

But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully.—1 Timothy 1:8

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

Law is not law, if it violates the of eternal justice.—Lydia Maria Child

Business Activity

North Carolina Facts reports that business activity in North Carolina continued high in October and was above the same month in 1953, although declines were noted in five of the 18 indicators which the publication uses as a basis of comparison.

This is good news, but the five declines register a warning note that improved activity may not continue.

—Raleigh News and Observer

Calm Reality

Predictions are that some 38,000 persons will meet a horrible death on the nation's highways this year. As one writer put it, "An awesome picture, to be sure, that a nation is on a rubber-tired trip to the Promised Land."

Just a casual glance at the cold figures of 38,000 perhaps does not make much of an impression on the casual reader. Yet when you consider that there are only 34,000 people in Haywood, it makes one stop and think, because the number predicted to die in highway accidents is 3,600 more than every person living in Haywood county today.

If by chance, someone should make the prediction that next year, every person in Haywood county, and every resident of Sylva, (that makes 38,000) would contract a disease that would be fatal, there would be a howl, and a stir that would shake this entire world—and rightly so.

But right on the other hand, when the same prediction is made that 38,000 people will meet death in one year due to highway accidents, we seem to take it as a matter of fact, and lightly turn it aside with the thought, "ok, that stuff, if for the other fellow—I'm a safe driver." Let us hope that the feeling will materialize, and that everyone will prove himself a safe driver—certainly hopeful wishing, but far, we know, from becoming a reality.

Block The Social Security Tax Increase

In a recent syndicated column, Robert S. Allen states that President Eisenhower strongly desires to block the automatic jump in the social security tax that is scheduled for the first of the year, and that Chairman Reed of the House Ways and Means Committee has pledged cooperation.

That tax increase, should it come, would offset the prospective income tax reductions for every couple with an income of \$3600 a year or less. And there is no need whatsoever for a higher social security tax — the system's reserves are enormous and are still growing.

The American people want and have been promised tax cuts at the earliest possible time. The President's position on the social security levy is 100 per cent sound.

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A Good Prescription

The tourist groups of Western North Carolina had a prescription written for them by an authority here Monday night, as Fred Whitaker, head of the Tourist Bureau, of the State, addressed the group here in one of his several talks in Western North Carolina.

"What is the greatest need of the tourist industry in Western North Carolina?" he was asked.

"Organization and cooperation," he replied.

"It is a simple matter of merchandising," he explained.

"The product here is the mountains and the climate. The market is known, because people in all Eastern America are interested in this section. Now that you have a good product, and know the market, the next thing is to set up a sales organization. Western North Carolina is now up to that point," the state executive said.

Mr. Whitaker has put these cold facts right down before us, and who is there that deny the truth and wisdom in his approach to this vital question?

The tourist expert firmly believes that what is accomplished must be done on a regional basis, with all local groups cooperating and working together for a common cause.

As we see the picture, it is a matter of all pooling our shots and sending a whale of a load into the potential market, instead of trying to bring down big game with each individual shooting a few scattered shot at a big target.

Check-Off System Is Practical

At this season of the year, our thoughts turn towards the true spirit of Christmas—making someone less fortunate than ourselves happy.

And as we enter into the Christmas season, there are many individuals, and groups that have already decided to seek out a family or an individual and lend a helping hand. Such work is highly commendable, and certainly no more than we should do.

According to the Salvation Army, and the superintendent of the Welfare Department, the local needs will exceed those of last year. The Salvation Army has a list of worthy families that need assistance, and the Welfare office is compiling a list of about 40 to 50 other families.

Every year, some individuals or groups who just go out looking for someone to help often find a family that someone else is also helping, which means a duplication in some cases, and no help at all for others.

It seems that before an individual or an organization goes out to lend a helping hand that it would be the practical thing to do to check with the Welfare and see if arrangements have been made for that family or individual to receive help this Christmas.

All agencies want to see every family that needs help get assistance, yet at the same time they do not want to see duplications made.

The situation has been improving year after year, as more and more people join in on this check-off system. And as a result, more and more worthy cases are being cared for at Christmas time.

The steady rains of this week are beginning to bring stream levels up again, after reaching a record low point during the long drought. A noticeable aspect of the run-off water, is that it carries lots of mud, which is another penalty of the dry weather in the additional loss of top soil.

Voice of the People

Has Christmas changed from what it used to be?

Mrs. J. P. Dicus — "Definitely. We don't have the Christmas spirit we once had — and don't show neighborly kindness like we used to do. Today we start talking about Christmas too far in advance."

