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A \$770,000 Expansion

The good news coming out of Washington last Thursday that a three-quarter of a million-dollar loan to the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation had been approved, should give us added encouragement here.

The application for the loan was made some time ago, and the money is to be used for the construction of 295 miles of new lines which will serve 885 additional rural customers.

Part of the loan will be used for constructing a new and modern building in East Waynesville for headquarters.

This loan will enable the organization to continue their expansion program which has been in evidence ever since it was established a number of years ago.

And three-quarters of a million dollars spent right here at home will aid business now, and give permanent improvement to 885 rural families in the area for years and years to come.

Our Musicians Go Places

The rousing welcome given members of the music department of the high school here Saturday afternoon is indicative of the high esteem in which the musicians are held in the hearts of the people of this community.

Busy business men, and just as busy housewives took time off to greet the returning conquerors from their triumphs in the state contest in Greensboro.

On Friday night the 350 people assembled at the Chamber of Commerce banquet gave a long round of applause when the news was announced of the success of the concert band.

The community is justly proud of the entire department—the bands, and the choral units. The citizens are proud of the seriousness in which the leaders and members take their work. The honors that have come to the department recently are all the result of long, hard hours of pains-taking work on the part of directors and students.

There is a good lesson to be learned from the accomplishments of the music department—the success was attained by united cooperation on the part of every individual—this should be remembered in all other community undertakings.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Are "destructive" children merely "playful"?

Answer: I do not believe so. It's a very small child who is really unaware that breaking up the furniture or ruining his clothing is a way of making you unhappy, so that it is safe to say that if a child continually does such things, a wish to hurt you is at least one of his more or less unconscious motives. But to punish him will only make his wish for revenge stronger; you must try to find out and correct the real or imaginary wrong for which he's trying to get even. He may feel, for instance, that you've killed him in favor of the baby.



May you pick a mate for his or her faults?

Answer: Yes, though you are not likely to realize it, and probably think you love him (or her) "in spite of them." For what actually fascinates you in a person may be the fact that he does things you believe you disapp...

Is there a "criminal personality"?

Answer: No, says Dr. Daniel Lagache in the French Psychoanalytic Review. No one is a criminal by nature. But there are "criminal attitudes" which any person may acquire as the result of early experiences. These include the lack of enough "sense of reality" to foresee the consequences of one's actions, a childish insistence on immediate gratification of one's wishes, inability to love anyone but oneself, and failure to learn to control one's emotions. Only when helped to outgrow such attitudes are criminals really "reformed."

The Post Office And Service

For a long time the national post office department has been operating at a loss. Efforts to overcome the deficits have always seemed to end in a Congressional committee. A lot of discussion goes on, both pro and con regarding increase of rates on this and that, while the red ink continues to flow on the ledgers of the department.

As a means of curbing continued, and mounting losses, the department has announced only one delivery daily to residential areas. We understand such an order would not reduce personnel in the local office, as the office is operating on a minimum at present.

The post office department has always tried to constantly improve mail service. In so doing, the costs of operation have grown faster than the additional income. That is true with many private businesses. And it has all been designed to serve the public better.

Among the graver charges against the post office department is that it is trying to operate on the same methods as a century ago, and that many age-old, and moss-covered regulations are proving expensive.

It is a known fact that the public does not often appreciate the services which it takes for granted, and the post office comes under that heading. The public is demanding in their requests, but slow in showing appreciation.

Perhaps this proposal to curb services will be a means of making the public realize the value of an efficient department, and in the department bringing its business methods up-to-date.

A Hard Blow To Beauty

It is disturbing to note that a blight threatens to hamper the beauty of the dogwood blossoms.

The dogwood blooms seem to herald the official arrival of the mid-spring season, and the blanket of white blossoms are a reminder of scented, warm snow on the hillsides.

It seems that during the late years, people have become to appreciate the dogwood blossoms more than ever, and homemakers are using more and more dogwood in their landscaping plans.

We would like to take an optimistic outlook on the outcome of the blight which seems to have struck the dogwood, but for some reason we cannot forget the havoc played with our chestnut trees some years ago. However, we have the assurance that a lot has been learned about forest blights in that time.

Highway Courting

The recent warm weather throughout this area evidently has brought increased highway courting.

