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Progress and Problems
Go Hand in Hand

One of our summer visitors, in an effort to impress us with his town—and we will not say where—pointed out that his community had all problems solved, and were free of such worries.

Diplomacy prevented us from saying what we thought, but we have no desire to visit his town. We have never been there, and have no desire to go to the town, because we presume it is a dead town.

A community that is awake, progressive, and going places will always have problems, and of necessity prepare and continually build for the present and future.

This week, our board of aldermen are working out details with experts on reservoir improvements; the zoning commission held a long session last night; the street department is completing plans for paving some additional streets, and so it goes, on and on, but that is progress.

We know of one coastal town that is spending a large sum revamping their entire sewerage system, in order to take raw sewage out of a natural lake. The new plans call for pumping stations, and thousands of feet of additional lines to make the change, but in the years to come, the community will be a much better place in which to live. It has not been too many years ago that we here in this community experienced a similar change of installing a modern system for taking all raw sewage and piping it for some five miles to Pigeon river. That is progress. Up here in this country we use gravity, instead of expensive pumping stations. But that is merely a mechanical means. The idea and the ultimate goal is the same.

We are glad we have a progressive town, and that we have men who have vision, and determination to overcome temporary problems, which in the end makes it a good place in which to live.

The September Season

Civic leaders at Carolina Beach have started a unique promotional campaign, which they are calling the "September Season."

The campaign is being pushed hard with a lot of "come-on" push to spend the next two months, or any part of them, at Carolina Beach.

This is similar in scope to what we have often called to the attention of local citizens. We chop our tourist season right off at Labor Day, and consequently, the business in this field shows a decided drop.

The next two months are the choice months in the mountains, and two months which we seem to do less in the way of selling the world at large.

If the beaches can muster up enough enthusiasm to stage a two-month program in the fall, it certainly looks like those of us here in the very center of Nature's color garden of fall foliage could do much more.

It Must Have Been Big

Headline writers are perhaps more conscious of the peculiar twists, and queer situations in which mere words can place a person than any other one group. Often, in an effort to get the exact number of letters to a line, the meaning is sometimes distorted almost beyond clear reading.

Not so was the case in The Smoky Mountain Times in Bryson City last week, when the paper reported a huge party given at Fontana Dam. The headline for the article read: "North Carolina Folk Given Dam Big Reception."

Whether it was technically correct or not, the headline attracted attention.

A Tough Competitor

Lighting engineers have perhaps made as much progress, and as many drastic changes in perfecting light equipment as any group of engineers. Millions have been spent in research in an effort to get better and more efficient lighting. Every effort has been made to duplicate natural daylight, and the strides have been astounding.

All this brings us to the incident, where moonlight was competing with a colorful display of commercial lighting—or perhaps we should say, the commercial lights were trying desperately to hold a small glow to the light of the moon.

The cascading beams from the full moon glistened on the nearby body of water, turned the ripples into gleaming watery diamonds. On the shore was a display of brilliant lights as near perfect as man has yet devised. There was everything from pastel neons, to penetrating searchlights. Yet with all this, the moon beams continued to steal the show. As man became tired, turned off the lights, and closed up business for the night, the tireless beams from the moon continued their dance of brilliance on the water.

Man has become a good imitator of Mother Nature, but somehow, has not quite achieved perfect results.

Zoning Plan Well Received

The reaction to the recommendations of the Zoning Commission were just as we had expected—all favorable.

The commission in their public meeting Wednesday night began work of establishing restricted areas in the community, and will submit their formal report and recommendations to the board of aldermen for formal approval.

The board will no doubt enthusiastically pass the report thus making it a town ordinance.

There are many indications that Waynesville is late in having strict zoning ordinances, but then we should be thankful that the groundwork has begun, and very soon, this town will be well on the way for practical growth and expansion for the future.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can love survive prolonged separation?

Answer: Yes, but it's a matter of "surviving"—absence never really "makes the heart grow fonder." When even a husband and wife are apart for a long time, their devotion to each other either weakens gradually or concentrates on a mental picture which tends to become more and more unreal and "idealized," the longer the separation is protracted. This explains the disillusionment of many married couples when the husband got back after years of military service. Separations are a threat to love, not a way to enhance it.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

ing in retailing was tested by a comprehensive examination of four groups of workers which showed that trained workers not only thought more clearly, but had the advantage of superior knowledge of the facts of consumer-retailer relations. The test even showed that workers with four years of college excelled those with but two.



Are harsh judgments typical of youth?

Answer: They mark inner insecurity, and since young people usually feel less secure than their elders, they are characteristically merciless in judging anyone who differs from them or behaves in ways they disapprove of. This is true particularly of their attitude toward older people—above all, their parents. Superficially their harshness is revenge for all the criticism they have had to endure, but beneath this is the panic feeling that if Dad and Mom show signs of human frailty, there's no one left to depend on.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO - Between 15,000 and 20,000 people attend Labor Day Celebration in Canton.
5 YEARS AGO - Canton will have combined Labor Day and Victory celebration for all Haywood County.
10 YEARS AGO - President Roosevelt will dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at ceremonies at Newfound Gap.

Capital Letters

By TOM OUTLAW
IRRIGATION FARM?—The N. C. Agriculture Department now has test farms in all sections of the State...
SEED TIME—Farmers do not know too much about irrigation, but they plant from year to year hoping the season will be favorable.

Voice of the People

By TOM OUTLAW
If your house was burning, but your family and pets were safe, what is the first thing you'd grab?
William G. Berry: Clothes, if I can't have any on, of course.

Republican Solon Praises Graham

Republican Senator Wayne Morse in a Senate speech last week termed Senator Frank P. Graham of North Carolina "one of the greatest living Americans," and a written copy of Dr. Graham's speech "Great American Literature."

Woman Drives Off Cross Burners

Mrs. Helen Ratcliff of Charlotte one night last week drove a group of cross-burning men away from her yard with a volley of pistol bullets. It was the second time in three months that a group had burned a cross in front of her home.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

LABOR DAY! Parades, ball games, conventions, band concerts and a general gathering together of congenial groups. A sort of farewell party to summer as well as a debut party for the coming glorious fall season and its attendant festivities. The reluctant putting away of summer clothes and the equally reluctant unpacking and airing of winter ones. The time when the tingle and tang of fall seeps into your blood and it's simply wonderful to be alive. Labor Day! The opening door for Autumn's grand entrance.

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