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## One-Armed Bandit

The signing by President Truman of a bill outlawing slot-machine shipments in all states except those that specifically legalize them should do much to dry up vast sources of income for gamblers, gunmen and other shady characters. It is difficult to make an accurate estimate of the fortune that accrues to the underworld from the manufacture, operation and protection of one-armed bandits, but the Attorney General of the United States has put it in the vicinity of $2,000,000,000 a year—no less than one-tenth of the amount just voted by Congress in its latest appropriation bill.

The new slot-machine law will strike hardest at the use of the devices in officers' clubs and elsewhere on military bases, for the ban is absolute on territory under Federal jurisdiction. Doubtless this news will not be greeted with unmitigated enthusiasm by inhabitants of military reservations who have found a brief whirl of the spinning wheels a pleasant if somewhat expensive diversion. It's fun, sometimes, for a soldier to throw away a few dollars in a futile attempt to load his pockets with silver; the trouble is that the dimes and quarters thus tossed away end up in the coffers of the underworld, where they mount up to astonishing sums. Even the injury done to the customer's pocketbook, grievous though it may be, is less alarming than the harm done by the creation of a vicious and unproductive industry devoted to the care and feeding of slot-machines. The one-armed bandit is better off dead, and it is to be hoped that some method can be found of killing it off not only at military bases but wherever it steals money and breeds crime.

—New York Herald Tribune.

## Thirty Short Years

Haywood's Burley industry has come a long ways in the past thirty years, according to the story on our front page last Thursday. At that time, the entire crop could be hauled in a wagon. Now the crop is about two million pounds each year, which means an income of about a million dollars.

And while there is not direct connection, we have a feeling that the poultry industry which is getting off to a good start in Haywood will someday present just as startling a picture as the burley story.

## Another "Drawing Card"

The announcement of the 1951 program of Lake Junaluska Assembly assures us that it will be a potent "drawing card" for bringing people into this section of the state.

From the looks of the program which has just been published, it appears that again many national figures will grace the platform of the Assembly.

Besides the almost unlimited number of speakers, there will be many conferences, and artists of renown.

All this adds up to what begins to look like another banner season.

## Sylva Looks Ahead

After experiencing some difficulties with an inadequate water system, and a meterless plan, the voters of Sylva by a vote of about 10 to 1 approved a $70,000 bond issue.

The citizens of Sylva, by their action at the polls, will have a system that will be brought up to date, and provide the town with an adequate supply of water for a long time.

The Mountaineer is sure the citizens of Sylva will always be happy of their decision of last Tuesday. We say this from the fact that Waynesville, long years ago, took a similar step, and today, enjoys owning one of the best watersheds, and systems East of the Mississippi.

## Near Saturation (?)

Most of us give little thought to the many colorful calendars which we recive in large numbers about the first of every year. The truth of the matter is that the calendar busines has grown to $125,000,000 in the United States every year.

The demand for more and more colorful calendars, especially those of pretty girls, is constantly growing, and artists are working long hours trying to keep up with the demand, as larger and more efficient plants are grinding out millions of calendars.

If many of the calendars are like the ones which our mechanical force hang on to for year in and year out because of the pretty girls, the demand should soon become saturated.

## Tourist Edge

". . . People who feel called upon to account for North Carolina's jumping ahead in the tourist trade may be able to scrape up a lot of different explanations.

"For our part we are giving credit, first, to North Carolina's inspired and extra-competent National advertising program, and, second, to Kermit Hunter's 'Unto These Hills'. . .

"North Carolina has seen to it that people all over the Nation have heard about North Carolina. The success of the State's advertising program is not only a boon to the State but it is a reproach to the 'practical' element which so long, and so bitterly opposed advertising for tourists as a 'waste of money.'"

—Salisbury Post.

## Zinc Pennies Again?

Copper and nickel are in such demand for defense purposes, it appears, that changes may occur in some of the United States minor coinage. So readers should not be too surprised if the government asks them to accept wooden nickels as legal tender.

Even that might be less bothersome—if parking meters and telephone coin boxes responded—than the war-time one-cent pieces of zinc-coated steel which may return to serve as "pennies". Of course, some substitutes metal would be found if necessary for the five-cent coin.

—Christian Science Monitor.

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

# Looking Back Over The Years

### 15 YEARS AGO

Fagg Sawyer wins first place in declamation event at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Mrs. Hugh Love attends convention of North Carolina music clubs in High Point.

