

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1:23.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

And there, in Abraham's bosom, ever it be which that become signifi- my sweet friend. For what other there for such a soul.—St. Augustine

Still A Vital Need

It is interesting to know that 99 years ago a group of civic leaders went on record as favoring a road down Pigeon River to Tennessee.

The group, almost a century ago, found that the route was ideal, but actual construction presented an almost insurmountable hurdle.

Down through the years, the need for a modern highway down Pigeon River has grown more and more acute. This day of faster transportation, and more facilities, even makes the need greater than ever before.

Where the proponents of 99 years ago could not vision means or manner of constructing the modern highway, the present-day facilities of huge machines and technical know-how, makes the job easier than at any time in the past.

Right now, men with giant machines, have worked their way about six miles from the North Carolina-Tennessee line towards Waynesville, grading and cutting the modern roadway out of rock along the banks of the Pigeon River. The 6-mile section is taking about all of the money allocated by two previous governors for the project.

The remaining mileage will have to come from allocation put up by Governor Umstead, or his successors.

Right at the moment the governor has not made any allocations to the project, neither has he given any public intimation that he will in the future.

It seems that a project which really was looked upon as a major one for the two states even 99 years ago, needs some attention today. We wish the governor would express himself as to his views.

Today, as 99 years ago, this needed road is not a local project—it is of vital importance to the entire western end of this state, to farmers and industrialists, as well as tourists alike.

Providing Inspiration

Iron Duff community added more honors to their growing list, as they captured fifth place in the district Community Development Contest for all Western North Carolina. Earlier this fall, the community had won first place in the county, as well as a number of other awards for special projects.

Haywood communities have always made good showings in the district contest, and this year was no exception. There is no reason to be downhearted that the placing was fifth, because we must remember, Haywood has had the CDP projects going a long time, even several years before other counties knew there was such a thing.

The CDP Program is moving ahead in Haywood and other WNC Counties, with Haywood long in the lead, still providing the inspiration.

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Somewhere There Must Be An Answer

Any place you turn these days, the problem of juvenile delinquency soon comes to the forefront.

Certainly this county has its share, as evidenced by the recent term of court, when a number of teenage offenders were up before the bar of justice.

America is beginning to awaken to the fact that there are too many violations of the law on the part of the young people. And once again, right here in Haywood, the fact remains, that some of our citizens are having their eyes opened to the fact that many teenagers are getting into trouble—some of it serious trouble.

This past weekend, a group of local citizens met and discussed "What can be done." In the group were professional men and women, representing many phases of our community life, such as churches, industry, business, law, medicine, and law enforcement. It was a genuinely serious group, and they went about the problem in a practical manner. Of course at their initial meeting they more or less exchanged ideas, and heard of the many problems which confront law enforcement officers relative to juveniles.

According to national statistics, one out of every 18 teenagers will fall in the hands of the law because of some violation. Putting the statement that way makes it sound rather pessimistic. We rather prefer to look at the question from the other angle, that during the next year, according to statisticians, 17 of our young people will keep out of trouble, while one makes a misstep.

The problem which should be paramount on the mind of every adult, is how can that one youngster be kept from making that misstep, and if he or she should step over the line, what procedure is best to restore him or her and get them set on the straight and narrow path once more?

Of course prevention is always better than the cure, but when one gets there too late to prevent a youngster from getting into trouble, then the next best thing to do is to be available to lend a helping hand. It is right at this point, that the local group is projecting their interest and trying to find a solution to a major problem.

Right along this same line of thought, The Franklin Press under the caption, of "Treating the Symptoms," said editorially:

Juvenile delinquency has become an acute problem in many American cities.

From New York come news stories of gang wars among youths armed with deadly weapons; sex offenses are on the increase; every part of the nation reports thievery and even robbery increasing among young people from the middle and upper economic strata; and the use of narcotics among high school students has grown to alarming proportions.

