

For I know not to give flattering titles: in so doing my maker would soon take me away.—Job 32:22.

Flattery corrupts both the giver; and adulation is not a vice to the people than to kings.

Gifts To Library Will Be Beneficial For Generations

Education is the indispensable basis of progress.

And that must be part of the thinking of those who are contributing so generously to the building fund of the Haywood County Library.

Last Thursday this newspaper carried the happy announcement that three individuals and one civic club had contributed more than \$10,000 in cash to the building fund of the Library.

The plan is to modernize the Ferguson home place which was donated to the Library last fall by two daughters of the late Burder Ferguson — Mrs. Maude Watson and Mrs. Marjorie Blaylock.

In keeping with the generosity of the family, two other members of the Ferguson family, Mrs. Homer Ferguson gave \$3,000 and the top gift of \$5,000 was given by Alex Shuford, son of Mrs. Watson.

Dr. John Smathers here gave \$1,000 while the Woman's Club added \$1,007 which they raised for the special fund.

According to the Library trustees, about \$75,000 will be needed to modernize the Ferguson Home for the new Library building. That would give this community a library that will prove adequate for many years, and prove beneficial for all who used the facilities.

Those who have made generous gifts, plus those who will make other gifts in the future, are making an investment in education which will be something that will prove valuable now, and for the many generations to come.

The Perfect Cook Has Been Found

Robots are getting better and better. For quite a while these mechanical marvels have been able to figure mathematical problems, and now one has been invented that can bake a cake.

This latest example of man making himself obsolete was on display in New York. The cake recipe was recorded on tape and then run through the electronic marvel.

The result was cake after cake, each alike and each perfect.

The uses of the mechanical brain heretofore have been confined to industry, research and spectacular pieces of showmanship such as televised election returns.

The thought of robots for the kitchen opens many a lovely vista. Here, perhaps, is the answer to the servant problem; the impeccable cook with never a day off, absolutely non-alcoholic, and once the final installment is met, one who works for free.

—The Atlanta Constitution.

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Closing The County Home A Wise Decision

"The Old Giveth Way To The New."

And so it is with the Haywood County Home.

The institution has stood through the years, sheltering the aged, and those who had no other home.

But as a new era of economics, and new standards were adopted by the American people, the county home system became obsolete, as it gave way to nursing homes, operated by individuals.

Throughout North Carolina, county after county found it economically sound to abandon their county home in favor of the nursing home system.

There has not been a single instance where a county has reverted to the old system after trying out the nursing home plan.

Several months ago the board of commissioners began a study of the proposal, and consulted at length with Welfare officials of both the state and local offices. The commissioner's decision was that the people in the county home would be happier in a modern nursing home, and the Haywood taxpayers would be about \$10,000 better off each year. Those two facts made the decision overwhelming and the transfer was started.

The 13 people then at the county home were moved to nursing homes best suited for their individual needs. And since the folk have gone to a nursing home, they are now eligible for funds for their support, contributed jointly by the State, County and Federal Governments. The people get \$55 a month, of which the county pays \$9. Some of the folk are being taken care of in a modern nursing home for \$44 a month, which means there is \$11 left for their clothes, medicine and other incidentals. If the cost of medicine is more, then the county supplements the additional need.

Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent of Public Welfare, said a periodic visit will be made to each person in the various nursing homes, and reports made as to their needs, as well as to the satisfaction they are deriving from staying at the home.

Mrs. Queen quoted two of the people who were at the county home, as saying only a few days after being transferred to a nursing home: "Mrs. Queen, we never realized anything could be so fine. We like this place fine."

The county officials visited the nursing homes, and found them well suited, and equipped to take care of the folk.

"We found the places with steam heat, single beds with new springs and mattresses, everything clean as a pin, and the food was excellent," one official said, in telling of his visit to a licensed nursing home.

The commissioners took the position that in closing the county home they would be doing those people at the home a distinct favor by providing better facilities, and at a saving of some \$10,000 a year to the taxpayers. Their decision seems to be the only practical course to take in view of such convincing facts.

Unwilling Gladiator

After 20 years of bickering the couple finally landed in the divorce court.

"This always grieves me," said the kindly judge, "After so many years of married life you now want to quit. Now, let's talk it over. You, Mrs. Hardley, have filed the suit and your husband is fully agreeable. Can't this case be settled out of court?"

"Huh, I've tried to settle things out of court, but this husband of mine is a coward. He just won't fight!"

—Wall Street Journal.

Voice of the People

Do you think North Carolina should have a compulsory auto-inspection law instead of the present voluntary one? (A bill is now before the General Assembly to re-institute a voluntary inspection program, but to have the inspection done by commercial garages instead of by the state.)

W. R. McCracken — "I think it would be a good idea to have such an inspection law."

Mrs. Jerome Boyd — "It would help us women drivers know when there's something wrong with our cars."