Ray Burgin, student at Mars Hill College, visits his parents.

The Waynesville Choral Club, directed by Evander Preston, gives concert at Presbyterian Church.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Bryon Barr signs seven-year contract with Warner Brothers.

12-day strik at Enka Corporation is settled.

St. John's School will operate summer camp for girls.

Miss Mary Quinlan is transferred to Alexandria, Louisiana with the American Red Cross.

Wade Franklin is commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the United States Army.

Billy Richeson visits his brother, Jack Richeson, at Davidson College.

### 5 YEARS AGO

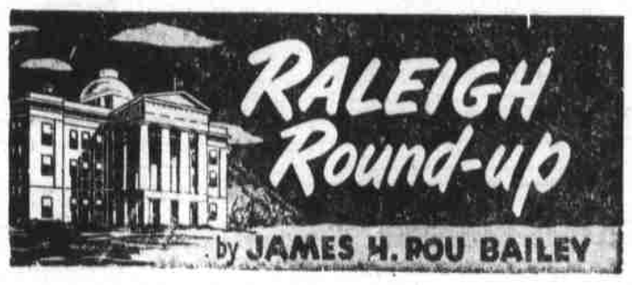
James L. Kilpatrick is manager of the E. L. Withers and Atkins Insurance agencies.

Felix Stovall is elected president of Wildlife Conservation group.

Haywood County Hospital receives $3,108 from Duke funds.

Elizabeth Ann Parkman gives party for her sixth birthday.

Lt. Artis M. Williamson of Canton receives discharge from the Army Nurses Corps.




NOW THIS—This session of the Legislature, like many another since the law was passed, has had its worries over legal barriers to a child's entering public school before he is six years of age.

If your child is six on or before next October 1, then he can enter school this year. Each autumn school principals are put on the spot by ambitious parents who are sure their child is at least a semi-genius, and should enter school, regardless of the law. This is always embarrassing to teachers and school heads—particularly if the request comes (as it frequently does) from wives of school board members or friends.

The law will not be changed by this Legislature — even though some school officials have expressed the opinion that a child should be allowed to enter school when he is old enough mentally. Who is to decide? And, if the age is moved up to September 1 or earlier, first-grade classrooms, already crowded, would be more so.

Be that as it may, Clarence E. McVey, carpenter of near Graham, is in Alamance County jail for keeping his son, who was six last November 4, in school. The court says he will have to stay in jail until his child is taken out of school. The matter has been hanging fire for a long time, but McVey says he will stay in jail until "I rot" before he will take his son out of school.

Meantime, little David continues in school, his daddy has returned to carpentry work. There are plenty of samples of rugged individualism in Alamance County; and this is one of the best.

SUPERLATIVES — While it is always dangerous to deal in superlatives, Sen. Julian Allsbrook of Halifax County is frequently described as one of the most conscientious members of the Legislature. Among the wittiest, of course, is Sen. Rivers D. Johnson of Duplin. For the smooth approach and the adroit response, Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor of Wadesboro has no peer in this or any other Legislature.

For influence over his fellow members, William B. Rodman of Washington, N. C., is near the top. Leader of the loyal opposition in the House is certainly John Umstead of Chapel Hill. Representative Ralph Fisher of Transylvania is far and away the most popular Republican in the Legislature.

IMPERIAL FIFTH—Last week, the Fifth Congressional District Democrats had a fine rally and banquet at the Sir Walter Hotel. The House delegation made the arrangements and did a bang-up job. Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, J. Hampton Price, senator from Rockingham County, acted as master of ceremonies. Hamp Price presided with the same skill and ability he shows as a senator (there are few as able and influential). Reg Harris introduced Bill Umstead as the next Governor. Umstead received a big ovation, and is obviously a favorite with the working Democrats of the Imperial Fifth. Altogether, the occasion was an outstanding one. The Democratic Party is in strong and enthusiastic hands in the Fifth.

LT. GOV.—The various important committees of the two houses here have given the administration such a hard time during the past few weeks that emphasis in the primaries next year—as far as the "in's" are concerned—may be on the Lieutenant Governor instead of the Governor. The former presides over the Senate and names the chairmen of the committees. More and more it becomes apparent that the Lieutenant Governor and the House Speaker are more important, legislatively, than the Governor himself.