Social agencies and Congressional committees are investigating. Out of those investigations undoubtedly will come recommendations for new and improved social services. All of which is good—as far as it goes. But the trouble is that such social services are mere palliatives: they do nothing toward curing the diseases.

Juvenile delinquency is simply a symptom. The disease is the break-down of the American home. And all our social services will accomplish little until something is done to cure the disease itself.

But so far every tendency in America is to take both parents out of the home. Industry and business and even the armed services insist they must have women; and, down on the family level, there is considerably more emphasis on mechanical gadgets than on children.

Voice of the People

If you could have anything you wanted, what would you like for Christmas?

Mrs. T. J. Fincher, housewife—"I'd say peace and happiness for the world."

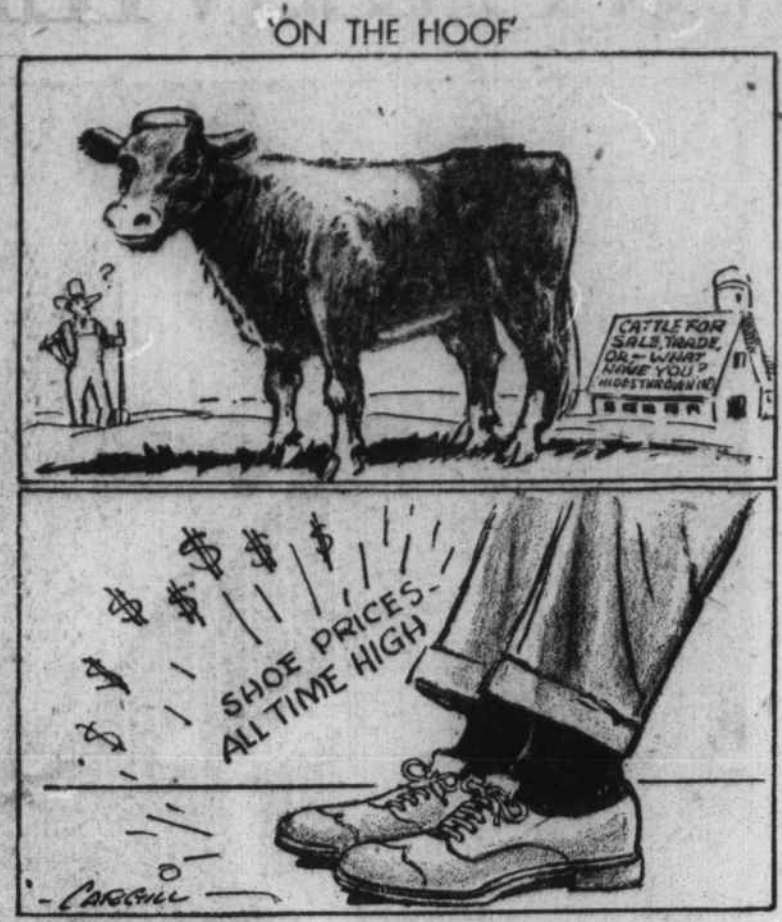
Jack Arrington, health inspector—"I'd like to have enough money to fill the needs of the needy."

Dorothy Whisenhant, secretary—"I'd like to have a real vacation—somewhere down South where it's warm."

Mrs. Rubye Bryson, public health nurse—"I'd like a new health center."

Bill Milner, health inspector—"I'd like to help the new recreation center get started."

Mrs. Rebekah Murray, medical technologist—"I'd like an acid-proof coat for my laboratory."



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Eagle Five and Ten Store leases building formerly occupied by Joe Mormino's Fruit Stand to give 80 percent more floor space.

Mrs. Henry Davis and Mrs. White Mease entertain with a large contract party at the Waynesville Country Club.

Dr. S. P. Gay is named president of the Chamber of Commerce for 1939.

10 YEARS AGO

W. Hugh Massie, owner of The Toggery, is named member of the local price panel board, as head of the apparel division. W. A. Bradley heads food division group.

Francis Massie is elected president of the new Merchants Association here.