Hye Sheptowitch — "Inspection in official garages is as important as any other safety measure."

Kenneth Parrott — "I think a compulsory inspection program would be a good thing if the state didn't try to handle it, but would leave it up to local garages."

Miss Edna Summerrow — "Yes, I think it would be a good idea."

COW PALACE THAT REALLY HAS THE GOP WORRIED.



Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO Mrs. R. L. Prevost entertains Monday Afternoon Contract Club. Joe Jack Atkins returns to his studies at the University of North Carolina. Miss Hester Ann Withers, student at Agnes Scott College, is spending the spring holidays at home. Harry Lee Liner gets award for best acting in operetta "Lucky Jade".

10 YEARS AGO Edith Noland wins war bond in 4-H district contest. Pfc. Herman Fie is wounded in action in Germany. Staff Sergeant Joseph N. Tate, Jr. is awarded the Air Medal for "Meritorious Achievement". T. Hunter Worsham, Jr. is promoted to technician fifth grade with the first army in Germany. Noel Phillips is reported prisoner of Nazis.

5 YEARS AGO Dale Ratcliffe is Haywood Student of the Week. WTHS Concert Band and individual musicians gain five superior ratings in Asheville district music contest. High winds blow out two plate glass windows of Davis-Liner Motor Co. Miss Betty Bradley is engaged to Joe C. Cline. Miss Edna Summerrow heads Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Washington Report

By BILL WHITLEY

TRADE.—The old question of what to do about foreign trade is one of the toughest and most controversial issues facing this session of Congress.

A general tightening of the domestic economy has thrown considerable support behind the high-tariff school of thought. The so-called "protectionists" argue that high tariffs are needed to keep cheap, foreign-produced products off the American market at a time when competition is keen among domestic producers.

STOCKS.—The argument over trade policy is taking place under unique circumstances. Sentiment for high tariffs is increasing at a time when surpluses are piling up in all agricultural products — at a time when increased exports are sorely needed to reduce the backlog of commodities now stored in warehouses.

NEW APPROACH.—In an effort to break the logjam now choking world trade, Senator W. Kerr Scott has proposed what he calls a plan for a "World Food Bank."

Under his plan, free countries of the world would set up a food bank along the lines of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Under Senator Scott's plan, countries with abundances of food, fiber and other agricultural products would loan needy countries, through the world food bank, food and other raw material to fight hunger and famine.

Such a plan, Scott said, would permit countries with over supplies of food to get it to areas where hunger is running rampant. "And it wouldn't be a give-away program," he said. "That's what I like about the bank approach to the problem. It would be a business-like way of getting wider distribution of the world's food and fiber production. The same approach is working very well as to financial needs through the international bank. If it can work with dollars, it can work with food."

Scott said world food banks would go a long way toward turning back the tide of communism. "Communism spreads like wildfire in areas where people are hungry. Asia is a perfect example. A world food bank would provide the machinery for helping feed millions of hungry people and give countries with broken economies a real shot in the arm," he said.

Impartial Justice

BALTIMORE (AP)—Judge John B. Gontrom cautioned members of the grand jury to be completely impartial. To illustrate, the judge recalled an incident when, as a young lawyer, he rested a case. The presiding judge said he would give the verdict the next day "because I'll have to talk it over first with Ma and the girls."

Just Looking Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

D. Reeves Loland is a consistent reader of want ads, no matter what newspaper he has, he always enjoys reading the "for sale" column. He gets a lot of enjoyment from reading the want ads, just as he did last week as he read:

"For Sale, good power lawn mower. Only reason for selling it is too heavy for my wife. Call—"

"Now there is an honest man trying to sell a lawn mower," Mr. Loland commented.

This was handed us, as an intercepted high school note: "My Dearest Darling — Since our first day in class together, my feelings for you have grown into something beautiful and sincere. And a question has arisen in my heart. I don't know whether it's proper or fair that I should ask you this question now. I've fought for courage to ask it, and I know your answer will be from your heart. "Do you think the Lone Ranger will sell his horse if he's drafted?"

We found this in a magazine the other day, and it reminded us of our last horseback ride:

BY HORSE INTO GRAND CANYON When going down you ride like this for one entire day and coming back it is the same except you lean the other way. And after that you are so sore you stay like this a week or more.

Leo Alkman in the Atlanta Journal tells this one: "As the policeman neared the street corner, the little man who had been standing there a long time called to him timidly, 'Excuse me, officer, but I have been waiting here for my wife for more than an hour. Would you be so kind as to order me to move on?'"

Someone suggested that an appropriate sign for a florist truck might be: "Drive carefully or our next load may be for you."

A group were standing around looking at a wrecked car, when someone spoke up: "How can you estimate damages like that? It was a total loss before it was wrecked."

