

Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner salueth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him.)—Col 4:10.

# Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

## Inspiration, Hope and Faith

Beginning Wednesday evening, there will be a series of three Easter Union Services in town. All churches are participating, and the combined choirs will give a program of Easter Music throughout the series.

It is well that the community band together on such an occasion and worship together. It is a splendid idea, and one that is well worthwhile.

Climaxing the Easter services will be the usual sunrise services at the Cherokee, Mountainside Theater and Lake Junaluska.

Both services have in the past attracted large crowds who attended the sunrise services, and worshiped in the early dawn of Easter morning.

Those who attend any of these services can look forward to renewed inspiration, a deeper faith, and a greater hope for the tomorrow.

## A Big Bargain For The State

Among the several hundred bills destined to come to the attention of the General Assembly is one which would cancel a state loan of \$25,000 for the construction of the Indian Village at Cherokee.

A House committee has passed favorably on the bill, and indications are that it will go all the way to enactment.

The measure is being backed by the Department of Conservation and Development, which has as its duties, among other things, the publicizing of the State of North Carolina. The Department takes the position that the Cherokee Historical Society, in maintaining an information bureau from May until October, is rendering to the entire state, a service which the state itself could not duplicate.

The information bureau, with a staff of five or more persons, right on the edge of the Park, is a natural location for a visitor entering the state there to stop and seek information. The information bureau deals with anything pertinent to the State of North Carolina. Those of us here in Haywood know that time and time again the Cherokee bureau has made reservations for scores of visitors from their office.

The Cherokee Historical Society is spending many thousands of dollars in maintaining that bureau, and since it opens long before the Drama, and remains open 60 days after the drama closes is indicative that it is not just a bureau set aside for the Drama. Those in charge of maintaining the bureau have found the importance of its existence, and for several years kept the bureau open for the benefit of the visitors.

The State of North Carolina will be getting one of its best bargains to cancel the \$25,000 loan in return for the services rendered by the Cherokee information bureau. We trust that the members of the General Assembly see the wisdom of the measure and pass it without fail.

## Here's Some Proof

Bart Leiper's optimistic prediction that early travel in this area will break all records, is in keeping with the experiences of Eastern Carolina's early spring flower shows.

Mr. Leiper made the prediction for Western North Carolina after spending 10 days at the National Travel Show in Chicago.

Right in the heels of his statement here last week, comes official reports from the gardens of eastern North and South Carolina that attendance records are being shattered right and left.

Last week saw the largest crowds ever to visit that area, and predictions are that by Easter the records of all times will be shattered.

One garden alone reported 13,000 in a two-week period.

This is indicative that America is definitely on wheels, and are going places. But the fact remains, that they are going to such places that keep their names before the traveler.

The travel customers are plentiful; they are definitely on the move. And The Mountaineer is among that group that definitely believes that the season here can be started earlier, and extended later. There are some who disagree to this belief; and we respect their opinion, however, until it has been given a fair trial, we are still of the opinion that this area can enjoy just as long a tourist season as we want.

## Heroine of America's Barnyard

A certain bird which we rate high among nature's gifts to man has figured in two recent dispatches.

From the University of Florida comes word that the Rockefeller Foundation has made a grant of \$6,000 for a two-year study of hens. It is for research in ecology, that branch of biology which deals with mutual relationships among organisms and between them and their environment.

One aim will be to ascertain if there is any social order among hens. There seems to be some sort of hierarchy indicated by the pecking system, in which those of higher standing peck those below 'em. A curious student might perhaps perceive an analogy between this and practices in some human fields. But enough of that. We leave it to the scientists who are going to conduct an investigation.

A matter of more down-to-earth interest was that item from St. Louis, reporting a meeting of the National Farm Chemurgic Council. Scientists there paid a lofty tribute to the hen. They said if all farm creatures were as efficient producers as the hen Americans would never have to worry about eating well.

Forty years ago the average hen turned out 87 eggs a year. Today that average bird would feel ashamed of herself if she didn't come up with 194 of 'em. And she has managed to turn in this performance with less feed. The chicken has also increased its meat producing efficiency about one-fourth. It can grow to the kitchen size in less time.

