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You, Too, Stand To Lose

Many people, who have been sharing in the governmental hand-outs and would like to see them continued indefinitely, seem to think that they are benefiting financially from the excessive spending that has been in effect for the last several years.

Everybody is bound to lose, so far as this is concerned.

On the contrary, they, too, are bound to lose.

Suppose you have a life-insurance policy for \$10,000. You figure that your wife will be able to get along with the \$10,000 you'll be able to leave her if you happen to pass away.

But will she receive \$10,000 from the company that carries your insurance?

Yes and no. The company will pay her \$10,000, but it will lack a lot of being the \$10,000 that you or she figured on.

When you took out the policy, you believed that it would provide your wife with exactly \$10,000 in coverage. But today the dollar is worth only 60 cents. That means that your \$10,000 insurance policy is worth only \$6,000.

In other words, your policy is worth just a little more than half of what it was worth when you took it out fifteen years or more ago.

The same is true of annuities. When you took out an annuity which you figured would pay you \$1000 a month, you were of the opinion that you could get along comfortably on that sum if you were economical. But now you pay \$1100 a month, you were of the opinion-purchasing power. Do you think you can get along as well on that amount?

The same thing likewise is true of savings accounts. When you had \$10,000 in the banks fifteen years ago, you figured you had \$10,000. You still have that same \$10,000 in the bank, but it is only worth \$6,000.

These are some things for you to think about. The more deficit spending on the part of the federal government, the less your savings are worth.

-State Magazine

Reason

According to the way the average American thinks, if he doesn't save any money, it isn't because he's spending too much, but because he isn't making enough.—Bridgeport Times-Star.

More Protection Needed For Patrolmen

Several months ago one of the state Highway Patrol cars operating here in Haywood had the windshield shattered by bullets from a high-powered rifle. Two officers in the car narrowly escaped sudden death by the rain of bullets.

At the time we urged that state officials take immediate steps in installing bulletproof glass in the cars of officers. As far as we can learn, no steps have been taken in that direction.

Now comes news from down in Bladen county that almost duplicates of what happened in Haywood several months ago—another patrol car has had the windshield shot out by bullets from rifles in the hands of wanted men in a racing car.

It seems that it is time that state officials take every precaution in seeing that the men they send out in uniform are given the utmost in protection, and not just expect the law of averages to keep the patrolmen from getting hit.

At one time we thought of such onslaughts on patrol cars as only happening in Chicago when gangsters were being given a chase. That is no longer true—it is happening in rural North Carolina, and from the records, quite frequently.

If we are to expect officers to go into battle and compete against high-powered rifles, we should provide them with every means of safety and protection. Our highway patrolmen are given careful, and precision training; they are carefully selected as being men of ability and fitted in every degree as efficient officers. That is important, and also their protection is important. It looks as if it is time for the State to start investing in bullet-proof windshields—or at least give reasons why they are not doing so.

The Parkway Is Open Again

The 4 1/2-mile section of the Parkway in Pisgah National Forest, from Wagon Road Gap was opened again to the public over the week-end.

This section of the mountain-top road affords some of the best views from any drive in the area. The grandeur from Green Knob overlook is so impressive that year after year people from far and near drive back to feast on the sweeping panorama of more than 300 degrees.

This particular section of the Parkway is not paved, and while it is a good road, it does not lend itself to speed. The officers in charge are in constant patrol of the area, and will be on the job until the road is closed after the color season next fall.

The citizens of this area can look forward to a real treat when the entire section is opened from Wagon Road Gap to Beech Gap—this route is along the top of Pisgah Ridge, and will be perhaps one of the most publicized motor trips in Eastern America when completed. Only about five miles remain to be built to make the loop complete.

The usual "after-election" conversations get underway, "I felt like it would work out this way all the time." However, on Saturday, the same person would not even venture a guess as to the outcome.

One of our readers who is aware of the fact that this newspaper has as its major program "making this a better county in which to live" called to say: "I am positive it is better now, since so many 'untruths' were told during the campaign, there are no more—there are all used up."