Major James M. Davis completes advanced course at Fort Benning, Ga., spends leave at home.

5 YEARS AGO

Mountaineers trim Marion in the first annual Paper Bowl game 19-14.

David Hyatt of Waynesville and Beckman Huger of Canton are named co-chairmen for Polio Drive.

Mrs. Claude Rogers and Mrs. M. G. Stamey attend classroom teachers meeting in Raleigh.

Mrs. Ralph Prevost, Miss Helen Ray, and Miss Frances Ray go to Atlanta for a few days.

Views of Other Editors

ADVICE FROM A NEWSPAPERMAN

With the shrewd business instinct which some Emporians denied him, White, in 1899, had bought for the site of his permanent Gazette building a set of lots adjoining the corner where the federal government proposed to put a new post office. When it was completed and occupied in 1903, light from the post office lawn poured into its great windows. This and free entry to the breezes vital for tempering the hot Kansas summers made working quarters in the Gazette exceptionally pleasant. The newspaper plant's proximity to the post office also provided inexpensive and convenient mailing facilities.

By the time of the great change in American life, the Gazette had fully found itself. . . The reputation of the Gazette as a shop where a master craftsman paid a young journalist a living wage while training him spread through Kansas and beyond. From his applicants he could have recruited a staff large enough for the New York Times. Over the years, many other ambitious boys and girls, too young as yet to expect a job, wrote him for advice. To all these letters he replied courteously; to those whose writers gave evidence of real ability he gave special consideration. One reply of this kind he reprinted in the Gazette.

"Stop, look, and listen, boy. If you expect to make much money in life, don't go into the newspaper business. If you expect to have an easy time in life, avoid it. Avoid journalism unless you are looking for 'hard marches and long bivouacs.' Unless you are looking for a chance to take leadership without material rewards, unless you 'dare to be a Daniel,' unless you 'want to be an angel and with the angels stand' with nothing much but your 'sarp and your crown at the end of the journey, stay out of this profession."

But if you really desire to make your own private sentiment public opinion, if you are a sower who wants to go forth and sow even though others may reap your planting, if you think you have enough sense to be really honest and enough courage to be kind in trying circumstances when it takes good brains to maintain an understanding heart, all right, go in. —From "A Man From Kansas," by David Hinchshaw, (New York: Putnam, 1945).

MR. PRESIDENT

Since his inauguration last January, President Eisenhower has lived in a sort of never-never world, apparently, at first enjoying the honeymoon customarily accorded a new president, then, later, glad to get away from the busy whirlwind of Washington to the pleasant climes of Colorado in summer. Most of the decision-making was being done by the cabinet officers and department heads, with Charles E. Wilson, Ezra Benson, Foster Dulles and Sinclair Weeks making the headlines. Only last week, in the Harry

certainly the FBI didn't stop watching him, merely because he took on a new job. —Kings Mountain Herald.

SO LIVE THAT YOU CAN RESPECT YOURSELF

The Times-News will use in its news columns the questions and answers daily contribution of Billy Graham. We believe it will be found helpful to many readers. The first of these contributions appeared in this newspaper Tuesday. The attention of the editorial department was drawn to Mr. Graham's contribution of that date by a quotation from a statement made by Lord Macaulay, who said to the "politicians" of his time. "Gentlemen, it is not essential that I go to Parliament, but it is essential that I retain my self-respect."

It is unnecessary that this quotation be accompanied by an explanatory diagram in order that its meaning may be understood by intelligent and unbiased Americans of today. Pity it is that this country has a large proportion of political leaders (other classes of leaders, too) today, indicating conclusively by their words and actions that they do not accept Lord Macaulay's standard of public conduct. Doubtless some among these leaders have little or no self-respect. Frequently, they offer ample evidence that they lack respect for their fellow citizens.

