

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send him unto you.—John 16:7.

Of all created comforts, God is the best; for you are the borrower, not the owner.—Ruth

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

Health Center Proposal Needs Action Now

Last June when the commissioners saw fit to turn down the proposal for a Health Center here, with 70.4 per cent coming from state and federal agencies, we were keenly disappointed. However, we respected the views of the two commissioners who saw fit to oppose the plan.

Their opposition was based on logical thinking at the time, as one said: "The 1953 budget has gone too far, and we do not have time to make the changes to include Haywood's share of the health center." While the other commissioner pointed out that "not enough people have shown an interest in the proposal to satisfy me."

Now that the proposal has come up again, this newspaper feels that the arguments put up by both commissioners can be overcome, and will be overcome. In the first place, it is now a little over six months before the new budgets has to be made up, and certainly that will afford time to consider the health center.

As to the other point brought up by a commissioner that not a sufficient number of people had shown an interest in the project to warrant them approving the participation of the county can also be overcome, and we believe it will, now that the proposition has been re-opened and the way made clear to get the structure. We feel that the people of Haywood will rally to the proposal now, and let it be known that they want the Health Center and will make their feelings known to the commissioners.

Already 45 North Carolina counties have health centers, and surprisingly enough, many of the smaller, and counties with less wealth than Haywood are in the group.

With the fast growth of Haywood, it is apparent that one of our most essential needs will be the Health Department. Because as population centers become congested, it is evident that the work of the health department increases. And as the work of the department grows it will need far better facilities than those afforded in the basement rooms of the court house.

An efficient health department is often looked upon as a fire department, or law protection — the average person does not give them too much thought until they need them, and then the best is none too good. The time to prepare for such times is before the need arises, and not afterwards.

This newspaper feels that the need is here, and that now is the time to prepare for that future, especially with the state and federal governments offering to pay \$70.40 out of every \$100 of the cost.

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Have You?

Have you sent in your contribution yet for the Christmas seals you received in the mail?

If not, it's maybe because you were busy at the time and laid the seals aside—intending to send in your contribution later . . . and the matter may have slipped your mind.

However, tuberculosis won't wait. Your money is needed now, so please send in your contribution soon.

The Right Approach

The more we hear and see of the master plan which the Maggie Valley citizens are having prepared by experts, the more impressed we are of the potential value of the project.

The leaders realize the importance of looking ahead, and planning for the future in order to get the most out of the potentials which the Valley holds. They are blueprinting and planning to utilize the most of every foot of property in the Valley, and it begins to look like their plans will give them their goal—the most attractive approach known to the Smokies.

We are among that group that is looking with interest to seeing the final master plan which is to be ready for presentation about January 15th.

The Question Lingers

Dr. You Chan Yang, the Republic of Korea's ambassador to the United States, made an excellent talk here Tuesday in a brief appearance before several members of the Waynesville Lions Club.

However, he left a big question in the minds of his listeners—one which could not be answered because the ambassador had to leave here immediately after his address to go to Charlotte, where he was to board an airliner to return to Washington.

In comparing the Korean peoples with others in Asia, Dr. Yang spoke at length in assailing recent actions of the Japanese and Indian governments. However, his only reference to the Chinese was to characterize them as "a merchant class."

Although his criticisms of the Japanese and Indians seem entirely justified, isn't it the Chinese who have been killing thousands of his countrymen, as well as soldiers of the United Nations?

Were it not for these same Chinese, the North Koreans would have been defeated the same year they launched their invasion. Instead the Korean conflict dragged on into a three-year war, resulting in the death of thousands of peoples, and the destruction of great sections of Korea.

Possibly the ambassador has an answer to the question of why he had no criticism of the Chinese. But the question remains in the minds of those who heard him here.