Drive the highways these nights and before many minutes have passed you are behind a string of cars moving at a snail's pace. In front, blocking traffic, one will find not the usual slow driver who is such a menace on the highways but a courting couple, entwined behind the steering wheel, their automobile wandering about the highway, frequently just managing to get back to the right as another automobile approaches in the opposite direction.

There is a time and place for everything, but a highway is scarcely the place for such couples. They place their own lives in danger as well as everybody else's.

We suggest the Highway Patrol look into the matter—sympathetically but firmly. The Durham Herald



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Indications point to '35 season as the best in years. Survey shows tourist business will last longer than usual.

Little Miss Betsy Siler has birthday party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Siler.

Richard Queen, student at Brevard College, is spending the spring holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Queen.

Miss Mary Willie Rotha is valedictorian and Miss Mary Medford is salutatorian of the Waynesville High School graduating class.

10 YEARS AGO

Hazelwood Boosters Club observes annual Boy Scout Night.

Miss Daphne Rice and J. D. Hyatt sing on the Carolina Quartette program over WWNC.

Eloise Martin dances at ball given in Tryon preceding the Horse Show.

McCrary Beasley, Kenneth Rogers, James Rogers, and Ed McCraeken, Fines Creek FFA boys, win prizes for their project stories in Tar Heel Talks, publication of North Carolina Future Farmers.

5 YEARS AGO

Work is started on freezer locker plant for the Farmers Federation.

Miss Mildred Phillips is serving as one of the special secretaries to Gerald Drew, protocol officer of the United Nations Conference being held in San Francisco.

W. Roy Francis accepts chairmanship of Seventh War Loan Drive.

Miss Alicia Chambers Polk weds Maj. E. L. Withers, Jr., in Italy.

Cpl. Davis Boyd, Jr., returns from Germany after 14 months of service overseas.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

THE BITTEREST—The most bitter campaign ever conducted in this State is about to break between Smith and Graham. Put that in your hat and remember it as the days grow warmer. The stage is now being set... and the vitriol which will be scattered about North Carolina will focus the eyes of the Nation upon this State... as the people hear all sides of the arguments, the charges and counter charges. Although both the Smith and Graham camps are pleading poverty, there will likely be money aplenty to carry this fight to the door of every Tar Heel as North Carolina decides if it is conservative, liberal, or middle-of-the-road.

NEW MAGAZINE—Very soon now all employees of the State Highway Commission will start receiving a monthly magazine. This is something a little new in that the material for the publication will be prepared and edited by Bill Snyder, public relations man for the highway folks, but will be financed by a private concern which hopes to sell enough advertising, etc., to make money on the deal. Meantime, the highway employees will be kept informed on latest developments... first printing: 10,000 copies.

THE ROSSES—The Ross family of Harnett, Randolph, and Moore counties like public life. Charles Ross for many years was chief counsel for the State Highway Department and at one time ran it. One son, Reid, is superintendent of schools in Harnett; another, Neill, is Harnett's solicitor. Charles Ross was very much opposed to Kerr Scott and sponsored advertising against him. But his brother, George, has always been close to the Governor and is now head of Conservation and Development. Scott is for Frank Graham for U. S. Senator and Charles is going right along with him. Whereas, heretofore, the Rosses have played it smart, one being for a certain candidate, etc., they have this time put all their eggs in one basket. It's all or nothing at all. All of which shows that politics sometimes makes strange bedfellows... even in one family.

NOTES—Although the Raleigh News and Observer, morning daily here, is plugging hard for Chapel Hill's Frank Graham over its own Raleigh resident, Willis Smith, the paper's radio station, WNAO, is offering free time... half-hour each... to all the candidates as a public service. So far, Willis Smith has not used this outlet... free or otherwise... Reynolds took advantage of the offer for 15 minutes last Saturday morning... George Cherry, Bertie County native who is now in charge of public buildings and grounds here for the State, reported last Friday some of the items furnished Gov. Scott by the State: the Mansion, with lights, fuel, water, an automobile and driver, \$600 per year travel expense, plus all