Kidd Brewer, former football star and coach, now writing a popular column from Raleigh, carried the following paragraph in his column recently:

PASSING THOUGHT... Has anyone else noticed that William Medford, the able and handsome senator from Waynesville, resembles Gary Cooper? Incidentally, Bill's beautiful wife is a strong supporter for Duke University, while Bill is a loyal Carolina man. This is accounted for by the fact that Bill went to Carolina, Mrs. Medford to Duke. Well, one thing for sure, at least Bill found one thing attractive at Duke University.

The hornbill, an African bird, has nesting habits in which the female walls herself up in a hollow tree and her mate feeds her and the young until the little birds are ready to fly.

Research indicates that drafts chilling, wetting and other discomforts have little effect on common cold infections.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

We have just had the pleasure of a visit with a friend who spent the past two years in Juneau, Alaska... and very interesting to hear about the country that, to many, the impression of being a land of ice and snow, but from the Japanese gulf stream affording the heat stimulus. Our friend left Juneau, February first; the temperature lower than 28 degrees above.

But the prices would raise the temperature of a roast beef sandwich which would be something like a dollar bill up there. And when you speak in whispers (probably because the price has taken breath) but it IS a steak. And a one-room efficiency (furnished) is \$83.50 a month, plus utilities. Everything to the nth degree and the homes are on a line with the States.

What intrigued our friend more than anything else was the midnight sun in summer, when the daylight hangs around the clock. Altogether, we got a most alluring idea.

There is nothing that can boomerang faster than a remark.

Already we are having the pleasure of seeing through Waynesville from Florida on their way back to their homes. We are getting our first glimpses of spring accessories and they are all very pleasing. But we are some opinions thrown at us. One group of five ladies being their views very volubly, about the Wednesday afternoon of the shops. It seems they had come through several that had a succession of half-days and they had managed to hit each of them on that special half day. Then the town, all set to do their shopping here when lo and behold arrived at twelve-thirty on Wednesday.

I wish I were a crescent moon, Just hanging by a silver thread Against a sky of purple hue From which all signs of day have fled

I'd proudly gaze on earth below, And envy not its lonely life; While I moved on my lively way, Far from a world of war and strife.

I'd gather in a quarter new, For weekly wage as I rode high, At the month's end I'd have enough To get quite full and rule the sky.

I'd shed my light where it would fall On mountains steep and restless sea, On weary men who toil by night, On those whose hearts are light and free.

At the month's end, I'd start again... A crescent moon in purple sky... A million stars for company, And all the world to watch pass by.

Say I Saw It In The Mountains

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Standby Controls Bill Passage Seen Probable Temporary Very Rigid Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—There is widespread support on Capitol Hill for granting President Eisenhower standby power to wage and other controls on the economy, but only with safeguards.

Indications are a standby controls bill probably will be only granted the President authority to clamp controls on United States or one of its possessions were attacked. The power probably would be given for only 90 days—time to enable Congress to review and pass a specific bill.

Powerful GOP leaders as well as Democrats are reluctant to give the President authority to accept in case of an extreme emergency, any such legislation aimed at a war emergency stemming from the Formosa question as it comes to administration decides to request that power, it will be in connection with the Defense Production Act, which the President wants the Act to pass.

President Eisenhower is proving himself just as astute as Truman or the late FDR in keeping the public guessing about whether he will seek a second term. Ike's neat footwork was demonstrated anew at the and TV correspondents' dinner at which he was guest of impromptu speech, Mr. Eisenhower rose to thank the pair of English lanterns to be hung on the porch of the Pa. farm home. The President recalled that last year the same day him a sun dial for the farm. The President said he would like to light his way to the farm and the sun dial time until he gets there. He left the audience to guess what will be.

UNIMPRESSED—Democratic leaders of the Senate are unimpressed by the press corps covering their actions. Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas, showed the press when he took away from newsmen the privilege of elevators otherwise reserved exclusively for senators. "I reafter," said Johnson, both elevators would be used by members of the Senate, leaving only one elevator for other in the rear of that wing of the Capitol, for the newsmen and private citizens traveling from one floor to another.

He offered to reconsider when a petition was drawn up of reporters, headed by foot-weary lady journalists who had been driven to use the stairs on particularly busy days. Then, the congressional committee on printing, headed by Senator Carl Hayden, announced that newsmen would be given free copies of the Congressional Directory. He said that legislative bluebook hereafter they will have four dollars for indexed and two dollars for un-indexed copies to the government; \$6,200 a year.

A committee aide said that "no one was picking on" the press corps. He said this was merely a continuation of a policy to require everyone but members of Congress and their employes to purchase the Directory if they want it.

He said the policy originated two years ago, when other federal agencies were refused free copies and were notified they would have to buy them instead.

LABOR LEGISLATION—Capitol Hill sources say Labor's year to get the legislation it wants. They point to a labor committee with its pro labor majority of members and to a number of influential union-minded senators organized labor a lift.

The outlook, then, is for passage of labor-sponsored bills, including a hike in the federal minimum wage.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT