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Kinda Short On Population

The reaction to the official census figures for Haywood and the four incorporated towns of the county was about like the young woman who called the bank and asked the amount of her checking account.

When told, she gasped, and then mumbled: "I can't argue, but it ain't as high as I had wishfully thought."

The citizens of Haywood, and the towns, had been doing some wishful thinking. But from the official figures, it now appears that the thinking was overly optimistic.

The Mountaineer sees no reason to be downcast, or blue, because after all, it is not the number of people that make a good community, but the quality of people. We can console ourselves on the fact that what we fail to have in quantity, we more than make up for in high quality.

Are The Poll Books Obsolete?

The members of the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce have felt for some time that too few people are taking part in elections. The energetic organization prior to the election urged people to register and vote.

Now that the primary is history, the organization has compiled a table which shows that only 47 per cent of all the registered Democrats in Haywood voted on May 27th. Some precincts voted as few as 22 per cent of the number registered.

The precincts that held new registrations during the past few weeks showed a much higher percentage of voting than did the others. This is proof that there are many names on the poll books that should come off. In many cases the books need revising, and brought up to date.

Here in Waynesville, after a recent registration, the precinct showed that 82 per cent voted, as compared with 49 per cent in a similar precinct where there was not a new registration. A difference of 33 per cent. Would this mean that a third of the names on our poll books are obsolete?

It appears that the Jaycees have a project that is worthy of consideration in following through in a rigid manner. Certainly it is timely, and from the figures presented, it looks like a good argument for action.

Breaking Ground

Tomorrow morning a group of civic leaders from this area will go to Heintoga ridge and there in a brief, but effective ceremony, formally start the excavation of the 6-mile section of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Black Camp Gap to Heintoga.

This is the first of two links that will enable motorists to go from Soco Gap to Heintoga, via Wolf Laurel and Black Camp Gap over a paved road.

These two projects have been at the top of a "badly needed list" here for many, many years. Now that work is being resumed after curtailment during the war, reopens a new day and a new era for the entire area.

This caution should be explained right here, and that is a road like the Parkway cannot be built overnight in rugged country such as one finds in the Heintoga area. In fact, the contractor has well over a year to do the work. The fact that the work is actually underway is the big news; its completion will be another glorious day.

Wednesday Is Flag Day

The American public hears so much about this day and that week that it takes something unusually good to make more than a ripple in their everyday thinking to get a "day" observed.

Down through the years, June 14th has been set aside as Flag Day. For the most part the occasion is observed by the public displaying of the colors on the Main Street, and sometimes a public gathering of patriotic souls.

The American people are patriotic when the nation is at war, but as soon as the shooting stops, the average persons shelves their patriotism until "needed."

Another thing that is hard to understand, is how few people understand, and practice the correct methods and means of respecting and displaying the flag.

If you are not absolutely sure that you know, then we suggest that you write the Marine Recruiting Corps, Asheville, and get a copy of the 32-page colorful booklet that tells the story in easy understandable language.

In the meantime, this Flag Day of 1950 is a good time to begin to learn and put into practice something about the flag.

A Selling Job

Today marks the first publication of a current series of vacation pages, designed for special interest to everyone in Haywood county this summer. The page will not be just for tourist consumption alone, but as we say, for every person in the county this summer.

A large number of scenic views, many never published before, will be used throughout the season.

The publishers are using this means of trying to get the idea across that we have many things right here in Haywood that the people who live here year in and year out do not always know and fully appreciate.

The page is designed to take care of just that, and at the same time acquaint our thousands of visitors of what we have to enjoy within our boundary.

Pisgah Coming Back

Not so many years ago Pisgah was perhaps the most publicized peak in Western North Carolina outside of Mt. Mitchell. As the Pisgah road became worn and wash-boarded, and paved roads were built to other scenic spots, Pisgah fell behind as an attraction.

Now comes the news that the road to the parking area on Pisgah has been worked, and many a rough spot smoothed over. Now we expect many a person will go back to see the views from lofty Pisgah.

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Survey shows that local motorists ignore stop lights on Main Street.
10 YEARS AGO C. C. Walker is elected head of the local post of the American Legion.
5 YEARS OLD J. C. Patrick is new commander of the Legion Post.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

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

COLORED FOLKS — The Negroes of North Carolina still have to associate with their white friends and they should not permit this moment of new-found freedom on the political front to injure their good relations with the white folks.

LEGAL TENDER—Sat the reporters around the master. "Sir, asked one with impish innocence, "can money be used to buy votes?"

KNOWS HIS SIGNAL—About 35 years ago over at the University of North Carolina, a young guy learned his football signals. His name was Graham A. Barden.

OFF THE CUFF—Carolina Power and Light will again sponsor the Wake Forest playoffs if the Deacons go to the National Tournament.

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Voice of the People

Would you like to see the Cherokees put on "Waynesville Night" during the early part of the presentation of their drama, "Unto These Hills"?

Dan Watkins: "Yes, I would like very much to see that."

Carl Mundy, Sr.: "Yes, by all means."

Mrs. Sche Bryson: "Yes, I think it would be a good idea."

J. L. Carville: "Definitely, yes."

C. J. Reece: "Yes."

Jack Messer: "Yes."

Charlton Davis: "Yes, I would like to see it."

