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Out To Improve The Record

Daymen from the churches of the community will make a thorough religious census on Sunday afternoon. This is being undertaken as a non-denominational project, for the benefit of every church in the area.

The first census is gathered Sunday will be carefully compared and then distributed to all churches. Every family will have turned over to the church of their choice, the complete information regarding their church affiliation.

The census is the first phase of church work in determining the potential membership and possibilities of each church.

Needless to say, the recent publication in this newspaper that about 45 per cent of the people of Haywood County were affiliated with a church, has vexed many a pastor and laymen to see the great challenge which faces the church today.

The work of taking the religious census on Sunday is the first step in the direction of trying to better the low record which now hangs before every church and every church member.

By Their Faith - - -

At the corner of Oak and Assembly streets is the new church building of the Free Methodists. This pretty, and practical building, cost about \$12,000.

The surprising fact about the whole thing is the congregation has but 23 members.

We are not ridiculing the small number; but rather pointing out what accomplishments the group of 23 members have actually made.

Here is a good lesson for larger churches that need a little faith in order to go forward and expand their work.

And to complete the story, two young ladies are co-pastors of the church.

Chance For Pre-Spring Cleaning

Sunday will mark the first waste paper drive here since the early days of the last war.

The Jaycees are staging this drive in a program similar to other communities throughout the nation. The money realized from the sale of the paper will be utilized for some of their many civic projects.

The Proposed School Building Program

The action of the county commissioners here on Monday, regarding the proposed school building program means that the whole matter is now in the hands of the citizens.

It also means that if the people want to call an election to vote the bonds for school buildings, then at least fifteen per cent of the qualified voters who voted for governor last time will have to ask for such an election by signing the petitions. That will be about 1,500 signatures.

Such a petition, like any other, when properly executed, under our state laws makes it mandatory for the governing body to call an election on the question as petitioned.

When a question as expensive as the proposed school building program comes before the people, a large number of citizens automatically "jump at conclusions." Let us warn our readers, that before "conclusions" are reached, that serious study be given the matter.

In the first place, the whole system of school building is a rather complicated one, and even those who make a constant study of the existing law, sometimes become confused.

The present law which governs building schools in North Carolina, means that the county provides the money for the land, building and equipment, but—and underscore that word—no building can be erected without the full approval of the State Board of Education. The state group not only approves the plans, but must also be satisfied with the location, cost, type of construction, and in fact, the entire project. The whole thing boils down to this—the county foots the bill, and the state says what, where, how, and how much.

Under such a state system, local officials often find that their suggestions and recommendations fail to get approval in Raleigh—and remember this, Raleigh has the final word.

We bring all this up as a matter of background, in order to show the "helpless" situation in which officials sometimes find themselves.

Getting back to the local question now before the people. The Haywood board of education has endorsed the proposed building program as outlined by the state. The estimated cost to be between 2 1/2 and 3 million dollars.

The board of commissioners, who are charged with the financing of school projects, take the position that if the people want the program, and want to pay the price, then let the citizens say so by signing the petitions asking for the election, and then giving their approval at the polls.

Then the question arises as to the possibility of a less expensive proposal, perhaps one costing about half as much as submitted.

A reasonable question, but again, the state angle enters the picture. The general feeling of the school officials here is that the state will not make any other recommendations, or offer any other plan until the citizens have first voiced their sentiments on the one now being considered. The state board, through its agencies, have on three different occasions approved this single plan.

With that in mind, the situation, as we see it, is a three-sided picture: (1)—the need for more adequate buildings is unquestioned; (2)—the state proposal is tremendously expensive; (3)—the state will not act further until the people say "yes" or "no" to the plan submitted.

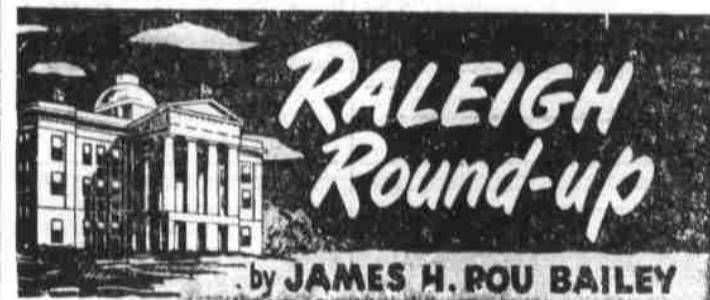
The sincere appraisal of The Mountaineer is that we are faced with a serious situation. The solution can only be found in cool, level-headed thinking.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Frederick H. Marley, student of Columbia University, is awarded the "King's Crown" for his participation in the university's orchestra and band.
10 YEARS AGO: S. E. Connatser makes outstanding record as agent for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.
5 YEARS AGO: Aaron Hyatt wins medal in the 38th annual declamation contest, sponsored by D.A.R. Cecil Fore wins second place.



by JAMES H. POUL BAILEY

SILLY STATEMENT—On Friday night the Governor took his City Street Proposal to the people. In doing so he attacked the conservatives in the Legislature for not wanting to raise taxes. His attack was largely emotional, designed to appeal to the various groups who love Pet Programs.