Faithful, Cooperative Fowls

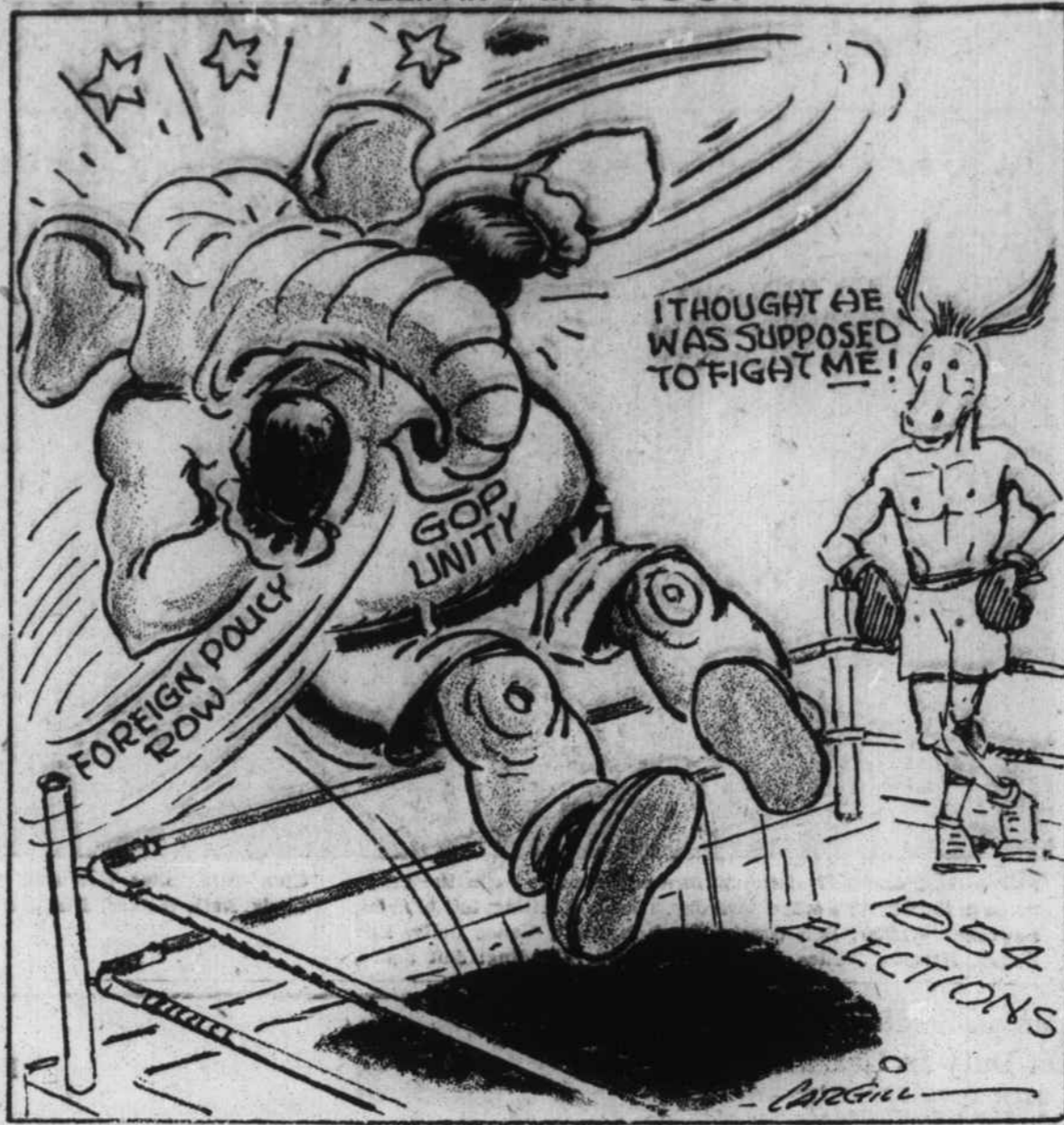
Down in Due West, S. C., a group of far-sighted women of the Presbyterian church have purchased and paid for a \$17,000 pipe organ.

The project was not an over-night proposition. In fact it began in 1925.

The women of the church decided to donate all the eggs their hens laid on Sundays, and this, together with funds made from suppers and quilting bees, grew into the needed \$17,000.

Needless to say, the fine musical instrument does not have a sound effect of a hen cackling, but in between the usual notes of sweet music, there will be many a member of the church that will be able to distinguish the cackle of the old hen, who worked faithfully along with their owners to raise the money for the organ.

PRELIMINARY BOUT



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers' entertain with a bird supper as a courtesy to the employees of the Waynesville Post Office.

Miss Amelia Bradley and Mrs. Tyson Cathey are hostesses of a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. A. Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Alexander arrive from Pensacola, Fla., and lease the Stentz home at Lake Junaluska for the winter.

Grover C. Davis is named county attorney by the new board of commissioners.

10 YEARS AGO

Dorothy Martel is given the Curved Bar, highest award given to a Girl Scout, at Court of Awards.

Mrs. Robert Breese goes to Lansing, Mich., to spend Christmas with her son A/S Robert Breese, Jr., who is in training at the University of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crawford of Hazelwood have two sons in the service—Pfc. William E. Crawford, stationed at Camp Roberts, and Charles R. Crawford, serving in the Navy.

