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Exactly As Ordered.

In recent months, many communities have openly declared war on crime. President Truman has come forth with a program to combat organized crime. There is nothing new to such campaigns. The only thing new is those who instigate, and push such programs to completion. No community is plagued with crime long if the citizens demand law and order. Every dirty town is dirty because the majority of the people want it that way, and don't care enough to clean up. The same is true of crime, beauty, or anything else. You will find in every American town, county, state and the nation just exactly what the majority of the people want.

The Brannon Plan

Congratulations to the North Carolina Farm Bureau on its decision last week to oppose adoption of the Brannon plan. The action was most decisive. There were 328 delegates at the Raleigh meeting who opposed the plan; there were 11 who favored it. Said the resolution in part: "Farmers are entitled to receive fair prices in the market place. There is no reason why the Government should pay part of the grocery bill of every citizen. The great bulk of our people in America are able and we believe willing to buy agricultural products at prices which will reflect fair market prices to the farmers. We therefore reiterate our faith in and demand the continuation of the fair-exchange concept of parity, which has been the basis for farm programs since 1933. We will continue to oppose aggressively the Brannon Plan or any other plan that discards this fundamental principle and seeks to put farmers at the mercy of Government doles or handouts." Their harsh words, if you'll pardon the expression, but we glory in the spunk of Farm Bureau members in giving voice to this sentiment. We're glad to see one group of American citizens come out vigorously in opposition of "Government doles and handouts." We'd like to see other groups take the same course of action.—The State Magazine.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

Illustration for 'MIRROR OF YOUR MIND' showing a man and woman. Questions include: 'Is wanting to show off neurotic?', 'Do pampered children tend to stammer?', 'Answer: No more go than any other natural instinct...'

An Unjustified Attack

The Dunn Dispatch seems pretty much bothered and upset over the bill introduced in Congress by North Carolina's two senators and Rep. Monroe M. Redden asking for sufficient money to complete the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Dispatch captions their editorial, "Ridiculous At This Time." The newspaper scorns at the idea of setting aside \$12,800,000 for work on the Parkway, adding "we can think of few bills more ridiculous at such a time."

The newspaper of Dunn then continues to scorn and rebuke the idea, and in each statement made, shows very clearly that the issue they are discussing is not thoroughly understood by them.

We shall not go into the "many flaws" found in their argument, except to say that The Mountaineer regrets that the editor of The Dispatch did not get more information before launching out in such an untimely attack.

It would not surprise us if the writer of the scornful editorial had ever set foot on the Parkway. We further doubt if he is familiar with the Blue Ridge Parkway route, or the country it will open up. But be that as it may, Congress, nor those interested in the completion of the Parkway are not too concerned about one man missing such scenic treats.

The Blue Ridge Parkway is partially completed. Until completed, it will never bring to its full usefulness the intent and purpose of the great highway. Because of the terrain through which the Parkway passes, it has been built in sections of just several miles each. Many of these sections now need to be united, or the missing section between completed. We have a good example of this right here in our own back (or front) yard in Pisgah. There is just a mile or so that needs building in order to complete the loop along the very top of Pisgah ledge.

The same story holds true in other sections, and that is one of the reasons that our Congressmen put such a bill into the hopper, and are asking for money to complete the job.

We started to get a little sarcastic and say that the editorial of The Dispatch, appeared to be a little sectional jealousy. We will not make such a charge. In fact, we are for any program that will help build up any part of the state—we have that much pride in North Carolina. And, right here, let us hasten to add, the Parkway will funnel more motorists into North Carolina than any other one attraction. And every person coming into the state is a potential citizen—another homeowner, and taxpayer. That is the way places grow, and become big places on the map—and we cite Gathinburg, as a practical example of advertising and growing. We could go on and on, and never agree with The Dispatch and their attitude towards the Parkway and this section. We feel that North Carolina is entitled to have the Blue Ridge Parkway completed, and we further feel that this state stands to benefit far beyond all vivid imaginations from the finished Parkway.

Making Democracy Real

The Young Democrats of North Carolina are waging a consistent campaign to get people registered, and then out to vote. One would think that in a country where voting is a vital part of a Democratic government, that such a program of urging people to vote would be needless. The campaign of the Young Democrats is timely, worthwhile, and should bear fruit in this and all other elections.

They'll Do It Every Time

Cartoon by Jimmy Hatlo showing office workers complaining about their desks and office space. Dialogue includes: 'BUT, GREEK, CL' BOY... MY OFFICE OUGHT TO BE A LITTLE BIGGER...'

Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO CCC camps to be built at Black Camp Gap and at Big Creek. Robbers get \$100 worth of merchandise from McCracken Clothing Store. J. H. Way, Jr., enters race for mayor of Waynesville. Change in Post Office service is not popular. General Delivery mail is received at stamp window. 10 YEARS AGO \$160,000 in WPA funds are being spent on Haywood's rural roads. Captain Aiden Howell and W. T. Lee receive Masonic medals for fifty years of continuous service. Dr. Eugene W. Gudger, of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, is elected a corresponding member of the Zoological Society of London. County agents go to Kansas City to purchase 20 purebred bulls to be placed in Haywood County. 5 YEARS AGO Ensign James King Stringfield has arrived from France where he has been on duty since D-Day. representative of the American Red Cross for civilian war relief, now serving in Belgium, writes of the great service the garments made in Red Cross rooms are doing over there. Town puts ten trash cans on Main Street. Capt. J. Richard Queen and Pvt. William Plott of Waynesville meet in the Philippines.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD NOTES—The Governor and his Utilities Commission were still at daggers (not the deadly kind) points last week over rural telephones, but Kerr Scott doesn't plan anything a great deal worse than harsh words for his utilitarians. Look for some rather sharp changes in the various county boards of election. County recommendations must be in the hands of the State Board of Elections... all composed of Scott men... by March 4... and the names will be announced on March 18... Sen. Frank Graham has never learned to drive an automobile. His chauffeur on many of the campaign trips will be Mrs. Graham... Willis Smith's wife is the former Dollie Lee of Haywood County. Her father was the famous and popular Tom Lee, who served for 15-20 years on the Industrial Commission when it was known as the Corporation Commission and before it was torn asunder by J. C. B. Ehringhaus... The Smiths have three sons, one particularly, Northampton, Surry, Union, Anson, and Franklin. Another complaint is that school operations are becoming ensnared in red tape to such an extent that school principals and superintendents have little time left to supervise educational activities. In the old days a school principal had to know a little something about everything, including Latin, French, algebra, English, science, and trigonometry. Now it seems if he is a good bookkeeper and files neat reports at the end of the month, runs a good lunchroom, and puts on a good carnival two or three times a year, nothing else matters. P. S. Look for the next Legislature to look into that group of words beginning with "under the supervision of..." OFF THE CUFF—Charlie Johnson, apparently still nettled at Willis Smith's support of Opponent Kerr Scott two years ago, declared on the day Smith announced that he would throw his strength to Dr. Frank Graham... but somehow the statement did not get in the Raleigh papers... Top brass... and top is the correct word... in the Farm Bureau were among those urging Willis Smith to run... and a veteran leader in the State Grange also helped pull Smith into the race... So you were among those wanting the State to kill the bothersome ear inspection law? Shame on you, then, for there were 843 highway deaths in 1949... 15 per cent more than in 1948... and the trend started upward soon after the Legislature laid the axe to auto inspection and permitted anything and everything to roam the highways of North Carolina.

Voice of the People

What colors do you prefer for this spring? Mrs. Wanda Clark—"Green is my favorite color—any spring." Edna Summerrow—"I prefer navy blue." Mrs. George Patrick—"Navy blue." Mary Rathbone—"I like red." Louise Franklin—"Navy blue and red." Mrs. Frankie Hoyle—"I like navy anytime." Mrs. Fred Calhoun—"Navy blue, beige, and dusty rose." Helen Jewel Robinson—"I like navy and lipstick red."

Bookmobile Schedule

Table with columns: Location, Time. Wednesday, March 8th. ALLENS CR. & BALSAM ROAD. Alens 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

WHAT NO RED INK?

Cartoon showing a man in a suit talking to a woman. Dialogue includes: 'THIS IS AN ODD ONE! WHEN HE GETS SCARED HE DOES BLACK INK!' and 'CUTLIE FISH! POLITICS, REPUBLICAN, CRYING BATH-TUBS, BUNGLES OF BELONGING EXTINCT!'

WARM AT 30 BELOW

BELMONT, N. H. (UP)—Parents worried when Belmont Boy Scouts camped out in an army tent the night the temperature fell to 30 degrees below zero. Scoutmaster Gardner Gregory assured them an old-fashioned barrel stove kept the temperature in the tent up to about 70 degrees above.