He stated that the Powell Bill would take \$50,000 from the counties each year. This is just not so. In the first place the money appropriated by the Powell Bill will come from the \$16,000,000 unappropriated surplus that now exists in the highway fund. In the second place no cash is given to the counties by the State Highway Department now.

He also stated that he believes the Powell Bill to be contrary to certain sections of the General Statutes. This is silly, of course, for the Legislature passed those sections originally and can certainly change them if in fact they need changing.

NOT A FACTOR—In short, the Governor wants to impose additional taxes of one cent on gasoline at a time when the Federal Government plans to cut an extra one-and-a-half on gas. He wants to impose this tax even though the Senate of North Carolina has found a way to do the job on city streets without any more tax and without harm to any other program.

Incidentally, the Governor said the Legislature is motivated by pro-Scott and anti-Scott feeling. This is untrue. I have never heard any senator refer to a bill as favored or opposed by the Governor. This is simply not a factor.

If you do not want an unnecessary tax imposed on gasoline you should write your representatives and tell them you favor the Powell Bill—Senate Bill Number 120.

COLLEGE OR SEMINARY?—Trustees of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary were thrown in a dither a short time ago when Dr. Olin T. Binkley decided he would not accept the post as president of this school to be located on the campus of Wake Forest College in September. Dr. Binkley, native of Iredell County, is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill. At one time he was head of the Department of Religion at Wake Forest. He at first accepted the position with Southeastern, but then reconsidered and is remaining at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

Last week the trustees chose

A REAL BIRDIE
RYE, England—Hugh Neilson got a birdie but lost the hole. As he drove on the 13th hole, his ball hit and killed a lark which rose from the ground 30 yards in front of him. He lost the next hole, too—and the match.

Voice of the People

What subject, that you have taken in high school, do you think will be of the most benefit to you in the future?

Mourizne Carver: "English."
Stanford Massie: "English, because you use it all the time."

Betty Setzer: "Bookkeeping, because if I ever get a job that's the type of work I'd like to do."

Charles Messer: "English, because you have to use it more."

Anne Bischoff: "Band, because I'll always be able to recognize any instrument when I hear it or see it, and I can appreciate all types of music."

Carl Mundy: "English, because you use it in your everyday life."

Bob Setzer: "Football, because I'd rather make my living at that than anything else. Since I can't play all my life I'd like to be a coach so I can still be 'part of the team.'"

Mary Jane Rogers: "Well, English; however, I have gained an appreciation of music that will add much to my life."

Joyce Carter: "English, because you use it more than any other subject."

The population of Buenos Aires, Argentina, is 3,000,371.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is your taste in music either "good" or "bad"?

Answer: Not in any absolute sense, says Dr. Paul R. Farnsworth, Stanford University psychologist. Experiments show that your preference in music is not mere whim, and yet on the other hand does not reflect any abstract standards of artistic merit since there are no such standards. Your taste is primarily a product of the period in which you live and the cultural atmosphere in which you are brought up. The standards of musical taste set up by the critics are at bottom "folkways" and change from one age and culture to another.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

is more likely to express the sense of guilt you feel at impulses and wishes of which you cannot let yourself be conscious but which you gratify indirectly or symbolically in your dreams. An unconscious wish to destroy someone else may bring dreams in which you are threatened with death by way of retribution.



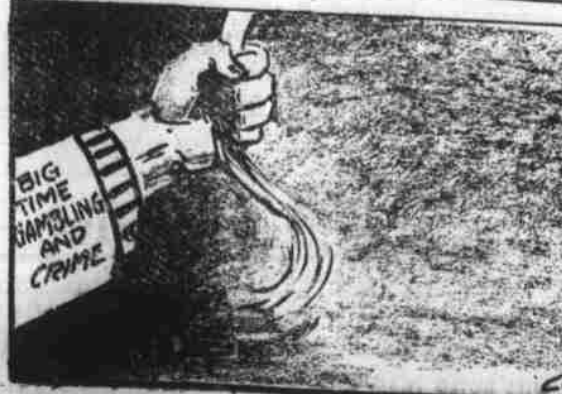
May fear of drowning cause cramps?