penses, \$5,000 per year for entertainment; a Mansion hostess, two butlers, and additional housekeeping help including two cooks, one butler, three maids and two yardmen... necessary additional travel expense... The school children always appear about the time the azaleas start blooming in Capitol Square... and the teachers have a time keeping them off the grass. Some of them, feeling a little coltish away from home, are hard to manage... as was shown last week when the schoolmarm tried in vain to persuade one member of her flock... a boy who appeared to be about 11 years old... to throw away a cigar. He stayed steadfastly with it, his ashen face growing whiter by the minute... James B. McMillan, son of the Attorney General, has set up law offices here with Arch Allen, son of the late Superintendent of Public Instruction... Some of... if not all... State Election Board Chairman Charles Britt's charges leveled at some Western North Carolina local members may backfire in his face when the SBI comes out with its report this week... Kerr Scott revealed recently that some patrolmen are now being used on special assignment as plainclothesmen... With all these highway wrecks, injuries, and deaths, isn't there plenty for them to do out on the road?... The SBI with the help of these men employed to patrol the highways, are investigating this and that: teacher kickbacks, election board stuff, Superior Court judges "not cooperating with" solicitors, the illegal use of State-owned automobiles, etc., etc... Are there

Voice of the People

Should the county establish a Fair Grounds?

Herman Francis: Yes. We certainly need one.

William Frady: Sure it should. That's one thing we definitely need.

Bill Franklin: I think so. Especially for the kids.

Marvin Leatherwood: Yes, I think so.

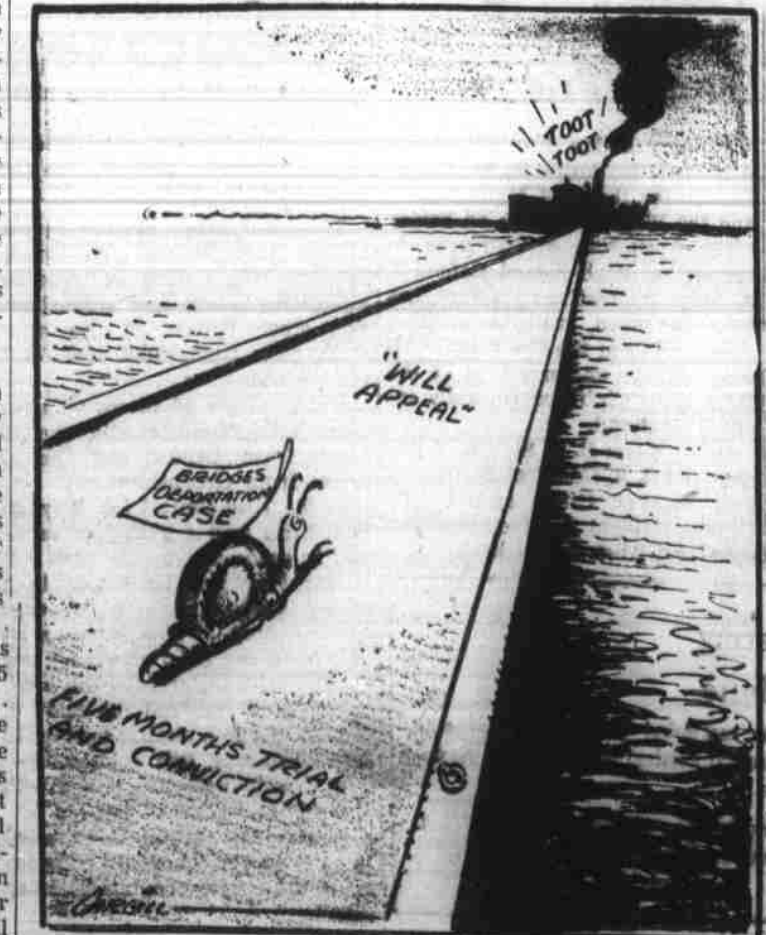
Tony Davis: By all means, yes. I remember that some of the best times I ever had in my life came when they did have it here.

\$61,000 RAISED FOR BUNCOMBE HOSPITAL

The Buncombe County Medical Society has donated \$61,000 to help pay the bill for the proposed regional Medical Center near Asheville. The new modern hospital will cost an estimated \$2,787,000. The Society's donation swelled the building fund to \$112,000 the organization has raised from all sources. The state and federal governments will chip in a total \$1,605,869 for the Center, which will serve Yancy, Madison and Mitchell, as well as Buncombe.

no out-and-out crimes to be investigated? And isn't it about time for some kind of report to the people on all these investigations which the Governor says are in progress?

THE AUSTRALIAN CRAWL



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The sky was deep purple plentifully sprinkled with stars, and against this background in full spread of its glory, waved the American flag. It was one of the most beautiful sights we have ever seen... but it also raised a resentment in our hearts that blurred all else. Why was that flag flying at full mast after sunset?

A sharp word can leave a deep scar that not even time can efface.

They came into the restaurant, a middle-aged couple. He barely held the door open long enough for his companion to come in and he strode to the table far ahead of the lady with him. It puzzled us a bit to see a man so rude to his wife and we couldn't help but focus our attention on them. When they had finished, the man helped the lady with her coat and gave her a gentle pat on the shoulder as he smiled at her. So you see you never can always tell.

What we may think of as Tomorrow, may always be Today. So make the best use of it.

His voice had such a sharp, staccato penetration that one always seemed a bit startled. But he was so friendly and always so glad to see visitors, that to know him was to love him. Yet, we must acknowledge...

You're Telling Me

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

TELEVISION by telephone sounds fine, says the man at the next desk, but what happens when we can't call in the grocery order because Junior has the line tied up for Hopalong Cassidy?

Now they're cooking diamonds atomically. Personally, we'd settle for the old-fashioned, raw variety.

Tillie, our fiction-tressed typewriter topper, says she has just learned that a peanut politician need not necessarily be a "gubernatorial" candidate.

It's strange how, in African desert areas where there are no race tracks, the natives man-

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS Presidential Strategy Seen In Defense of State Chief A New Military Service Set-Up Suggested

WASHINGTON—Top sources report that President Truman's sonally directed administration strategy in Congress to Secretary of State Dean Acheson from Republican attacks. Fewer than 12 hours before Senator Styles Bridges (R-Hampshire, and other GOP stalwarts blasted Acheson on the floor, the president talked from Key West to Vice President Barkley, House Speaker Sam Rayburn and Democratic Leader John W. McCormack. Mr. Truman suggested that the administration seize the ball from the Republicans. Presidential direction was seen when Herbert Lehman (D), New York, got to before Bridges and charged the GOP with to make a political issue of foreign policy. The House, administration backers were in a similar pattern in one of the bitterest of the current Congress. Despite the presidential direction, Bridges the Senate floor and released his wither at Acheson. Nonetheless, the Truman strategy, administration leaders feel, White House the initiative in the Acheson...

SOMETHING NEW—Brig. Gen. Fenton S. Jacobs has with an idea for a new military service to be called the "Land Transportation Service." The general would have the new service take charge of minimal handling land transportation facilities. This would be about a basic division of the services something like this: Force to control air transport. B—The Navy to control sea port. C—The Army to control land installations. Jacobs says at least it is logical.

ODD COINS REALLY AREN'T—The National Geographic Society, keeping the Senate posted, informed the banking and currency committee that it wasn't considering something unprecedented it took up a bill proposing two-and-one-half cent and one-half cent coins. At one time or another this country has had half-cent, three-cent, half-dime and 20-cent coins. It might be interesting to hear: "What this country needs good seven-and-a-half cent cigar."

LOOK, NO HANDS!—Atomic scientists who once risked life and limb in critical assembly of nuclear fission probably learned how to do it the easy—and safer—way. When the A-bomb was in the infant stage, all critical assemblies were made by hand. Not today. No hand touches the final assembly processes. And it's not done by mirrors. The Atomic Energy Commission explains that A-bombs are now put together by remote control. No hands lost.

ANTI-RED LABOR UNITY?—CIO President Philip Murray soon publicly propose a unity move by non-Communist United States union labor. Just how far Murray will go remains to be seen. It is, however, when the CIO leader will actually issue his call for unity in the American labor movement. Most likely action on Murray's part is that he will propose a legislative and economic unity, leaving the various and independent unions autonomy and independence. A meeting of CIO vice presidents with Murray in Washington soon is expected to bring the idea into the open. Murray reportedly has already discussed the proposal with some aides. If he does make public his plan, Murray is expected to give John L. Lewis an assist. For months Lewis suggesting labor alliances in economic battles. The big question is the AFL attitude. The AFL has always tained there can be no unity of effort by labor until there organic entity, with all labor organizations in one federation...