Bookmobile Schedule

Table with columns for date, location, and time. Includes Bethel on Tuesday, June 13th and Cecil & Cruso on Friday, June 16th.

"HIRE" MATHEMATICS



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Is gambling an "addiction"?

Answer: Yes, says Dr. Ralph R. Greenson in the psychoanalytic magazine, American Imago. It is like other addictions—addiction to opium, for example—in that it gratifies for the time being the desire to regain the feeling of omnipotence we all had as babies.

deeper and yet simpler explanation than the sexual one. For at first, the mother appears to a baby as the "giver"—of food and of love—while the father is the "depriver," by claiming a share of mother's company and affection.

Do many adolescents fear death?

Answer: Quite unfounded fear of dying is far from uncommon in teen-agers and may consciously be based on real or imaginary "symptoms," or the actual death of someone whom they know well.

Miss Reed Given A Tulane Award

NEW ORLEANS, (Special)—Miss Katherine Marguerite Reed, 1500 Asheville Road, Waynesville, received her second degree from Tulane university at the annual June commencement exercises, Tuesday, at the university.

This time the university awarded her a 50-year degree, in celebration of the golden graduation anniversary of the Tulane Class of 1900.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

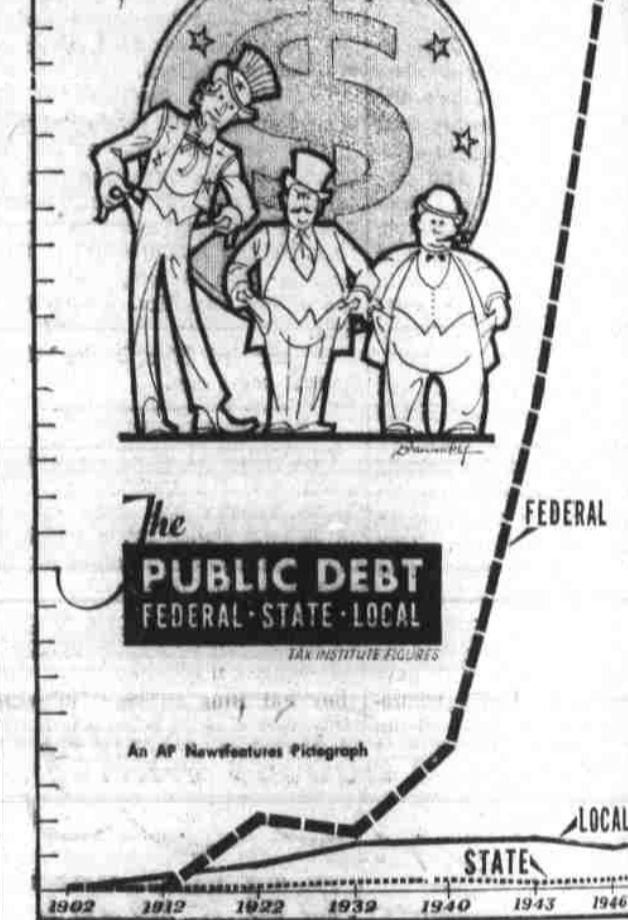
He opened the door and greeted the gentleman standing there, with outstretched hand; invited him in and insisted on the guest joining in the drinking of some soft drinks.

Sometimes it takes a big obstacle in the road to slow us up and make us fully realize how smooth the going usually is.

SHORT SESSION: "The meeting was opened by the singing of the closing hymn."

This line was given to us a few minutes ago by one of the staff: "Teamwork is the keynote of progress," and we thought it most timely right now.

Death is only the closing eyes on this world to open on another.



Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Exiled Czechs Claim Russia Now Has Atomic Stockpile Bohemia Factory Engaged Making 'Retarding Capsules'

WASHINGTON—Russia reportedly has succeeded in building an atomic stockpile and has a factory in Bohemia producing "retarding capsules" necessary for production of A-weapons.

The report comes from a group of Czech exiles who said word was passed by a military expert who had returned from Russia. The Czechs say: "An outstanding Soviet military expert who escaped from the USSR declared that the case of Soviet atomic production already has possible the building up of an atomic stockpile."

"When asked about Czechoslovakia's participation in the production of atomic bombs, he said that she had no part in direct production of bombs but is engaged in deliveries of 'retarding capsules' necessary for manufacture of missiles.

"These capsules are made of a granitic substance and the factory engaged in this production is in Bohemia. The exact place is known to those directly interested."

Presumably "those directly interested" include U. S. intelligence experts.

ANTI-SUB WARFARE—The Navy is getting ready for sub warfare in the skies. A 100-million-dollar supplemental appropriation just received will enable purchase of more than 100 anti-submarine aircraft.

The new planes will include 76 jet fighters and 19 "anti-submarine" aircraft, specifically designed for that purpose. The probability that all 95 will be used to implement anti-submarine measures is being worked out.

Additionally, the Navy plans to replace at least 10 obsolete planes in its present patrol squadrons—thus tightening still its anti-sub tactics.

The new planes are being purchased in addition to the funds that are provided under the defense department's budget.

The Navy has given top priority to anti-submarine warfare. Particular emphasis goes to the latest-type submarines, guided launchers, troop carriers, tankers, and undersea transports.

SHADOWS OF ATATURK—The United States is studying interest and some anxiety the defeats of Premier Inonu's campaign in the Turkish general elections.