Answer: Yes, says Dr. W. L. Patient and E. L. Jewett in The Military Surgeon. They describe a patient who suffered from cramps resembling those of lock-jaw following a painful operation, the cause of which proved to be that the man's fear had made him breathe so vigorously as to result in "hyper-ventilation"—an excess of oxygen in the blood which is relieved by inhaling carbon dioxide. The doctors believe that in the same way a badly-frightened swimmer may breathe so violently as to bring on "letany," resulting in paralyzing cramps.

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'SITUATION WELL IN HAND'



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

All hail the name of Washington! If he lived nowadays, he could never toss a dollar across the Potomac for a dollar does not go even half as far now as it did then. If he lived now, he would look with uplifted eyebrows to the careless way that truth is thrown around; he would look with critical eyes at the evasions and pretexts used to circumvent justice, and he would smile to see how he had popularized the cherry of immortal fame; to discover it propped up on a mound of whipped cream, smiling up from the bottom of a Manhattan and gracing mllady's hat or coat lapel. And he would surely see that "there's been some changes made."

He'd had a hard time of it, his car had been involved in a collision and then had a punctured tire, little Willie had met him at the door and cause little Willie had him in the eye—and drove ready. It looked like he had a quota of hard luck for then his wife announced that thing happened today. I gave Brown's name but no funds. That's so little bank has made a mistake honey, I still have the checks left in my book!

The best place to see snow—on a Christmas card. Three little children cried themselves to sleep and sobbed convulsively all through their classes the next day... just because a motorist thought it a clever way to show off by running down and killing a puppy belonging to these children. Some bystanders, too stunned by the suddenness of the event, could only remember that the driver was a man (or semblance of one) who deliberately drove on the wrong side of the street to "get" the playful little dog. This

A red stripe and a white stars on field of blue. Combine to make the we so proudly view. The flag that Washington high in victory... And sent down through years to prove that free.

ering for floors of rings, it—10 bourees and the py... Scientists, we real, produce more half more. And, we fear, twice as catch! It's a safe bet that if Yard ever nabs the boy swiped the Stone of Scone, be put to work making rocks into little ones. Desert vegetation, which has already begun to creep the crater made by the atomic explosion in New Man can learn a lesson or two in that—slow, but

YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

WINSTON CHURCHILL, wartime prime minister of Great Britain, has been named, in a poll, the greatest living man. This should surprise a lot of Englishmen who figure Winnie is politically dead.

A New Yorker was jugged for hitting his wife with a pork roast. An expensive gesture—in more ways than one.

To keep your health climb trees, advises a 93-year-old. Up to now we thought this applied only to cats pursued by dogs.

New York boxing promoters, says our sports editor, are experimenting with a foam rubber cover-

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

Advertisement for Scott's Scrap Book featuring a portrait of a man and various scrap items like Cleopatra's Needle, a tin foil around your chocolate bar, and a watermelon juice can.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Clues include: 1. Choking bits, 5. Marshes, 9. Mine entrance, 10. Ancient coin (Gr.), 11. Aromatic spice, 12. Incites, 14. Wheel on some spurs, 15. Negative reply, 16. Note of acie, 17. Constellation, 18. Fate, 20. Past, 21. Exist, 22. Knock, 23. Secluded valley, 24. Heedful, 26. Eager, 28. Flee, 29. Part of verb "to be", 31. Solemn promise, 32. River (Pol.), 33. Finnish seaport, 34. Neuter pronoun, 35. Exclamation, 36. Kind of soup thickened with okra pods (var.), 38. Wild dog (India), 40. Formed into a glob, 41. Constellation, 42. Troubles, 43. Repeat, 44. Scotch river (poss.), 1. In abundance, 2. Town (Ethiopia), 3. Bestow, 4. Astral, 5. Fountain, 6. River (Sp.), 7. Wooden block, 8. Heavy hammer, 11. Sour, ill-tempered person, 13. Presently, 19. Musical drama, 20. Amount, 22. Large roofing tile, 23. Fires, 24. Bovine animal, 25. Fungal, 26. Greedy, 27. New York City, 29. Head of a convent, 30. Temper, 32. Underway, 33. Easygoing, 35. Seaweed, 37. Volcanic eruption, 39. Cola (var.)