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A Good Investment

The Mountaineer wants to join the others who have endorsed the insurance plan for school pupils here in the county.

The plan is very simple, yet it is an important item, as it provides financial protection during the entire school year for every school child.

Seldom does a week pass but what some child among the more than 6,000 in the county schools, suffer some injury which requires medical attention.

All in all, the season has been highly successful from every angle.

A number of problems have been solved, and many major improvements and changes are anticipated for the 1951 season.

But this one thing is a known fact, the Cherokee Drama has a long, long life ahead.

The public has enjoyed and appreciated the Drama, and we already see that one of the major problems for the trustees for next season will be the handling of even larger crowds.

Yes, the Cherokee Drama is a fixed asset of Western North Carolina, and all those who have had a part in its success can feel proud of what has been accomplished during the first season.

Earlier this summer, a motorist passing the high school grounds, lost control of her car, and crashed into the shrubbery.

The cost of the insurance is so low that it is hard for the average business man to realize that ample coverage can be given, but the cost of less than two cents a week covers the entire cost of each student.

We trust the plan will meet the response of every patron in Haywood—it is worthy of many times its cost.

A Major Attraction

The interest shown in the recent golf tournament at the Waynesville Country Club proves again that the golf course is one of our major attractions for vacationists.

Our Annual Labor Day

Monday will see America observing another annual Labor Day, and here in Haywood County, our attention will be focused on the 44th annual program and fall festival at Canton.

The program this year, designed in keeping with that of other years, gives promise of being one of entertainment, and highly educational value.

The committee has arranged a program which officially begins on Friday and will continue daily through Monday night, with appropriate religious services on Sunday.

The program of Monday will begin with the annual parade, and go on from there into a horse show, recreational events, singing groups, and at eleven o'clock the favored square dance and string band contest.

Labor Day in Haywood County has always centered around the program at Canton, and we have become to look on the first Monday in September as the day to lay aside our daily chores and enjoy the festive occasion provided by the Canton committee.

This year is no exception, and we predict that when the last notes of the strumming of the bands have echoed against the hills the committee will be happy with having had "the biggest and best" in all 44 years.

A Fixed Asset

Monday night will witness the close of a successful season for the Cherokee Drama—"Unto These Hills".

The first season, with the usual multiplicity of headaches, has surpassed even the fondest hopes of the sponsors and those who have been so intensely interested in the event.

The attendance has set a new high record for such a performance, and the performances of the players has been above par.

The weather has been ideal, with only a few nights in which rain hampered the performances.

Two-thirds of the scales and gasoline pumps in Haywood County are found to give incorrect measure.

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They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO - The Waynesville High School Class of 1925 holds reunion at Bradley's Camp over the week end.
10 YEARS AGO - Contract is let for 146 miles of extension of the Cruso Electric Membership Corporation.
5 YEARS AGO - Champion Paper and Fibre Company starts 5 million-dollar expansion program at Canton.

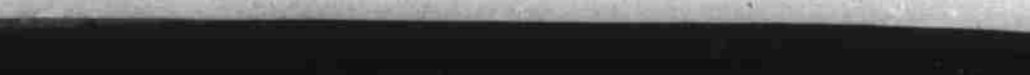
Capital Letters

BECKONING - On Thursday, September 7, trustees of all Baptist colleges will meet in Raleigh to hear reports from several committees making studies on what the future holds for denominational schools.
LAW - One of Chief Gold's better policemen in Winston-Salem signed warrants and tickets left on cars simply "Law".
MENTAL DOORSTEP - It can now be reported that the N. C. Health Department sent an official to Chicago around July 1 for five weeks of special instructions on combating atomic burns.

Voice of the People

If you could be just one age for the rest of your life, what age would you choose?
Mrs. W. L. McCracken: "I would stay about 30. At that age we are mature enough to make decisions for better things."
Mrs. Frances Gilbert Frazier: "About 50, because you have plenty of the past to remember and plenty of the future to look forward to."
Mrs. E. A. Williamson: "35, because you've lived long enough to know what life is all about and you are young enough to enjoy it."
Mrs. R. H. Platt: "Around the thirties. At that age you are more settled and have a mind of your own."
C. J. Gerkin: "I would want to be 40. At that age you have had enough experience to live a better life — and enough youth left to make the most of it."
J. T. Bridges: "I'd say around 50. By that time you have enough sense to choose the most important things of life and let the trivials go."
Dr. Tom Stringfield: "35. At that age a person has reached maturity and decided on his life work and he has the rest of his days to fulfill his ambitions."
Miss Sylla Davis: "I would want to be about 28."