Rambling Round

Bits Of Human Interest News—By Frances Gilbert Frazier

She was a most methodical sort of a person. Everything had its place and as a usual thing, nothing was out of place. But one day she went to unlock her trunk and when she opened her key case, the trunk key was missing. A frantic search ensued and all the likely—and unlikely—places were looked into. But no trunk key. So she called the key man and when he came, there was the key very innocently occupying the keyhole of the trunk where it had remained since the trunk was last opened—and locked.

Sometimes second thoughts are not always best—for the other fellow has started talking and you haven't a chance.

Perhaps you've heard this one... but we always enjoyed it. The new maid at Mrs. A.'s had never encountered a C.O.D. package before and when one arrived for Mrs. A., the maid lustily yelled to her mistress who was upstairs, "C.O.D. Mrs. A., C.O.D." After the boy had been paid and gone, Mrs. A. asked the maid if she knew what C.O.D. meant. "Of course I do," indignantly replied the maid, "it means Come on Down!"

Why is it that after our anger has cooled down, we can always think of a cutting remark that would have settled the instantly?

You're Telling Me

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

A MAGAZINE suggests that railroads paint amusing pictures on their freight cars. That certainly would be something—a comic strip 100 box cars long. The caboose, naturally, would exhibit the traditional last words: "Pow! Bam! and 'Zowie!'" The Lone Ranger and Hopalong Cassidy rate high among juvenile TV viewers—by any galling pole. Incidentally, Granddaddy Jenkins says it's television that has brought us back to the horse-and-buggy days via the plunger stage coach, [at least] four horses. The best wage world is enjoyed by Khan whose subjects give him his weight. An archeological report traces of a prehistoric giants. Must have ruins of an ancient court. Now that Margaret is to go to work for a graph record production pany, Zedok Dumkopf she should be added to of disc-tintaged pen-

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

China to Give Reds Sub Port Facilities? Russian Sneak Needs All-Weather

WASHINGTON—Informed sources believe that one of the questions arising in the Kremlin negotiations between the Chinese Reds—from which a 30-year pact has far—is that of submarine bases for the Soviet biggest, Russia, building what is probably the world's largest, most of snorkel subs, is at a geographic disadvantage in type them. All of Russia's present submarine bases are on either ice-locked seas. If Russia is to make effective use of the undersea craft upon she is putting so much time and effort, an avail herself of an all-weather, open port. It is believed, therefore, that one of the bargaining weapons held by Stalin in Mao in his negotiations with China is that of an open sea port for the Red sub-Chinese waters. ATOMIC DEFENSE—Russia may have an atomic bomb and a bomber capable of the weapon all the way from the Soviet United States but the Navy has given pretty good interception plan to give pilots a hot time. President Truman revealed existence of the Russian Sept. 23, John F. Victory, a top official in NACA, leading aviation research agency, disclosed the Soviets have in-flight refueling, could lug the bomb to American skies near the Russian border, day and night. Using secret radar equipment, the Navy planes would pick up any bomb carrying plane many hours before it could reach the States. TAX OUTLOOK—Prospects are fading in Congress that Truman will get very far with his "loophole-closing" possils. And as they grow dimmer, chances also fade for a substantial excise tax cuts. The reason for this is that Mr. Truman has made it clear will approve excise tax cuts only to the extent that Congress replacement revenue by closing loopholes. But the prospect practically bound himself to a veto of any bill that runs counter to his firmly stated program. Congress may pass a bill cutting a billion dollars or so in taxes and tinker it up with corporation and estate and increases to make up the lost revenue. But it may also an excise-tax cutting bill. That might mean no tax bill at all cause it undoubtedly would be vetoed. IKE AND THE ELEPHANT—The moment Gen. Dwight Eisenhower spoke kind words about Herbert Hoover, deliberation that Hoover had been a good friend of the Republican leadership coaxed joyful ears. Could it mean—they asked themselves—that five-star captive to becoming the GOP presidential candidate in 1952? Ike's kindly words for the only living former president of the GOP elephant—like his pachyderm counterparts—is not likely to forget. Many Republicans see in Ike their only chance of defeating the Democrats in 1952. One Republican leader remarked that "it is too early to tell, but it is a hopeful sign— isn't it?" NEW SECRETARY—The decision is still open but sources in Washington say that Tracy Voorhes, undersecretary of the Army, has a good chance to succeed Gordon Gray as Secretary. Gray left the post open when he resigned to take over the duty of North Carolina university. Deputy Secretary of Defense Steve Early also is leaving months and it is reported that Paul Griffith, present assistant Secretary of Defense, will move up.