## Voice of the People

**Do you think the citizens of North Carolina would be justified in setting a time limit for the sessions of the General Assembly?**

**S. E. Tutor:** "I think they should have a certain time limit and do what they have to do and get it over."

**Dr. Boyd Owen:** "I think a time limit should be set by the people because more of the bickering and political horse trading, that has recently been in evidence, could certainly be done away with—to a better advantage for both the people at large and the representatives themselves."

**A. H. DuBreuil:** "I believe so. If there is a set time, more planning would be done ahead."

**Henry Gaddy:** "I don't believe they would be. So many things come up at the last minute I think the Assembly should go on as long as is necessary to finish."

**W. H. Burgin:** "I really think they should have a time limit because then they would go ahead with the work and get it done and over with. I know that works the best for me when I have something to do."

**Walter Zvoda:** "It seems to me that they had better stay until they accomplish what they started out to do."

General Grant was born Hiram Ulysses Grant but he was called Ulysses Simpson Grant by the Congressman who appointed him to West Point.

## Two Meetings Set On Community Life

Two more communities will have meetings this week for the special program conducted by the County and Home Agents' offices on the topic, "Your Family and Your Community—Today, Tomorrow."

Morning Star will meet on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Morning Star school.

Jonathan Creek's meeting will be on Wednesday at 7:30 at the Rock Hill school.

## THE MAMMOTH CAVE

# Rambling 'Round

—Bits Of Human Interest News—
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

One afternoon, a group of ladies (friends of long standing) were chatting after a bridge game, and one of them laughingly suggested that they play a sort of "Truth AND Consequences". Nothing in the way of malice, of course, but just to learn their defects as seen by intimate friends; with the idea of correcting faults they did not realize existed.

In fifteen minutes, all of the ladies had gone home—mad. That is, all but one and as she was the hostess she could only stay, clean up the table—and boil inwardly.

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**Dandelions lifting tiny yellow umbrellas.**

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Mr. T. B. M. (tired business man) stretched his weary frame in his favorite easy chair, wiggled his feet into his house slippers, picked up the evening paper and felt at peace with a chaotic world. The music from the radio was soft and soothing; the fragrant odor of broiling ham emanated from the kitchen and the bubbling of the percolator made a warming melody. Surely, man could want but little more here below. Then, a mile away, a drunken driver crashed into an electric light pole, snapped it off, and total eclipse of Mr. T. B. M.'s sun and moon took place. All was stilled and hushed, and only the easy chair and the comfortable slippers remained as they were.

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**Just a thought: If we were talking to ourselves instead of some one else, would we same caustic things?**

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Of course he should be better but all of us lose valuation at times. He the new car less than a no idolized child had more attention and care was with a great deal of he was showing it off to as he was parked on a street Saturday afternoon opened up the doors to wide they were and the the hood to show the of its mechanism. A truck driven by an exuberant rider swung around the two wheels and nearly the two outswung doors.

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**People who talk about themselves, must be educated.**

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A group of women were ing things in general and in particular Mrs. X. about getting a terrific verbal from all the ladies present. Finally one of the ladies the silent one: "You have anything, Mrs. Y—What know about Mrs. X? response was slow, and "Well, you see, the only know about Mrs. X. things and I'm afraid you be interested in that."

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**He who carries a chip shoulder always has a bear.**

# YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT
*Central Press Writer*

A HEN in New Hampshire laid a nine-ounce egg. Most amazing angle is that she didn't do so on one of those so-called comic television programs.

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*A versifier claims there is poetry in the roll of dice. "Seven!" "Leven!" Hey, maybe he's right!*

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**Brotherhood Week being so successful someone suggests a Brotherhood Year. What's wrong with our trying a Brotherhood Century?**

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An Italian count has challenged ex-Prime Minister Winston Churchill to a duel. Well, Winnie has a wide choice of weapons—since he's so adept at wielding a cigar, a typewriter and a paintbrush.

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*Betcha dollar for a cent you just on the street corner his lady friend. He's a trap too much.*

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**Pie should precede, not follow a well-balanced meal, says a dietary expert. Wait until the pie and potatoes people hear this.**

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Mosquitoes are so dumb, a Toronto scientist, that they bite billiard balls. But, of course, until they've discovered there's no sustenance in a stick or a pool table!