THE MISSING LINK



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Katherine was explaining to little Mary that she spelled her name with a K instead of a C. "Like K in cat?" inquired Mary. Katherine was horrified: "Why, Mary, you know you don't spell cat with a K." "You do, too," stoutly defended Mary. "K-i-t-t-e-n, and that's a little cat." No argument there!
Heard in passing: "Oh, yes, I guess I could find something to do around the office if I looked for it. But why hunt up work?"
Have you noticed those beautiful boxwoods in front of Mrs. Sam Jones' home on Main street? If they only had the power of thought and speech, we wonder what their opinions would be on the changes in Waynesville... and the world... since they were little boxwoods. The average life of a boxwood, we understand, can run into the century mark of years, and these two are veterans... and still holding their own magnificently.

Letters to the Editor

ORIGIN OF THE NAME "HOG RIFLE"
Editor The Mountaineer:—
Will some person who knows kindly tell me when, where, and by whom the term "hog rifle" was first applied to the old-fashioned muzzle-loading rifle? I grew up alongside a "Lamb" rifle made to order for J. H. Robeson in the late 1860s. One of my earliest recollections (when about six or seven years old) is of seeing my father, J. C. L. Guder, make a ramrod for his rifle out of a piece of straight-grained hickory. It and other like muzzle-loaders were called "squirrel rifles," or, if of large caliber and greater weight, they were sometimes called "bear guns." Generally, however, they were merely referred to as rifles, to distinguish them from shotguns. Why are these old-fashioned muzzle-loaders now designated the ugly name of "hog rifle" from my boyhood in the late 1870's. I knew many "rifle" "squirrel rifles." Practically all farmers and not a few of the old dwellers had such rifles. All boyhood companions hunted squirrels with "squirrel rifles." "Hog-killing time" I have many times seen them used to kill hogs, just as they were sometimes used to kill beef cattle. But until Tom Alexander showed me the old-fashioned rifle at his Catawchee Ranch, I had never heard of "hog rifles." "shots" were sometimes "hog shots," the head being the target; but generally, I believe, ordinary targets were used. "hog rifles" were used.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

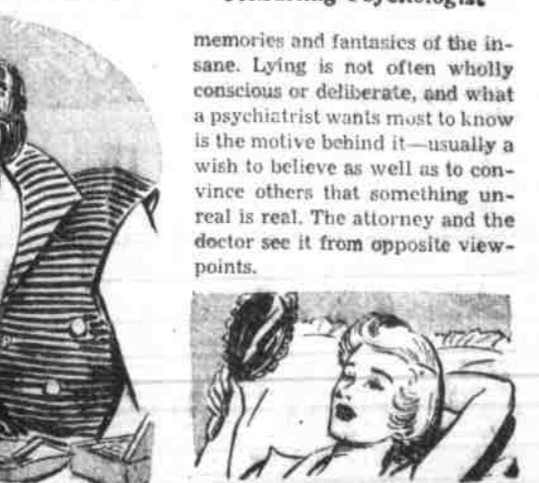
Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is smoking a "nervous habit"?
Answer: I suppose so. It's a habit in that it becomes a way in which we automatically—and often subconsciously—seek a desired satisfaction, which would seem to be the feeling of security that has been associated from the day we were born with the stimulation of our lips and taste-buds. And it's "nervous" (in the popular sense) because a mild, chronic state of apprehension probably is what makes us need that satisfaction. Tobacco, of course, is also a narcotic but its sedative effects could be obtained by other means than smoking.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Can you be afraid to like yourself?
Answer: You can be afraid to admit that you do, even to yourself. In fact, you may repress your instinctive self-love out of consciousness and be aware only of self-distrust and self-condemnation. You do this because to like yourself seems an act of defiance of the people who once told—or seemed to tell—you that you were so "naughty" that no one should love you, and to disagree with them meant being punished. But because self-love is involved in self-preservation, you can't really overcome it and might die if you did.

MADE GOOD

At Wake Forest in 1934, Gold for some unknown reason was known as "Milky" and starred on both gridiron and diamond. On the football team with him was David Holton of Winston-Salem, who now operates a large hardware store and other business in Edenton; Zeno Wall of Shelby, son of the recently retired superintendent of Thomasville Orphanage and for a time associated with Enka and more recently in radio work; Howard (Skippy) Rothrock of Winston-Salem, now operator of Rothrock Motors in Enfield; and Walton Kitchen, youngest son of Wake Forest's president and now a physician. This gives the lie again to that old piece of tomfoolery that "football players don't make good."