5 YEARS AGO

Special bond election for the enlargement of the county hospital is called.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bowles and Mrs. L. M. Richeson entertain with a bridge dinner in the home of Mrs. Richeson.

Mrs. F. H. Marley goes to Long Island, N. Y. to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Major and Mrs. Hal Marley.

John Queen, North Carolina elector, goes to Raleigh to cast his vote for President Truman.

Views of Other Editors

WHO IS WORTHY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER?

Opening of the Christmas Cheer Fund campaign ushers in the season which, above all others, emphasizes the art of giving.

The so-called over-commercialization of Christmas stems from that natural and laudable spirit which thinks of others during the approaching holiday season.

As long as the base for gift-giving is sufficiently broad to go beyond the family circle and to embrace strangers of less fortunate circumstance, we will not complain that the trappings of Christmas have concealed its spiritual significance.

In the county-wide Christmas Cheer Fund which has developed from the Ella Cobb Fund, the Woman's Club is sponsoring an outlet for the beneficent thoughts of Burke citizens, and it is to be hoped that the response in money and in number of organizations and individuals desiring to distribute Christmas cheer directly to needy families will be even greater than last year.

The cooperation of social agencies in the creation of a central

file should eliminate duplications and insure the broadest possible distribution of Christmas baskets. It should give assurance also on the point of need so there should be no doubt about the worthwhileness of the purposes for which the money is spent.

It is well to bear in mind that a generous heart doesn't withdraw from a scene of poverty or distress simply because conditions may be due in part to the perversity of human nature. A society which countenances the results of ignorance, poor housing, lack of sanitation, and the like all year long should seek in the heart-warming stimulation of Christmastide to see to it that little children, innocent victims of disease or economic status, are not entirely overlooked.

Before a possible contributor asks the question about the recipients. "Are they worthy?", let him inquire further "Worthy of what?" Are they worthy of conditions which deprive them and their children of any semblance of brightness in a season which should be the brightest of the year?

Let them ask further "Am I worthy? . . . What makes me worthy of health and the necessities of life? Am I really worthy of blessings garnered with no regard for merit? By what reasoning do I con-

sider that I have earned the right to a high-and-mighty attitude which assumes personal worthiness and can question whether any one of God's creatures is really worthy?"

After all, are any of us worthy? In the art of giving, the role of self is submerged. It's difficult. We accept as axiomatic a simple statement which is really so revolutionary that few people have attempted to adopt it although it is quoted throughout all Christendom—"It's more blessed to give than to receive."

—The Morganton News-Herald.

WHO'S DELINQUENT?

Sudden thought: Perhaps there was far less juvenile delinquency in the good old days because our forefathers had better parents than the present younger generation has.—Matton, Ill., Journal Gazette.

DRY WIT

There had been a long dry spell and two cowboys were discussing the lack of grass.

"Just how bad are things over at your ranch?" asked one. "Pretty tough," replied the other. "Why, our cattle are so thin that by using carbon paper, we can brand 'em two at a time."

—Fort Myers, Fla., News-Press

Nearly a third of Canada's foreign trade moves by way of the St. Lawrence River.

Voice of the People

What makes a house a home?

Mrs. Noel Phillips, Balsam Rd.—"I think it's the family enjoying doing things in the home together."

Mrs. Granville Mull, Long St., Allens Creek—"I think a Christian home makes a better home than any other. It's the peace and love, especially love, between the people in the house that count. It doesn't matter whether it's a fine house or not."

Walter Baermann, Grimbald Dr., Hazelwood—"The sense of living of the people who live in the house make it a home."

Mrs. Jack West, 112 Welch St.—"Peace and contentment and Christian living are what make a home."

Mrs. Perry Hardwick, Brading Apts., Love Lane—"Love and consideration! Things in a house can never make it a home, and lots of people have things who don't have homes."

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



By R. J. SCOTT

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The rain, for which we had so ardently prayed, was coming in a soft, definite wetness and all the earth rejoiced. Well, the earth in Haywood and adjacent counties! Farmers looked their fields with a deep satisfaction, and reservoirs that had been ing bottom lapped up the welcome moisture. Dark, unbroken sky and the faintest tang of northern air bore tidings of a winter delayed en route.

Gaily decorated shop windows, the tinkle of the Salvation lassie's bell, the cheerful and enticing call of the dime board todian; that inexplicable friendliness that fairly exudes its fragrance on passersby; the hurry and scurry over bolts of ribbons, yartinsel, reams of tissue . . . and the unending quest for time, all the holiday season and its attendant pleasures are nearing . . . fast, perhaps.