Hooper Alexander, Jr. — "The spirit of Christmas is not there anymore. There has been so much commercialism that very few people think of going to church."

Mrs. D. Ballew — "It surely has; we start celebrating too early and lose the Christmas spirit before the day gets here."

Mrs. Charles Quinlan — "Christmas has become too commercial; I'd like to keep the true spirit of Christmas."



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Haywood county is put in quarantine for rabies by Dr. William Moore, state veterinarian.

Haywood County Club is organized at Brevard College with Mary Poteate as president.

Bill Milner, star fullback for The Mountaineers, is picked on all Blue Ridge Conference team.

Mrs. P. D. Turner entertains with a dinner on her husband's birthday.

10 YEARS AGO

Dallas Rhea Clark, first Haywood

"casualty," is prisoner of the Japanese.

New high is set by Christmas buying in the community.

Mercury drops to two degrees for coldest day of the year.

Miss Jane Dudley Francis, student at William and Mary College, arrives to spend the holidays with her family.

Walter Francis, who is employed at the Shipyards in Wilmington, is spending the holidays here with his wife.

5 YEARS AGO

Chamber of Commerce fetes band and football team at banquet in the Hazelwood cafeteria.

Cagle Furniture Company at Clyde adds 1800 square feet of floor space.

The Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Williamson and three sons leave for Miami to visit friends.

Miss Josephine Cabe leaves for Frankfurt, Germany where she will visit her niece, Miss Virginia Roberts.

Views of Other Editors

THE POLIO VACCINE TEST

The test of Dr. Jonas E. Salk's polio vaccine on a mass scale starting early next year can be regarded as a most hopeful development, provided hope is tempered with the same caution the medical profession holds. The vaccine is still in the experimental stage and in limited supply. This proposed inoculation of between 500,000 and 1,000,000 second graders in 200 selected counties around the nation is to be the first trial on a mass basis of tests which up to now have been confined to about 700 persons. So far the vaccine appears to have been successful in producing antibodies against the three types of polio viruses. But a far better measure of its effect will come after next year's polio season, when the results of the large-scale inoculation are compared with the disease incidence among non-inoculated children of similar age living in the same localities.

The search for a polio vaccine has been going on for 40 years, and the product which Dr. Salk developed at the University of Pittsburgh, with the aid of a grant from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is the most promising yet. If it lives up to its promise, it may bring polio under control at last. The product contains the killed viruses of all three types. To insure its safe use on the children, each batch will be doubly tested in advance on both monkeys and on live tissue in the laboratory. This should relieve any lurking fears of parents, although in no case will it be given without parental approval.

This is bound to be a dramatic experiment whether viewed from its sheer size, or from the dread nature of the disease it is to combat, or from the way it has been brought about. It is being made possible by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, a non-profit voluntary organization, which has been enabled to do this through the financial support given to it by millions of Americans. The whole nation will watch the experiment with intense interest — and cautious hope.

—The New York Herald Tribune.

CORN—ON THE COB, THAT IS

France has knighted the man who introduced her to corn on the cob, Lloyd H. Cornwell an American who married a French girl, settled on a farm near Paris, started growing sweet corn and finally induced the French to try it, is now a member of the French Legion of Honor.

This news item seems to strike a friendly, civilized note in an era which is not conspicuous for either quality. It is true that corn on the cob is not a complicated dish. It is on the contrary about as fool-proof as any dish can be. The only ingredients are good corn, good butter, good pepper and good salt. The only additional requirement

is a measure of abandon on the part of the eater.

Mr. Cornwall, or Sir Lloyd, deserves his knighthood; corn on the cob is one of the world's finest dishes. Somebody from Pitt or Edgecombe County might get another Legion of Honor membership by showing the French how to make barbecue properly.

All we would ask of the French in return is that they lend-lease us somebody who will teach us to make crepe suzettes.

—The Greensboro Daily News

MARRIAGE INSURANCE

County clerks are finding drawbacks in Arkansas' new marriage laws, requiring a blood test and a three-day wait between application and license.

They say license cost has risen to \$13 and more. This is too much. Of course, the result is some cohabitation that might have been legal marriage. It seems to us the clerks' suggestion of an amendment to the law under which the county health departments would give the blood tests is a good one. Any other moves to lower the price barrier between the intention of marriage and the legal ceremony would be good.

There is one exception to desirability of lower license costs. Legislators should take care that the portion of the fee which is income for the clerk remains at least at its present level. Additional legal changes should avoid reducing income of clerks, already lowered by the recent change.

