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Learning By Comparison

A citizen of Waynesville made a business trip to another state, and to a large city recently. Upon his return he was quick to admit that he was "through knocking his hometown."

For many years, he had found fault with this, with that, and some other things. One of his pet peeves was dirty streets and dirty buildings.

Upon his return from this recent visit, he decided he had been unduly hasty, and unfair in his criticism, as a comparison of conditions here with other towns.

From this other man's opinion, this newspaper feels that there are a lot of other people who are constantly knocking things which perhaps deserve a compliment instead.

The trip did this particular man a lot of good—he learned first-hand that he was not appreciating many things which he thought only existed in other places.

There are many improvements that should be made here—we know that—yet at the same time, there are many, many things here which other places do not enjoy.

After all, remember, this is a good place to live—and unless you are doing your part to make it even better, you have no right to kick.

"Drunk With Power"

Col. C. R. Tolar, head of the state highway patrol did the wise thing in offering his resignation to the governor.

The colonel has been able to get into "more jams" than most people in high office. In fact he went into office under some adverse criticism, and on every hand, he seemed to be plagued with the misfortune of doing the wrong thing at the wrong time.

The straw that finally meant the resignation, was his arrest for speeding through Fayetteville. Only several weeks ago he was brought to the carpet for speeding through a funeral group in a rural area.

Col. Tolar has learned the hard way what a lot of people in office should know before taking office—a title does not entitle one to do any more than the average citizen. It is too bad that so many people get "drunk with power" when in office.

reckless Extravagance Of

Government Pensions

The Mountaineer wants to say a loud amen to the editorial of The Times-News, Hendersonville, on a subject that is fast becoming one of our most abused practices of any government set-up.

The Hendersonville newspaper says: Bob Reynolds, politician and candidate, proposes that all citizens over 65 years of age be paid \$100 a month pensions out of the United States treasury. Reynolds, of course, is not the only politician who endorses that or some similar plan for old age pensions.

Citizens who would be forced to put up the tax money to finance this or any other pension system, will act wisely in taking a realistic view of the proposal and in doing some serious thinking and careful figuring on the cost of this proposal.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, probably in the best position of any business enterprise or any institution in the nation, to present the facts of this case, says that citizens over 65 years of age in the nation at the present time number 11,270,000. To pay a pension of \$100 a month to each of these persons would cost approximately 13 billion dollars a year.

How many citizens, rich or poor, old or young, who are paying the taxes necessary to supply the federal government with 41 billion dollars a year for expenses are willing to shoulder the additional burden of 13 billions for pension money?

In this connection, also, the taxpayers may give some prayerful thought to the proposal of President Truman that social security taxation rates be radically raised and that beneficiaries of the unemployment insurance system be given benefits of more than \$40 a week.

The suggestion is worthy of a man whose business judgment was so poor that he could not make a small haberdashery pay.

The United States today has a large population of chiselers and crooks who steal from the government under the guise of deserving beneficiaries of unemployment insurance. How many additional millions would refuse to work if they found more than \$40 a week available as the remuneration for loafing?

This newspaper does not oppose a reasonable unemployment insurance system for honest, deserving citizens. But it is a well known fact—known to government officials and to millions who have no official connection with the State or Federal governments—that one of the most abused and discredited efforts that has ever been made in this nation to aid deserving people is the unemployment insurance system.

If the present system is riddled with crookedness, how much would the incentive to chiseling be increased if unemployment benefits were doubled.

When all citizens of this country are transformed into honorable, honest people—people who will not lie and cheat and chisel, it may be a favorable time to adopt something new in government handout schemes.

Not For A Minute

Worried Michigan is to crack down on all drivers with alcohol on the breath. Excuses like, "Officer, I've just been winterized," are not to be entertained for a minute.—Hartford Courant.

Could Be

One who has long mingled with them says apes do not care for what they wanted, after they have it awhile. Could it be that the species is reverting to man? — Washington Evening Star.

They'll Do It Every Time

BATTLE PLANS WERE DRAWN UP BY LAWYER MC STRUDEL. STRATEGY... THAT'S WHAT WENT ON IN HIS NOODLE...



By Jimmy Hado

"DO HIS STRATAGEMS WORK?" YOU ASK OF THIS GIANT...JUST DROP UP TO SING SING AND ASK HIS LAST CLIENT...



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Forty-third annual ramp convention will be held at Betsy Gap on Easter Sunday, April 21.

Dr. J. C. Davis, Haywood native, is a member of the Texas Legislature.

Maj. and Mrs. J. Harden Howell leave for Washington, D. C. where the latter is attending the National Congress of the D.A.R.

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt, second vice president of the North Carolina Division of the U.D.C., is honored at luncheon at Andrews.

10 YEARS AGO

Postmaster General James A. Farley dedicates new postoffice building at Canton.

Paul Davis is associated with his father, L. N. Davis, in his business of general insurance and real estate.