Of course, man's selfish interest in poultry progress has been the main factor in this hen improvement business, through more effective breeding, feeding and health methods. Still, it must be conceded that the hen has cooperated, adapting itself to the march of progress. If she had been a cantankerous creature, unresponsive to human science, there would be fewer eggs and less fried chicken available, and you'd be paying a stiffer price. Thanks be, the hen is up to scratch.

## Voice of the People

What do you think of the bill that was passed by the State Legislature permitting closed sessions of the Appropriations Committee and its subcommittees?

Frank M. Davis—I can answer this best with a comparison to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners. When the current Board took office, they passed a resolution to do all business in public. We have found this is the only way to eliminate suspicion and criticism. The people understand better how the Board works, I am sure.

C. C. Francis—You always have less trouble if you let the people know what you're doing. You've got to face the music sometime and it's better to let the people know what you're doing from the beginning.

Glenn W. Brown—My first reaction to the bill is that it was unwise. Generally, the public is entitled to know what the lawmakers are doing at all times.

Mike Pizzuto—Members of the Legislature are paid by the public and the people should be entitled to know what the lawmakers are doing at all times.



## Looking Back Over The Years

### 15 YEARS AGO

Miss Anne Plott Albright, dean of women of W.C.T.C., accepts an invitation to attend the seventh summer session on international law at the University of Michigan this summer.

Miss Betsey Lane Quinlan returns to her home after spending the winter in Daytona Beach and Miami Beach.

Betty Jo Brown, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brown, gives party on her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Plott and two children of Flag Pond, Tenn., spend weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Plott at Maggie.

### 10 YEARS AGO

E. C. Wagenfeld is named personnel and training officer of civilian defense for this area.

Smoky Mountain Trailways bus line opens station in Hazelwood.

William Hannah, II, receives an appointment to enter the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in July.

Mrs. S. H. Bushnell goes to New Bern to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bushnell, Jr.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Three hundred and fifty people attend Easter Sunrise service at Lake Junaluska.

Kerr Scott visits Haywood County—says he is pleased with campaign.

Floridians give Sam Queen and his musicians and square dancers a warm welcome.

Miss Margaret Corbin is bride of Sam Cartner.

L. G. Goldsworthy leaves for Chicago where he has accepted a position with the Aladdin Mantle Lamp Company.

## Views of Other Editors

### AREA OF AGREEMENT

Harry Truman has said some hard things about the press during his administration. And the press has said some pretty hard things about him. Both, however, should be able to agree on his final conclusion that one thing which greatly serves safety in democracy is a people constantly and clearly informed about the doings of their President in the press.

At his final press conference, he mentioned some differences with the press, but added:

"But in spite of these differences, I want to make it plain that I think it is important for our democratic system of government that every medium of communication between the citizens and their government, particularly the President, be kept open as far as possible."

"This kind of news conference where reporters can ask any kind of question they deem of direct interest to the President of the United States—illustrates how strong and how vital our democracy is. There is no other country in the world where the chief of state submits to such unlimited questioning."

This conclusion of a President who had his share of hard handling by the press deserves the attention not only of all Presidents, but all other executives, and above all of all the people whose safety under government is in direct ratio to their free information about it. —Raleigh News and Observer.

on walls and footlockers. —The Sanford Herald.

### THE TRUMAN LIBRARY

President Truman's eagerness to house his papers in a \$1,500,000 library to be constructed at Grandview, Mo., is entirely understandable. His Administration has been one of the most controversial since Andrew Jackson's, and the President naturally believes that if the whole story is told it will rebound to his credit. The preservation of his papers, therefore, is a major concern for him, as, indeed, it should be for all persons interested in the history of this era. It may be regretted that Mr. Truman did not choose to place the papers in the Library of Congress, the University of Missouri or some other established institution, but it seems to be the custom of late for a President to wish to have his own repository, and we hope the campaign to raise the funds will be successful.