We would not be surprised but what his version would fall in that category.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Leo F. Reiger succeeds father as superintendent of the Fish Hatchery. 10 YEARS AGO: Wingate Hannah wins music prize at St. John's School. 5 YEARS AGO: Five Haywood high schools award 240 diplomas this week.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

MOVING OVER—The story was around Raleigh Saturday that Tony Tolar, late of the State Highway Patrol, had sent a wire to Scott Secretary John Marshall in Washington saying: "Come on back, John, Jeff Wilson and I are making a place on the bench for you."

SAFETY LAST — As highway leaths mount through the State, a backward look into the Scott and Cherry administrations might prove helpful in determining why scores of North Carolinians are killed and injured every month.

With Broughton running against Umstead, Cherry's political-minded friends begged and pleaded with him to call a special session of the Legislature to kill the auto

inspection law and thus regain his popularity and be in position to help Umstead. He steadfastly refused, saying the auto inspection law was a good thing. Umstead lost.

Gov. Scott's Legislature laid the hatchet to the law, with no objections from the Governor. He picked up a lot of popularity there. Highway deaths have mounted. All types of cars are now on the roads. And the Governor is issuing statements . . . and has named a Highway Safety Committee . . . in an attempt to reduce the highway death rate . . . but apparently to no avail. Cherry placed safety over political expediency.

PREMIERES—Last week Nashville, one of the most beautiful little towns in North Carolina, had the world premiere of "Waves of Green," a technical movie which tells of the contributions made to agriculture by colleges like State, Clemson in S. C., and VPI in Virginia. On May 31, the world premiere of "Bright Leaf," the story of tobacco written by Foster Fitz-Simons of Chapel Hill, will be held in Raleigh.

Both communities are receiving nationwide publicity as the result of their promotions of these special events. Raleigh Merchants Bureau Secretary Wesley Williams, with the assistance of chamber of commerce and merchants association secretaries, is ramrodding the Raleigh promotion. Dollar days are here today and gone tomorrow, but wholesome attractions and promotions build trade for the future. Both Williams and Thomas W. Wilson of Nashville are to be congratulated on their all-out efforts in making these world premieres put their cities and N. C. on the map.

90-Year-Old Summer Visitor Says 'Don't Worry'

Want to live past 90? Don't worry. That's the prescription A. M. (Bert) Sullivan of Dayton, Ohio, gives for a long life and a happy one. He's something of an authority on the subject of living beyond 90, for he just celebrated that age a few weeks ago. He's never smoked or used liquor in any form, either. And this summer he's planning to do just what he's been doing for the last 15 summers — drive his car down to Waynesville for the annual Masonic Summer Assembly.

REDISCOVERING ELECTRICITY IN PENNSYLVANIA



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can feeling "rejected" make you physically ill? Answer: Yes, writes Dr. Henry E. Andren of Melrose, Mass., in Medical Arts and Sciences. The effects of this feeling can be so far-reaching that every physician should learn to watch for it as a potential factor in a wide variety of ailments. Parents should be careful never to give a child the impression that he is unwanted or unwelcome. But we might add that to be rejected in adult life, even by a person you love, won't completely crush you if you have the sense of inner security with which a well-loved childhood leaves you.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

write as children, reveals your "social attitudes" and patterns of behavior rather than your deeper motives and emotions. She warns also that interpretations of handwriting are more deeply influenced by the personality and objectives of whoever gives them than that person or those who consult him usually realize. Does "permissiveness" imply approval? Answer: No. Psychiatrists and counselors are learning that the way to help anyone understand himself is not to criticize his feelings or behavior, and still less to try to impose new ones on him. It is to take the "permissive" attitude of letting him say anything he pleases without fear of being disapproved of or looked down on. This does not mean you think everything he says or does is "all right," but that once he does not feel that he's on the defensive, he can see things as they are and use his common sense about them.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

He was such a little chap that one couldn't find it in their heart to condemn him for trying. He held a penny in his moist little hand and he was studying with serious contemplation the candy display in the Five and Ten. It was most inviting yet it seemed there was nothing that one penny could purchase, but he kept on hoping. Finally he looked up at his sympathetic young lady clerk and pointed to a large, paper-wrapped chocolate bar that had fallen from its container down against her glass. "Couldn't that be lost and sell for a penny?" he asked eagerly. The young lady smiled, reached in and got it, took his penny . . . and as he delightedly strode away she opened her purse, took out four pennies and rang up his sale.