Bebe Medford and Ida Lou Gibson are among eight pupils receiving superior ratings at music contest held at Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.

5 YEARS AGO

Davey Tree Expert Company buys large tracts in this county.

Forty-two motor vehicles are checked on first day of six weeks drive.

Pvt. Glenn H. Scruggs returns after 36 months in the Pacific.

American Legion sponsors Junior Baseball Team for this year.

Oren Coin, Seaman first class, arrives from the Pacific to spend a 37-day leave with his parents.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

WAR TALK — Visitors from North Carolina in the Nation's capital last week were astounded at the amount of war talk heard in Washington.

While we get good doses of this type of conversation via the press and radio here in the Old North State, it certainly isn't the main topic of conversation. We still have the weather, Kerr Scott, the Senate race, and what the preacher said last Sunday.

In Washington, D.C., nothing else seems to matter. You hear it from drivers of taxicabs and right on up the line to U. S. Senators and various members of the Cabinet.

If the war atmosphere hangs as heavily over Moscow as over Washington, then some kind of shooting war seems to be just around the corner. It is to be hoped that this is the same corner around which prosperity sat in 1930-31.

INSIDE DOPE — In strictly off-the-record discussion—with nobody willing to be quoted—the inside information is that the U.S. is prepared to go to war with Russia in the event Joe Stalin's armies march into Europe; and this may include an invasion of Yugoslavia by the Russians. Question seems to be if this country would attack Russia if she sent her legions into Tito's territory or wait until she moved deeper into Europe.

You can hear in Washington on good authority that Uncle Sam is preparing to take over the operation of the English Government.

Letters To Editor

SHOULD BIND COPIES OF ISSUE

Editor The Mountaineer:

During the recent Easter holidays I found time to work over your "50 Years of Progress" in Haywood, and it is a notable thing. Your endeavor did the best he could with those old faded photographs, and how they did bring back the past to me, and I am, I believe, the oldest (83 1/2 years) living native-born Waynesvillian.

I am sorry that you did not hold this issue strictly to Haywood county history—no advertising and nothing but Haywood. This would have been much better. But as it is, it is something never essayed before, and you deserve great credit.

And let me make this suggestion to you. Since this is an historical document of no small value, have at least three copies bound and present one each to the Haywood county Library, to the State Department of Archives and History at Raleigh, and to the Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Then these copies will be preserved and will be accessible to students of history.

My congratulations to you. E. W. Gudger. New York City.

The National Geographic Society says a native bride in New Guinea costs about \$600.

Voice of the People

Who will win the major league pennants this season?

Sam Queen, Jr.: I'll pick the Dodgers in the National and the Yanks in the American.

Jimmy Reed, Jr.: I believe it will be the Dodgers in the National League. It will be much closer in the American. I would like to see Connie Mack win it there.

Jerry Rogers: Put me down for the Boston Red Sox and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Mrs. Cliff Senne: My choices are the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League race and the New York Yankees in the American again.

Howard Thompson: I'm picking Detroit in the American and the Philadelphia Phillies in the National.

Mark Hegen: My choices are the Red Sox and the Dodgers.

Charlie Womack: I believe it will be the Yankees in the American and Brooklyn in the National again.

PUBLIC LAUGHS LAST

CARMEI, Cal. (UP)—A Hollywood movie company tied up traffic for hours along part of a main street in Carmel taking a sequence involving the star, Robert Young, irate residents who had been blocked off the sidewalks and street had the last laugh, however, when they found the entire strip of film taken had to be thrown out because of poor lighting.

FALLING BARMETER



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

SCENE: Main street. TIME: Sunday afternoon. CHARACTERS: Two boys of about sixteen, girl ditto, one small girl about five and an automobile from which the two boys had alighted. CONVERSATION: Older girl: "Well, don't look so sore. She's my little sister and I had to bring her along or I couldn't have come." CURTAIN!

Heard in passing: "Just don't pay any attention to her. Her grandpa gave her a quarter to spend and she's up in the clouds planning what to buy."

It gave that dull, sodden sound that only a coin dropped in a quiet room can give... and then it began a rhythmic rolling... on and on. The gentleman who dropped it raised his eyes toward the ceiling as though in supplication, then turned and grinned sheepishly at his wife who struggled to keep from smiling. Hurriedly the gentleman plunged his hand into his pocket and drew out a folded bill—just as the plate for the offertory came to his pew.

What is a friend? A foe in armor against loneliness. Firm grasp of the hand. Responsive sympathy. Interest and integrity. Earnest support. Never failing trust. Devotion unto death.

Flowers and smiles are so much alike. They bring sunshine into the most clouded heart.

She looked like a doll just out of its wrappings... with her first summer frock, ruffled and starched. She preened just a little which is allowable for a four-year-old, and then began a close scrutiny of

Among the Kuki-Lushai of India a suitor is expected to present a liquor to the parents.