It's a wonderful season and a wonderful people to make it is. And we daily say a prayer of thanksgiving that we can share with our friends.

As we look back on the hill we have just climbed, we wonder why we thought it so steep.

There is a radio program heard at 7:30 Saturday nights on Mutual network which is most instructive and enlightening, called "Where in the World?" and certainly gives one an ear geographical information. The program is not filled with so-called remarks (albeit inane) but allows enough levity to keep it from being boring. Listen to it sometime. Then immediately follow the famous "Twenty Questions" which, to us, is one of the best programs on the air. There is plenty of real, unrehearsed hum libbed throughout the half-hour to make the listener thoroughly what he has learned and appreciate the all-too short thirty minutes given to "Twenty Questions".

"What a drip you are," said the umbrella to the awning. "Aw, shut up," was the irate retort. "You weren't raised properly and you're all wet."

WHY DO PEOPLE . . . Push their carrier wagons directly in the middle of the aisle self-service stores and then stand around chatting?

Happen to telephone just as you settle down to listen to a program which you have been anticipating for some time?

Read aloud a lengthy newspaper article (in which you have interest) when you are paying a short visit to some one else?

Park diagonally across a parking space thus absolutely room for two other cars?

Find it comes so much easier to criticize than to praise? (Write a column like this?)

Faith is the staff on which we lean to keep from falling.

Letter To Editor

Editor, The Mountaineer: On behalf of this entire unit I would like to express our appreciation for the fine publicity that you have given us since the reorganization of the National Guard here in 1947. Your coverage of the activities of this unit in news articles, features, editorials and photos so consistently has made us the most highly publicized unit in the North Carolina National Guard. SAMUEL A. CARSWELL, Capt. Inf. NCNG, Tank Company 120th Inf. Regt. (90 MM Gun), North Carolina National Guard, Waynesville. Want Ads bring quick results.

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Nation in for a Shock Over Teen-Age Misdeeds

WASHINGTON—Senators predict that the congressional hearing on juvenile delinquency, opening Wednesday, Nov. 18, will shock the nation. The investigation is being conducted by a special sub-committee headed by Senator Robert C. Hendrickson (R) New Jersey. It is aimed at finding ways to strengthen coverage of the misdeeds of teen-agers.

Subcommittee sources confess that their preliminary probing disclosed a shocking mass of material, bearing the recent warning of FBI Director J. E. Hoover that thousands of youthful criminals were developing into a nationwide menace.

The influence of so-called "comic" books, glorify crime and criminals and leave lurid impressions on the minds of adolescents, will be spotlighted.

Although the hearings are to be televised, arrangements have been made to protect from glare of publicity the many youthful witnesses whose stories will be heard by the senators.

SUBURBAN VOTE—In past elections, concentrated efforts at getting out the votes have centered in big cities. However, in 1954, the momentum drives will be made in the suburbs.

The reason is that cities are remaining more or less static from population standpoint, but virtually all suburbs have registered growth.

Democrats, particularly, are interested in the suburban vote cause the 1952 presidential election indicated that people who voted the Democratic ticket when they lived in cities became Republicans after they moved to more spacious precincts.

Special squadrons already are being formed by both the GOP and Democrats to "beat the bushes" for votes in next year's congressional races.

The Republicans want to consolidate their gains, the Democrats are eager to recoup their losses.

COLOR TV—The Federal Communications Commission is under heavy pressure from some segments of the television industry fear that set sales may slump when color TV is approved.

The manufacturers have passed the word along that they would be unhappy if the FCC delayed approval until after the Christmas buying rush. Because some technical details of the system still require close study they may get their wish, according to industry sources.

After color programs receive the final go-ahead signal the industry hopes to have color sets in production on an assembly-line basis a matter of months.

They predict that color TV will cut most heavily into the sale of expensive console black and white sets, but that cheaper table models will not be affected. That is because color sets will cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in the first stages of production. However, right now some manufacturers believe that early FCC approval may ruin the expected buying rush for conventional black and white receivers.

FOOD INSURANCE—A revolutionary proposal to establish international food insurance program is under active consideration in Washington and other free world capitals.

The plan is being studied by the Food and Agricultural Administration, which is said to regard it favorably.

Procedure would be to create a "famine reserve" developed from surplus foodstuffs which would be held available for quick distribution in areas suffering from drought or other emergencies.

Regular payments, made by participating nations, would be made into a fund for use to purchase food for the "famine reserve."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