The clerks gain nothing by pointing out that minds change between application for a marriage license and actual claiming of the license three days later. Every such case is additional proof of soundness of the law. That's what it was intended to do.

There is a vast difference to the man and woman directly involved and to their communities between minds that change the day before a marriage and the day after. Divorce courts show an overwhelming number of hasty mistakes by couples who left their home counties to use more rapid marriage laws of some other State.

The idea of elementary insurance against marriages based only on temporary attraction, or quickly wrecked on health hazards, is just as good now as it was when Arkansas and many other states adopted laws requiring a blood test and a three-day wait.

They are such good reasons that Mississippi may adopt the laws before long. After all, the Mississippi court clerks have been able to argue until very recently that changing the laws would be useless, because Mississippi couples would simply go to Arkansas. And it was only a few years ago that Tennessee adopted this form of protection for marriage.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal.

THREATS TO FREEDOM

We believe in fighting Communism. There can be no compromise between those who put America first and who put the Soviet Union first in their loyalties.

But we should never let our opposition to Communism blind us to the threats to freedom which we face because of the methods employed by some responsible officials in their fight against Communists.

If Congressional Committees undertake to dictate what shall be taught in the classrooms and what shall be preached from the pulpits, they will become a greater threat to the freedom that Americans have known than the Communists are.

It is true that no Communist should be permitted to teach in the schools and colleges and univer-

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

He was about four and was standing in front of a park. He was also turning the crank vigorously and bawling lustily. Investigation we discovered that this was the fourth meter he had thrust a penny, and the reason he was crying was no candy or chewing gum had been forthcoming. Total loss, profit investment.

Poor little chap! What seems like a supreme tragedy now come an everyday occurrence as he grows into manhood, and of crying he will find it necessary to bring forth powers of ment to prevent deeper losses than the pennies dropped into ing meter.

Did you hear about the moron who turned the ladder down so that he wouldn't fall off the top rung?

Our beloved Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn somed out in its brilliant array of colored lights and will glaze eyes of all who look upon its beauty. Somehow, when the light their first night, the spirit of the approaching holiday season itself felt. Until then the event seems to be something in the ... a time indefinitely ahead. But with the advent of the ly decorated tree and the street lights, we are suddenly br face the fact that there is no doubt about the holiday seas just about in our midst, and speed is a requisite. In our m we all lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas and allow to be caught in a web of ulterior motives as we struggle ourselves.

If we would only take a minute each evening as the light tree are turned on, to look up at the star on the topmost bra feel sure the sight will influence us to recall the meaning of and we will then go back to our labors with a deeper feeling ence for the coming Christmas season.

When it's hard to make up our mind, our mind isn't as the subject.

Little Mary had tried in every way, except by blunt asse convey to the family that she wanted a doll bed for Christ talked all around the subject and felt quite aggrieved when the family paid any attention to her thinly veiled remarks. time drew nearer, little Mary became more and more ope suggestions. "Daddy," she asked innocently at the breakfast morning, "how did you sleep last night?" "Oh, just fine," non-committal reply. "Was your BED (heavy emphasis) comf was the little girl's next remark. "Yes, indeed. But beds are necessary," was Daddy's response to that. Little Mary's face with annoyance. "Well, maybe not for you but for dolls, just as necessary as the hot water blanket Mommie is going under the Christmas tree for you."

In just two weeks from this to-day. Your world will seem to simply spin. You'll hear the bells as they ring out. . . . But you, my dear, will be "all in".

Study Marathon Near End

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) Julia Miller, 87, who lists cupation as "retired far nearing the goal of her study by mail for a deg the State University of Iowa.

She will be within four the number of credits requ a bachelor of arts degree finishes her current cour History of the United St Her grades in the co all "A's".

The oldest Iowa corre bureau student, Miss M gan her home study pro 1928. She lives with a siste outskirts of Davenport, Io "I never could afford or money to go to colle says.

Water pressure of a pounds to the square inch the limit of human endur

leges and universities will to search for truth when may be found and preach be afraid to preach the t they believe because they investigated by a Con Committee out to enforce program as Mr. Stevescribes, it will mark the America as "the land of t —Winston-Salem Journal

"Academic freedom is simply the educational need of a free society. We cannot lose one without the other." If Adlai Stevenson is right when he charges that the present Republican program in Washington seems to be one "of indictment by suspicion, of conviction by accusation," how much longer shall we have academic freedom and religious freedom in this country? If the time ever comes when teachers in our schools and col-

CROSSWORD

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They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo



By STANLEY