Thoughts that go on vacation, usually stay away too long. There isn't a prettier place around than Waynesville at night. Down Main street, the lights remind one of an animated Christmas tree; the Neon lights standing by in dignified attention while automobile lights flash their way swiftly and continuously across the scene. In the distance, street lights and home illumination glisten in the soft dusk and the majestic mountains hold their vigil with unending grandeur. Sounds are muted and blend in with the solemnity and the wonder of it all.

Letters to the Editor

ARTICLES ON ANIMALS: Home Demonstration Club thank you for the publicity. GOOD PUBLICITY: Editor The Mountaineer: In reference to your article in the Mountaineer (Speaking For Animals) I wish to comment you and the party who makes this article possible for the fine job you are doing. It is true dogs can not talk but get to know him better, actions speak for themselves. All he wants is a pat on the head and a good word. Sincerely yours, A very satisfied Reader.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS: First Hydrogen Bomb Still Long Way Off? Even Chance to Taft, Believes. Special to Central Press: WASHINGTON—It may be a lot longer than generally expected before the first hydrogen bomb is exploded. Everything in connection with the project is highly secret, but independent scientists read the surface signals to that the bomb will have to be made with tritium, a heavier form of hydrogen than the more plentiful "plain" hydrogen or a somewhat heavier form called deuterium. If tritium must be used, the process will be slower because production of tritium itself is laborious. It is made by bombarding hydrogen atoms with lithium. Only small amounts are believed to be manufactured up to the time President Truman gave the go-ahead on the H-bomb. A recent Atomic Energy Commission announcement indicated that the facilities at Hanford until now exclusively used for plutonium production, will also be employed to make tritium. TAFT AND LABOR—Labor leaders figure they have about a 50-50 chance of defeating Senator Robert A. Taft (R), Ohio, in campaign for re-election next fall. Now that Ohio State Auditor Joseph Ferguson has been chosen by the Democrats to succeed Taft, the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods are going to work. One AFL chief views the situation this way: Ferguson has a well-knit organization in every Ohio county through his state auditor's position and is popular in rural areas. If labor can turn out a big vote for him in the cities, he has a chance of winning. The same AFL official admits that Gov. Frank Lausche, who have been a stronger candidate but he was unwilling to make race against Taft. Union leaders say the reason is that Lausche has aspirations of becoming the Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1952. MR. TRUMAN'S TRIP—Republicans, still smarting over President Truman's denunciation of the GOP-controlled 80th Congress, the "second worst" are lying in wait with heavy ammunition in hand to praise the Democratic-run 81st Congress. The minority members of Congress are especially interested in what Mr. Truman will say during his cross-country trip this month. Senator Edward Martin (R), Pennsylvania, contends the Democratic Congress has failed the President on major issues. He points out that the President has asked for, but isn't getting, an increase. The GOP senator also cites the fact that even though Mr. Taft called for repeal of what he termed the "slave labor" Taft-Hartley Act, the Democratic majority has already told him no. ATOMIC ALLIES—Whether the United States, Great Britain and Canada finally decide on the free interchange of vital atomic energy will depend largely on the outcome of two errands of diplomats this month: These are the trip by United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie to the Kremlin in the interests of a new East-West understanding, and the Big Three foreign ministers' meeting in London. If either of the two meetings wind up with any success toward a settlement of the cold war issues, there will be little chance that the United States will want to relax its rigid Atomic Energy laws so it can pass around its fission secrets. On the other hand, the hotter the cold war gets, the better are the chances that the United States, Great Britain and Canada may decide an information pool is utterly necessary to their common defense. Should the secrets trade hands, the United States would get from Britain knowledge on new processes which would be the tricky detonation of the A-bomb. From Canada it would get priceless fruits of research on development of atomic energy that the "heavy water" process. This country, in turn, would give its partners equally valuable data on peacetime uses of fusion energy.