

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.—Prov. 16:22.

Anger is momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you.—Horace.

Egg Survey Shows Some Interesting Facts

The survey of egg consumption in Haywood revealed some startling figures of what is being lost by Haywood farmers in not taking care of the local demand.

Some \$400,000 per year is going out of the county each year just for eggs, the survey showed.

If through some regulation, farmers were told they would have to reduce a certain crop by \$400,000 next year, there would be something stirring. Now we find that the same situation exists, in not producing all the eggs which are consumed in the county.

From what we can learn, the demand for eggs is rather steady throughout the year, increasing in the summer with the influx of summer visitors.

The survey shows a lot — it shows there is a lot of yellow to the egg business besides the yolk — some gold, too, for the producers.

Some Headlines 25 Years Ago Were Not So Good

The Raleigh News and Observer in their "25 Years Ago" column, uncovered some news that most of us had just as soon forget. But there are many readers today who never saw such headlines as made page one back in 1931.

Along this same line of thinking, the editor of the Raleigh newspaper said:

Maybe city people don't have to worry about falling farm income. But it might be well for town and country people both to re-read the two first items in the "25 Years Ago" column on this page recently:

Twelve North Carolina banks failed today: The Gastonia National Bank, Clayton Banking Company, Bank of Aulander, Citizens Bank of Yancey, Swannanoa Bank and Trust Company, Bank of Franklin, Bank of Fletcher, Bank of Clyde, Gaston Loan and Trust Company, People's Bank, Gastonia, Bank of Dallas, People's Bank of Waco.

The S&W Cafeteria in Raleigh reduced prices on food. Peas and beans were reduced to 5 cents, two eggs, any style, cost 10 cents, and other items were reduced 10, 20 and 25 per cent.

It would be nice to be able to buy two eggs, any style, at the S&W, for 10 cents, but it would not be much fun to eat them to the dismal music of crashing banks.

LIKE MODERN TIMES

In the Bible there is a passage that reads, "The Chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

Bill Crowell, down at the State Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh, thinks this sounds suspiciously like an ordinary Tar Heel highway.—Morganton News Herald.

By the time most men learn to behave themselves they're too old to do anything else.

Be sure brain is engaged before putting mouth in gear.

A recent survey shows that four out of five women haters are women.

VIEW OF OTHER EDITORS

A Shocking Trend In Government Buying

In a nation which has grown great under a competitive enterprise system, the largest single customer, the United States Government, is doing most of its contracting by negotiation.

This is the startling report which comes from U.S. Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee who has been investigating the lack of uniformity in the government's procurement policies.

Senator Gore recently told the N. C. Press Association that during the fiscal year 1953 about 80 per cent of the government's contracts were by negotiation, rather than on a basis of competitive

Garbage Disposal Presents Real Problem For Many

In his charge to the Grand Jury, Judge J. Will Pless pointed out that he had had complaints of garbage being dumped in rural areas of Haywood, and especially along the banks of streams. Some of the streams are serving as sources of water supplies and have been found to be littered with garbage.

Haywood is not alone in being faced with this problem, but that does not mean the potential breeding of diseases and flies is in any way reduced.

Judge Pless warned that those who were guilty of such a practice should stop, and added that citizens who saw people dumping garbage in places other than those sites designated for such, should report it to the proper authorities.

We feel that the practice is the result of housewives that have a garbage problem, and throwing it out on the roadside seemed the easiest way to get rid of it. We cannot feel that any person who had given the matter any thought would do it again. Certainly this is hoped to be the case.

The problem goes back to the discussion of some months ago of a county garbage disposal ground, or grounds.

The situation is far more serious than it might appear on the surface.

Divorce Is Never A Laughing Matter

Some reporters seem to take a great deal of pleasure in writing funny stories about divorce, usually based on some bit of testimony given by one of the participants such as "He would set up beer cans in the living room and use a golf ball to bowl" or "She put too much starch in my shirts" or some similar bit.

The national wire services, such as the United Press and Associated Press, appear fond of carrying such stories, and many daily papers publish them.

We don't approve of this, generally speaking.

Usually there is an element of truth in the story, we will admit. Usually one of the people involved will, during the course of court testimony, say something that is funny. But quite often this is not the real reason behind the tragic situation that has brought two people into court.