# Inside WASHINGTON
## MARCH OF EVENTS

**U. S. Prepares for Worst At Meeting of "Big Four"** | **Agenda Squabble Indicates Little Hope for Pr**

*Special to Central Press*

WASHINGTON—Efforts of the "Big Four" deputies to work an agenda for settling east-west cold war differences have the effect of strengthening United States determination to p for the worst.

The view is growing in administration foreign policy circles Russia still has no sincere desire for a peaceful settlement, but is intent on using any British-French-American-Russian meeting a propaganda sounding board.

Paris

The Western triumvirate is determined that shall not happen, but likewise is determined every effort shall be made consistent with honor to reach a peaceful settlement.

The United States went into the meeting deep skepticism and as the Paris preliminaries dragged toward a deadlock, the administration found its worst fears of Russian resistance being confirmed.

To the United States, the only possible to this Soviet attitude is already being a military posture sufficient to deter any aggression and a buildup in America's potential to win any new war.

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● **HEMISPHERIC CONFAB**—United States officials also are uneasy over the prospects for another international gathering meeting in Washington of the American foreign ministers who sent the Western hemisphere republics.

The usual unity of Inter-American meetings may be marred time by arguments over big economic problems. A House committee already has warned that the Latin American nations may conference as a "springboard" to obtain new economic concessions from the United States.

To get Latin America's co-operation, particularly in p strategic resources, there's a feeling the United States will pay. For instance, Chile is willing to increase copper production the United States helps with a loan and guarantees higher prices.

Some other countries are blunt in saying the extent of their operation and friendship will depend on how much attention United States pays to their economic problems. The United will do its best to forestall a full-fledged debate on economic at the conference.

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● **AIR WAR**—The Korean war is demonstrating to the United Air Force not only the positive but also the negative aspects of combat techniques.

Maj. Gen. G. O. Barcus, deputy chief of the Tactical Air Command maintains that Korea has shown that division of air power into tegic and tactical forces is strictly artificial.

Barcus asserts:

"It is unsound to think of strategic targets as confined to the and tactical targets as confined to troops or installations battlefield."

The general contends that only difference in overall employment of the air weapon should be in the actual method of its

Barcus cites the B-29 attacks made by Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, as strategic air leader, in direct tactical support of line troops.

Then Pentagon thinking is that air power no longer should "compartmentalized."

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● **MOBILIZATION TURMOIL**—On the home front, indications to a settlement in the near future of the wage stabilization with the result that labor will end its boycott of the mobilization program.

The big issue is whether the Wage Stabilization Board shall be given authority to handle wage disputes. Labor has made that its first condition for returning, but management strongly opposes the idea.

But Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston has discussed several posed compromises with labor and industry, and prospects are able that one of them will be accepted by both sides.

However, the problem may still take a little time to work Labor is sure to win substantial concessions as the price participating in the wage stabilization machinery.

# MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

**Will keeping a "guilty secret" create nervous tension?**

**Answer:** Yes, and this regardless of how much chance there is of your being found out. If you have done something which you feel to be wrong, you can't help unconsciously expecting to be punished for it, and will feel guilty and anxious as long as the offense goes undetected. But confessing to ease the strain may be cruel if the wrong is past and done with, and if knowing about it will cause needless pain to the person to whom you reveal it. If you cannot keep your past to yourself, get it "off your chest" to someone whom you won't hurt—not to your wife or husband.

**Does unhappy marriage cause neurosis?**

**Answer:** No. At most it can only aggravate it—the source of neurosis is invariably to be found in childhood. But neurosis in one or both partners is the commonest, if not the only cause of marital unhappiness. In the first place, the neurotic is too much involved in his own problems to be able to adjust himself to anybody else's needs and feelings; in the second, he is likely, quite unconsciously, to pick the very partner who will fit into his compulsive patterns. He will choose a person who will give him an excuse for feeling abused in preference to one who would treat him kindly.

**Will "success" help problem children?**

**Answer:** Yes, says John E. Moore of the State Home for Boys, Jamesburg, New Jersey: Emotional instability in a physically healthy child — generally due to having lived in a home atmosphere of conflict—may make him oversensitive and easily discouraged. The "block" in his education caused by this condition may be cleared up by assigning him to tasks which he can do well and will be praised for doing, since in this way, he can satisfy his "desperate need" for success of some kind. "Nothing succeeds like success" is Jamesburg's motto.