You're Telling Me

By WILLIAM RITT

Central Press Writer

MOSCOW'S GUBITCHEV took an American television set back home with him. Probably wants to compare it with the one the Russians invented back in 1950 B. C.

Hawaii would beat Alaska to statehood, hands down—if it were just a matter of preference: hula girls or polar bears.

Eddie Cantor is reported getting ready for television. Suggested theme song: "If you know TV, like I know TV..."

Now we know what the poet meant in referring to the "cold steel of combat." In Montreal, Canada, cops broke up a bar-room brawl in which the com-

batants were using combat weapons.

In keeping with the up-and-down state of our affairs, we note, the 70-70 back again.

A just-published nature tells of a California fish blebs along the ocean bottom. Probably practicing a "walk on" part in the undersea movie.

A New York survey says that dogs have better sense than humans. For thing, they aren't preoccupied with thoughts about how better that could drive the fellow's car.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Eisenhower Warning Jolts Johnson's Ardent Following

Does Former Allied Represent Pentagon

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Critics of Defense Secretary Louis Johnson's "trim of the fat" military economy policies are pointing fully at Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's expressed fears for the safety.

Even the secretary's most ardent supporters on Capitol Hill a jolt from Ike's statement that the United States has done too far.

The reason for both reactions is this: Eisenhower is credited a major share in preparing the 13 billion military budget submitted to Congress. Johnson took care to point this out to the legislators.

If, then, Ike is worried, it must be about way Johnson is using funds tagged by Armed Services and not in the amount of primarily. Eisenhower's statement might prompt in part by President Truman's freezing some \$800 million allotted for the Force.

That kept the nation's air fleet down groups instead of the 58 authorized by Congress. However, the real question raised by the hower address is whether he is carrying out out lest they suffer the "non-reprisal" Adm. Louis E. Denfield, ousted as chief of operations after criticizing Johnson's policies.

LESE MAJESTE—The White House is losing more bricks and rotten timber—the executive mansion is losing legends. All it has is history—with no mystery. The trouble is that there just isn't any tunnel from the Potomac river. It is only a sewer built during the early of the presidential residence and is still being used for that purpose.

The National Geographic society is responsible for this road to those who prefer fancy to fact. It points out that the ground under the District of Columbia just doesn't encourage nelling.

That seems to rub all the glamor off the story that the tunnel, supposedly started by Dolly Madison when she marched on the capital in the War of 1812, figured prominently a Civil war plot to kidnap President Abraham Lincoln.

DOLLARS FOR MCCARTHY?—Senator Joseph McCarthy, Wisconsin, insists that the GOP gave him no financial help. Preliminary investigation to develop his charges that the department is shot through with Communists or fellow travelers. The Republican campaign committee, it is understood, is to furnish the Wisconsin senator with funds on the grounds that is not a candidate in this year's congressional elections.

It is obvious, of course, that, if McCarthy scores, so will Republican candidates across the country.

However, even if the leadership refused McCarthy financial aid, at least one Senate Republican dug into his own pocket for the Senator Owen Brewster (R), Maine, chairman of the campaign committee, gave him \$100 out of his own personal funds.

THE LADIES—Women comprise only about 6 1/2 per cent of all persons listed in the new edition of "Who's Who in America."

In spite of that small percentage, some 2,400 American women made the listing. By far the largest number of them are in the education field—23 per cent of the number.

As a group, the women are on the gray side of 40. As expected, many of the coy sex didn't list their ages, but, who did report it, the median age was 57.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Does a chronic liar try to deceive himself?

Answer: Yes, although he does not know it. The person who makes a habit of telling malicious stories about other people may be conscious only of a wish to hurt them, but unconsciously he's trying to break down his own ability to distinguish truth from falsehood. If he can succeed in getting what he knows to be false accusations against others believed, he will find it that much easier to convince himself that the painful things which he remembers (or imagines) about himself are the "back of lies" he wants to think them.



Does a "clinging-vine wife" love her husband?

Answer: Yes, but not with the kind of love a man really can rely on. For the more childishly dependent you are on another person, the more readily and violently you will turn against him if he "falls you." If her husband does not give her everything she

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

wants, the clinging-vine wife may go in for temper tantrums. Or if she's too much afraid of losing him to dare to show her anger, she may take it out on herself by becoming a physical or "nervous" invalid, which both punishes him and lets her demand even more indulgence.



Should you choose the job that interests you most?

Answer: Not necessarily, says Dr. Edward K. Strong, Jr., vocational guidance expert. The work in which you're most interested is a better index of your personality than of your aptitudes. Being interested in doing something which you think will bring you fame and fortune does not mean you're suited to it. And both interest and ability may be blocked by inhibitions. However much talent you have, there is no use trying to be an entertainer if you're so self-conscious that you cannot face an audience without paralyzing stage-fright.