And while this newspaper is referring to Billy Graham and quoting Macaulay, may we note the fact that Billy also quotes James A. Garfield, 20th president of the United States. "There is one man whose respect I must have at all hazards and his name is James A. Garfield for I must room with him, walk with him, work with him, eat with him, talk with him, commune with him, and live with him." This basic principle in the character of the eminent English man; and, likewise, in the character of an American public servant

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News—By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Dedicated to Little Johnny and Little Mary who have been a help to us.

Old Santa Claus, that beaigen saint. Is packing now his ample sleigh, With goodies sweet and gifts galore. Then soon he'll start upon his way. He's read your minds, and letters too. So well he knows what he's to bring. Each boy and girl—and grown-ups, too—He won't forget a single thing. But you must be so very good. Or else he'll pass right by your place. And down the street he'll speed along With his reindeer at quite a pace. 'Twill be too late to weep and cry: You missed your chance, why tell you so? But this one thing you can't forget—He won't be back till Fifty-four. So, here's a tip, our little friends, Be just as good as you can be. Then Santa's sleigh will come to you Full to the top in Fifty-three.

Sarcasm is a slap of the tongue. First she: "I never could see what she saw in him. She must have used an X-ray machine." Second she: "Maybe she did, and saw the size of his brain."

Suppose the early bird does catch the worm. The silly had no business staying out all night.

There is nothing that looks quite so lonely as a car in a lot. One can imagine the car reminiscing over past glories and sorries. Remembering, perhaps, the day when it was first put brand shining new, and the exclamations of joy and pride possession. The years that it had given its best then, as much to all of us, the inroad of time and the toll it exacts. It recalls the trade-in and a new owner, one not so kind and considerate first. Again, another owner, and another and now here amongst waiting . . . just waiting, for what? Past glories, past dreams, our hope, a happy future, one like it lived in those long ago. Poor, lonely little used car. Won't somebody please give it home?

December . . . the shortest month in the year as to time. January . . . the shortest month in the year as to cash.

Hope Spurs Appointments

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The optimistic Philadelphia Board of

and leader, is commended to the attention of our present day leadership, in and out of politics. And we emphasize it as a foundation principle for character building to American youth of the present age. —The Hendersonville Times-News.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

GOP Desperately Hopes To Placate Farmer Vote | Department of Agriculture Reorganization Might

WASHINGTON—More than a century ago, the immortal England poet Ralph Waldo Emerson penned some words which might well be the theme song of most successful politicians' nation's capital.

"The farmer," wrote Poet Emerson with more truth than "is covetous of his dollar. And with reason . . . He knows how strokes of labor it represents. His bones ache with the day's that earned it."

While it is probable that very few members of Congress have come across Emerson's words in their reading, the lesson is not lost on today's turmoil among politicians of both Today and the farmer's concern for his do the cause. There is nothing that will cause heart of the bravest politician to quail so quickly as an irate farmer.

Ever since the surprise victory of Lester R. Johnson in Wisconsin's ninth congressional district where he recently became the Democrat in history to represent that district. Congress, Republican congressional leaders and officials in the Agriculture department have been burning the midnight oil trying to devise ways means to placate the farm vote.

One thing that they hope will do this is Secretary Ezra Taffson's reorganization of the Department of Agriculture which is expected to be put into effect about the first of the year.

BEFORE IT ADJOURNS FOR THE YEAR, Congress is bill giving Secretary Benson authority to reorganize the Agriculture department more or less along his own ideas. Benson asked for a kind of "blank check" from the lawmakers. The most sweeping of Benson's announced changes of the department include the complete abolition of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Production and Marketing Administration and the closing of seven regional offices of the Soil Conservation.

Benson and his top assistants claim that the changes will make the unwieldy department more efficient and will save taxpayers' money. Leaders of both parties appear convinced that the administration record on the problem of slipping farm prices during the past months is the key that will control the 1954 congressional election. If the administration can't come up with some convincing something to farmers, most observers think that the President will the prospect of a hostile Congress during the last two years of term, since the Republicans are in only nominal control of Congress.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT

