in the Atlantic-European theatre.

Dresses from Lucille Haviland Shop are modeled at tea given at Oak Park.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

Editor's note—The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and not necessarily those of this newspaper.

DRY GRINS INDEED — In the early days of little February many a Frank Grahamite in North Carolina was grinning like a horse eating briars. It seemed almost certain that the sage of Chapel Hill would have no opposition of any importance; and that he would go sailing into the U. S. Senate on flowery beds of ease.

Now here it is scarcely a month later, and Graham finds himself faced by rambunctious Bob Reynolds on one side and Broughton Friend Willis Smith on the other. Now the grins are dry indeed. It does look as if there will be a battle royal. That is good for democracy.

"... DO BE FINE"—An enterprising reporter here in Raleigh got Asheville's Bob Reynolds on the telephone shortly after Willis Smith paid his filing fee last Friday morning. He told Bob that Smith and Graham would have headquarters here in the Sir Walter Hotel... right near each other.

FILING DATE—With the date for the close of filing less than three weeks' off, the candidates must get busy in an organized manner. Smith did not announce until he filed for his candidacy; Graham delayed his visit to the State Board of Elections to fork over his \$125, but had announced many months ago and has been running hard for some time; and Reynolds' stenographers have been flooding the mail with letters, but their man had not visited the late A. J. Maxwell's son, Raymond, to plunk down the \$125.

TWO WEEKS — Within two weeks you should be able to come to Raleigh and visit the offices of all three of the candidates. And, if you take five good doses of Hadacol, bow solemnly three times to

The slaves who hauled the five massive stone columns of the old state band building in Decatur, Ala., from Trinity Mountain were given their freedom upon the completion of the building.

the keepers of the inner sanctums, and come armed with \$100 bills, you might be permitted to talk to the candidates in person.

PLATFORMS—As a usual thing platforms are nothing much except something to speak on, but, nevertheless, Reynolds, Graham, and Smith will have them.

Looking on their records and brief utterances made within the past month, here in a general way is how they stand: Graham is for a world community; better distribution of wealth; good pay for labor; and equality among all men, be they white, Negro, Jew or gentile; and he is the idealist of the three. Smith is a liberal conservative; wants reduction in taxes; a balanced budget; crop control for crops being overproduced; and a middle-of-the-road approach on all things governmental. He seems to be more practical, more down-to-earth than the other two candidates. Reynolds says we are paying too much attention to world problems and should look after America first; wants \$100-a-month pensions for everybody over 60; and economy in government as regards sending money to Europe or to any foreign government.

NOTES—The rumor was around last week that John Harden, who is public relations man for Burlington Mills, would handle Frank Graham's publicity... But last Friday, C. A. Upchurch, Jr., formerly with the N. C. chapter of U. S. Brewers Foundation and now with the beer division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, was announced as the man for this place... Willis Smith on the day he announced and filed was looking in the direction of Chatham County for his manager, but was not ready to make a definite announcement.

Voice of the People

Do you think Alaska and Hawaii should be added as the forty-ninth and fiftieth states in the USA?

Mrs. Elmer Clark: "I don't know how to answer that question. I have always felt that Alaska should be another state, but I think it should be left up to the people who live there."

Ernest Edwards: "Oh, yes, I am very much in favor of it."

Harry Lee Limer, Sr.: "Yes I do. With the money we've spent in Alaska and the importance of its location, it certainly should be one of the states."

Dr. Frank S. Love: "Yes, as to Hawaii, I hardly think the population of Alaska would justify the responsibility and power of a state in the union."

Mrs. William Hannah: "I certainly do. We can no longer be isolated and we need their protection."

Chris George: "Yes I do. I think Alaska is one of the most strategic bases. It should have been a state before now and had more defense."

BIG DAMAGE, LITTLE PROFIT RICHMOND, Va. (UP) — The owners of a large Richmond department store ruefully surveyed the wreck of a big plate glass display window. Someone had tossed a brick through the window, to get three \$1 bills pasted on the inside as part of a display. The window was valued at \$300.

AND A LONG WAY FROM SHORE



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Can you learn to control a quick temper?

Answer: Yes, if you'll stop kidding yourself about how much you can get away with. As a rule, the person with a hasty temper tells himself that he can blow his top whenever he feels like it because people will realize that he "doesn't mean what he says." But the fact is, everything you say makes an impression that will never be entirely forgotten. Stop and ask yourself how you will feel tomorrow about what you say and do today, and unless you are more than usually childish, you will find you "keep your temper" automatically.

grated people "are not conformists; they are reconstructionists," and "don't mind getting crossed up with other people if thereby they help further the knowledge that leads to understanding and cooperation." The reality to which we adjust ourselves is not only the status quo, but the fact that we can change things for the better.



Is chewing gum a "bad habit"?

Answer: I can't see why. The worst you can say of it is that it is "infantile" or childish. Chewing something which you don't intend to swallow—in other words, chewing for its own sake—is an obvious extension of the craving for pleasurable mouth-stimulation which makes babies suck their thumbs or enjoy "pacifiers." But to no small extent the same can be said of smoking or "cading between meals," either of which may do more harm than gum. Childish pleasures hurt you only if you make them substitutes for more mature ones.

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Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

She had never visited the mountains before and she was appalled at their height and majesty. She had always lived in a level country and the winding roads with their curves left her dizzy with apprehension. Even though she had reached Waynesville in an automobile she was still decidedly lazy as to how she had accomplished the feat. In a voice trembling with anxiety, she asked: "In what direction is Bryson City?" and when it was pointed out to her, she was more scared than ever. "And do I have to go straight up that mountain and then down the other side?" she asked in a quaking voice.

Don't worry about the mistakes you made yesterday. You'll make some today that you can forget tomorrow.

The calendar may say it is March the second but the birds don't believe a word of it. They are busy apartment-hunting and getting all set for spring. Early in the morning, they settle their differences for the day and joyfully start things off with a song. And judging by some of the chirps we hear, they also discuss family and general affairs, too.

Perhaps if all of us had no more cares than the birds, we'd sing a roundelay to the sunrise and a sleepy chirp to the sunset. But who wants to get up at sunrise and go to bed at sunset anyhow?

Some cigars that people smoke have a de-stink-live odor.

"Want to hear me sing?" came a piping voice just below our elbow and looking down we saw a young man about three all ready to proceed regardless of what our reply might be. Of course we didn't know what it was all about until the singer broke forth with: "For, can you spare a dime?"

When the sun goes down the last time, the skies are clear and Heavenly blue.

Words of the Wise It is with narrow-minded people as with narrow-boats; the less they have them, the more noise they make in pouring out.

Let Junior Budget His Allowance

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

THE average parent knows all too well of the pressures from his child after entering school for having clothes and other things as good as those of his playmates. Even before the child enters school he begins with such pressures. Too, the parents have felt social pressures for having their baby's clothes and playthings appear as luxurious as those of other people's children—more or less regardless of the family income.

The wise young father and mother think these matters through and talk them over together when the first child is born if not before. They set budgets in accordance with true values as they see them. As the child grows older and more children come these parents keep weighing such values. If they set their sights unduly high from the beginning they will hardly lower these sights later. Rather, they will pretty curvy raise them.

The proportion of the family income they will spend on the child when he is twelve or fifteen will be determined to a large degree in his infancy. So also in these early years the degree of later resistance by the parents to the pressures from the child in later years will be somewhat shaped.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.