President Truman is on record, fortunately, against the sequestering of departing office holders of "official papers" as contrasted with "personal papers". In some respects, almost all the papers in his possession, except family letters and the like, might be classified as "official," for they relate in some way to the business of the Presidency. There is, however, a distinction between presidential papers and the papers of a lesser official. An assistant secretary of a

department for example, could properly claim only a handful of papers as "personal". His files must be left in the department for use by successor and by other officers concerned with the business of his agency.

A President, however, need not be expected to leave a great many papers for his successor, for many of them deal with political matters. His working papers are generally the property anyway of the various agencies, including the State Department, the Budget Bureau and the National Security Council. These documents belong to the Government and are the proper concern of the incoming Chief Executive. More than five years ago, Mr. Truman said that these official papers should be left with the Government and not be taken away by Cabinet members and other Federal officials when they retire to private life. —The Washington Post.

### VIEWS OF OTHER Eds— DOWNTRODDEN COACHES?

There has been considerable talk lately about the hard life football coaches lead. Some coaches have undoubtedly been treated unfairly and have lost their jobs because of victory-hungry alumni who are interested only in a coach's win and lost record rather than in his competence.

On the other hand, football coaches are by far the best paid people connected with colleges and the high salaries result directly from a belief that the recipient can produce winning teams. And while some colleges have broken contracts with coaches, more coaches

## Rambling 'Round

—Bits Of Human Interest News—  
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The bus was just a little late having to make a detour. The waiting crowd didn't seem to mind much and welcomed it with acclaim as it rounded the corner into the station. And when she stepped down, a cheer arose in a deeply sentimental welcome. She wore a filmy gown of delicate green and carried great bouquets of flowers in her arms. Her eyes of dazzling blue swept over the waiting line and a soft breeze ruffled her golden hair. In deep sympathy tears glistened in her eyes like tiny raindrops but she soon brushed them away and her laugh was like the sweet song of birds. She seemed to walk on floating white clouds. She reached her flower-laden hands and warmly embraced her friends who had patiently awaited her coming. Welcome, thrice welcome, lovely.

The time to do it is right now; after-awhile may never get it.

The usual April Fool jokes were going the rounds in the room and a venturesome lad selected the new Algebra teacher as his victim. Choosing a time when the teacher was absent from the room, the prankster wrote on the blackboard: "When X equals our school... We learn it from an April Fool." The teacher, coming to the room, smiled as he read the inscription on the board and picking up a piece of chalk he wrote below: "What a day do appear... You are, alas, throughout the year."

We close our eyes to our own faults but forget that the faults of others are wide open.

Some one who had time on his hands, discovered that a day made up of 86,400 seconds. But the statistician failed to tell us we should break down that aggregate total. Take for instance many times a time do you say: "In a second, I'll do that." Or wait a second, please". Under what heading would that go? Would you compute those seconds you spend worrying about things you have no control over, and couldn't change? Or those few seconds you throw away across a telephone line carrying less conversation? And under what heading would you put wonderful seconds you spend gazing into far away places and into perfect peace on a glorious day dream? The priceless seconds you spend with friends and the exhilarating seconds of excitement? 86,400 seconds are all too few to accomplish all the while things that lay within our reach.

Sometimes when the goose stops laying the golden eggs, it also stops being such a goose.

have broken contracts with colleges when a better job was offered them.

A contract is a contract and should be observed by both parties. That is a truism that needs to be learned both by colleges and coaches, with the latter more in need of the lesson. —News and Observer.

The present British Crown colony of Sarawak in Borneo was ruled from 1840 to 1946 as an independent country with "white rajahs" of the Brooke family.

## Bees To Light Queen

RALEIGH (AP)—American wax will throw light on the action of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, according to Stephen, beekeeper for the College Extension Service.

A royal commission of the U.S. government has ordered specially designed beehives. Forty-two of the hives will be from 15 to 18 pounds each and will be sprayed with gold. The nation order will cost about \$100,000.

## Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

GOP Has Good Chance To Hold Senate Margin | Many '48 Demos Must Risk Jobs

Special to Central Press  
WASHINGTON—In this handsome city along the tranquil Potomac politics never ceases. Even the morning after election, the contests of both sides immediately begin cooking up plans for the contest. This being true, it is no surprise that the political really boiling in preparation for the 1954 congressional election. Both Democrats and Republicans, at this writing, are wary of next year's hassles may hold. The question on everybody's mind whether the traditional off-year election might hit the Republicans. If it does, Democratic of Congress seems inevitable.

If tradition continues unchanged, the Democrats should pick up considerable yardage in 1954 as Senator Irving Ives (R), New York, pointed out, only twice in the last 100 years the party in power succeeded in avoiding a majority whittled down during an off-year election. The only recent exception to this rule was in 1934, when the Democrats, riding the first popularity of the New Deal, picked up seats in non-presidential election while in power.

Since the GOP holds control of Congress only by a whisker, with 221 seats in the House and 213 for the Democrats with one independent by two seats in the Senate, Republicans stand any loss of their majority without losing control of Congress.

IF THE REGULAR RULES FOR OFF-YEAR ELECTIONS apply, the GOP would be in a bad way, indeed. However, the Republican strategists are hotly maintaining that next year's election going to run true to the regular trend and are gleefully looking for signs in anticipation of enlarging their congressional majority in the Senate. There seems to be a lot of logic in what they say.

It all goes back to that upset victory of the Demos in 1948. Harry Truman won re-election and the Democrats scored a victory all over the nation. Many Democratic dark horses who in 1948 must face the voters in 1954, while almost all of the Republican senators standing for election come from "safe" states. Of the 32 senators who are running in 1954, 11 are Democrats and 21 Democrats. Eleven Democrats are from doubtful states. They are: Clinton Anderson of New Mexico, Paul Douglas of Illinois, J. Allen Frear of Delaware, Guy Gillette of Iowa, The Green of Rhode Island, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Lester of Wyoming, Edwin Johnson of Colorado, James Murray of Massachusetts, Matthew Neely of West Virginia and Robert Kerr of Oklahoma. Republican spokesmen say they have a fighting chance to win all of these 11, and consider Anderson, Douglas, Frear, Gillette, Humphrey and Murray especially vulnerable.

THE REPUBLICANS, ROUNDLY BEATEN IN 1948, have sult little to lose in Senate contests next year. The 11 GOP who will be up next year are: Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, Homer Ferguson of Michigan, Dworshak of Idaho, Guy Gordon of Oregon, Dwight Green of Nebraska, Robert C. Hendrickson of New Jersey, Karl Mundt of Dakota, Andrew Schoepel of Kansas, Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts.

Of the group, only two seem to be headed for serious trouble. They are Republican Senator John Sherman Cooper who has lost a minor miracle in being elected for short terms in statehood Democratic Kentucky, and Michigan's Homer Ferguson. Ferguson is expected to be pitted against three-time Governor G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams, who has proved a potent vote-getter, indeed.

Down in the Blue Grass region, the "inside dope" is that former Vice President Alben Barkley will try for a comeback against Cooper. Friends close to the former vice president that he doesn't relish his position on the sidelines and is itching to try at his former Senate seat.

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## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



## BIBLES AND PIN-UPS

"The closer to the front, the more Bibles there were," said evangelist Billy Graham in describing his visit to our troops in Korea.

His sentence would apply to any war of recent era. If the men at the front and those in the rear suddenly swapped positions, it still would describe the situation: the preponderance of the Holy Word would be in the forward areas.

Civil War observers remarked of the popularity of Bibles where the fighting was thick, too. One soldier wrote home of seeing men throwing away playing cards as they approached skirmish areas. He wrote also of seeing survivors earnestly searching for their discarded rambling paraphernalia after things cooled down.

Graham said he saw no pin-ups. That is impressive evidence of the respect the troops paid him as a minister. They must have taken down literally thousands of undraped female figures when the word of his arrival reached the camps.

And they must have spent the day after he left putting their Marilyn Monroes and Putter Girls

## SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

