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Sounds Like A Good Proposal

A bill now pending in the General Assembly, if passed, would abolish an old custom handed down from England, whereby a state or municipality could not be sued except by consent.

Oddly enough, the bill originated in Raleigh, was sponsored by the City of Raleigh, and introduced by the senator from Wake county.

Throughout the history of North Carolina there has existed a rule of law known generally as "government immunity" from liability for injuries and damages caused by the negligence of municipal officials and employees when engaged in "governmental functions."

The records show that in numerous decisions, the North Carolina Supreme Court has consistently held that in absence of a statute imposing liability, a city, or town, is not liable for damages proximately caused by the negligence of the officers, employees and agents of the municipality while engaged in the performance of the governmental jobs.

The bill proposed that each municipality secure such liability insurance as to protect itself as would a private corporation.

Such liability insurance would be an added expense to the operation of a town, but at the same time, it would afford a protection which is not now available. It would also afford the town and cities to fulfill a moral obligation, which is at present non-existent under the laws of today.

The bill has merit, and no doubt will receive favorable approval by the General Assembly.

The People's Choice

Last week when 'Td Climb the Highest Mountain' was shown at the Marion theatre the building was packed to capacity. This was the largest crowd we ever remember attending any one show in Marion. This was significant. It illustrates a truth worth knowing.

For this picture was on a higher plane than most modern movies. As a matter of fact it was a wholesome show for anyone or any age group to see.

Does this not prove that the public does sometimes show a preference for clean, worthwhile entertainment?

We would like to call this to the attention of writers, producers and any others who sometimes present cheap, sensational articles, stories and entertainment with the excuse that these appeal to more people and consequently are more successful financially.

A Good Sign

We feel it significant that there were so few complaints made to the Board of Equalization and review this past week.

The commissioners sat all week to hear complaints of inequalities in taxation. What few complaints came to it were for the most part due to clerical errors, and readily adjustable right then and there.

This incident did not make big headlines in the news, yet we feel it is important, and is indicative of the apparent satisfaction which exists in Haywood.

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

5 YEARS AGO Lt. Commander Thomas Stringfield, Waynesville physician, resigns office after discharge from the Navy.
10 YEARS AGO L. S. Gaudin of West Palm Beach, Fla., buys Hotel Gordon and plans extensive improvements to the property.
15 YEARS AGO Western Carolina Creamery plans installation of \$5,000 worth of new equipment by April 15.



Voice of the People

Bob Hall: "The time, while I was a student at Western Carolina Teachers College, I was told I'd have to work off demerits by digging up a tree. What I expected to be a little dogwood turned out to be a big water oak and a week later they got a bulldozer to pull it up. I don't know whether that was supposed to be an April fool joke or not but it happened on April 1."

MONEY - The Department of Revenue has barred down its estimate of 1951 revenue. Commissioner Eugene Shaw predicts that the State will collect almost 157 million more than was estimated at the beginning of the Legislature. It appears there will be a 14 million carryover from the present fiscal year. If so, there will be available for this Legislature to spend approximately 34 million extra dollars over the next two years without raising taxes.

Bureau last week came out with its "Coming Events in North Carolina". And, beginning with the \$10,000 PGA Open Golf Tournament in Wilmington on April 1 and ending with the Carolinas Carousal Parade (Christmas opening) in Charlotte on November 15, there will be something or some things going on every day from April Fool's Day until the middle of November.

COMPLAINT DEPT.—American people as a whole like to do a little griping, complaining, and bawling of the umpire. Since the declaration of a national emergency on December 16, problems of small business have increased. The solution of these problems is exacting and requires continuous study and investigation. For this reason, the House Small Business Committee within the next few weeks will hold conferences at various locations all over the nation in an effort to determine what is causing the worries, uncertainties, and griping on the part of small business.

These events vary all the way from the annual convention of the North Carolina State Association of Letter Carriers in Durham on June 8-9 to Pony Penning in Ocracoke on August 4. You have the Label Manufacturers Association meeting in Asheville on May 2-5; and there is the meeting of the American Water Works (N.C. Section) in Winston-Salem on November 11-14.

SOMETHING DOING - North Carolina is undoubtedly one of the "doingsomethingest" states in the whole USA. The State News

Typhoid, Preschool Clinics Arranged

The County Health Department Typhoid and Preschool Clinics will be at the Hazelwood School for two days, April 3 and 4. Typhoid immunizations, which may be taken by anyone who wishes protection against the disease, will be given beginning at 9 in the morning on Tuesday, April 3. Preschool immunizations, which every child must have before entering school, will be given on Wednesday, April 4, and 9 a. m. and at 1 p. m.

BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE



Rambling Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

An aftermath of Easter: She was a particularly popular young lady so it wasn't at all surprising that she should receive three corsages: one a beautiful orchid; one of lovely pink roses... and the other was a bunch of fragrant violets tied with a silver ribbon. It didn't take the young lady one minute to decide which corsage would have the honor of appearing on her coat when she went to church.

A worry carried in the heart, doubles in weight. She had done wonderfully well for a little four-year-old on Easter Sunday. What with all the excitement of the new frock, Sunday school and about half way through church, the young lady found that Nature was demanding sleep so she put her head in her mother's lap—

Bookmobile Schedule Friday, March 30th FINES CREEK Mark Ferguson's Store 9:45-10:15 Mrs. Frances Rogers 10:35-10:50 Fines Creek School 11:00-12:15 Harry Rathbone 12:30-12:45 Sam Ledford 1:00-1:15 Lloyd Messer Groc. 1:30-1:45 R. W. Noland 2:30-2:45

Six Waynesville Men Finish Navy Training In Cal Six Waynesville men, five seaman apprentices and a seaman recruit recently completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Cal. They are now available for assignment to a Fleet unit or to one of the Navy's schools for further training.

During this period of their undevoted intensive such subjects as signaling, ship, basic ordnance and ship. They also were introduced into the ways of the Navy. There are about 75 million phones in the world.

YOU'RE TELLING ME BY WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer LATEST STATISTICS show we spend two-and-a-half times as much money on automobiles as television sets. Who says we're just a bunch of stay-at-homes? No use looking for the Missing Link in Delaware. That state has no caves.

What's so romantic about the South Seas? On many of its atolls, factographs reveal, the only living mammals are rats. An adult reader complains that modern versions of Mother Goose stories have all the rough stuff, such as man-eating ogres, etc., removed. The kids don't care—

Canadian government's ment, spurred on by delinquent requirements, are reported attempting to make corn from whale meat. It's a removed. The kids don't care—

British Columbia is 200,000 square miles larger than the state of Texas.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE LAST WORD ANSWER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should child problems be treated early? Answer: Yes, says Elizabeth Replogle in Understanding the Child. The head of a large child guidance center is reported as stating that "for a pre-school child, it takes less than six months to correct a problem, and sometimes even one treatment is enough. But it takes nine months for the work to be done in a six- to eight-year-old child, a year to a year and a half to help the child between eight and adolescence, and two to four or more years to help the adolescent with his problem—if then". Yet the difficulty could probably have been avoided if the parents had had enough patience, understanding and love.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

him—and no longer. Belief impressed on you by hypnosis may last somewhat longer than if you received the reassurance while awake, but does not change your deeper, unconscious feelings. True self-confidence comes only from within, through understanding and rejecting the childish anxieties that have robbed you of it.

Can you think without words? Answer: Not logically or "abstractly". All the higher mental processes depend on your being able to attach verbal "labels" to your experiences and sensations. For example, you must know the word "anxiety" (or an equivalent) to be able to think clearly about the cause and nature of emotional disturbances. Tests are said to show that children who are deaf, while normally intelligent, are inferior in thinking power because they know comparatively few words, and conversely, there is a definite relation between the size of your vocabulary and your chance of business or professional success.

Will hypnosis give you self-confidence?

Answer: Not really. The seeming confidence you may get from "suggestion", hypnotic or otherwise, is not in yourself but in the person from whom the suggestion comes. If someone tells you you have nothing to fear, you will be fearless just as long as you believe