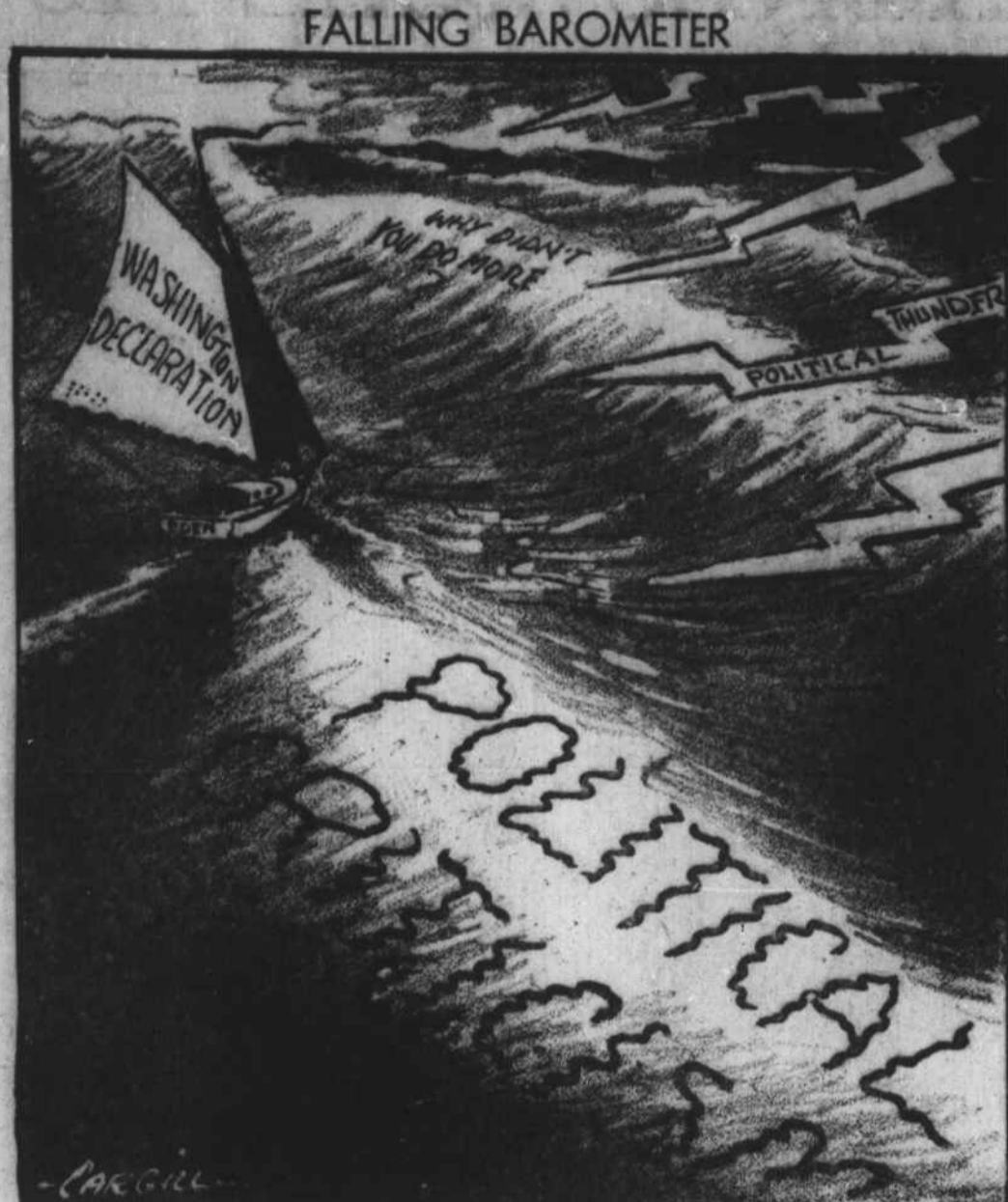
Sometimes a frivolous reason will be given when the correct summary is that both marital partners have decided they would rather be separate than together. Every newspaper reporter who has covered civil actions in court has heard some of these.

We believe that some of the celebrities from the entertainment world often give statements to the press, even in their frequent divorce actions, that are designed simply to give them some front page space.

But most people who go into divorce court are quite serious in their purposes, and are there because some serious trouble (like alcoholism or infidelity) has caused a rift in their marriage.

Since this is the case, we don't find very much humor in most of the divorce cases "brights" as newspaper folk call stories on the light side of life.

We don't think they should be published. —Forest City Courier.



Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Haynes Warren of Ceel is bitten by mad cat.

Mrs. Jack Messer and Miss Josephine Davis open the Fashion Shoppe in the lobby of the Personality Beauty Shop.

Hugh Massie returns from buying trip to St. Louis.

Joe Sloan, Billie Prevost, and James Rose spend Sunday with friends in Greenville, S. C.

10 YEARS AGO

Haywood has more than 3 inches of rain over weekend.

Annual silver tea at Library realizes \$50.00.

Sgt. Victor Nobeck receives his discharge from the army.

Miss Mary Edith Long becomes bride of Russell Edwin Fultz.

Miss Mary Quinlan is serving with the American Red Cross Relief in Western Europe.

Pfc. Bill S. Queen is discharged at Fort Bragg.

5 YEARS AGO

George A. Bischoff is officially elected Hazelwood Fire Chief.

Miss Thelma Ann Jones becomes bride of Hugh Garey Potts.

Mrs. Ernest Hyatt is honored at surprise birthday luncheon given by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Howard Hyatt.

Mrs. Sam Queen heads Haywood Tourist Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray go to Daytona Beach for a vacation.

Carol Grahl returns to duty with the Navy.

government contracts and was making more in profits per year than the entire investment in the corporation.

It will, of course, continue to be necessary to handle some buying by negotiated contract, but it shouldn't be necessary for Uncle Sam to spend four dollars out of five without regard to competitive bidding.

This isn't a partisan matter, since the mounting problem has flourished under administrations of both major parties. It is simply a question of checking a trend away from a "good business" practice. Taxpayers have much at stake, and should insist that something be done to see to it that a uniform pattern of fairness be adopted in government buying.

It would be shocking irony for Uncle Sam to continue to turn his back on the competitive principle which is the sinew of the nation's economy. —Morganton News-Herald.

Letter To Editor

CUTTING OF TREES PROTESTED BY GARDEN CLUB

Editor, The Mountaineer: The Mountain View Garden Club wishes to protest the rank destruction of some 26 trees on the new Public Library Grounds, the old Ferguson homestead.

As of last Friday approximately 26 trees had been destroyed, with numerous of the remaining trees marked for future chopping.

It is with the deepest concern that our members and many of our friends have watched the destruction of our town's natural beauty, first in the Cemetery, then in the so-called City Park on East Street, later the Court House lawn, and the old Central School property. Even the trees of Hazelwood School have been butchered with cropping.

And now the God-given, 100-year-old beauty of the future Library has been ruined where a natural park already existed, needing only care, proper pruning and thinning, general beautification to be put to immediate use.

If the defense is that some of the trees were rotten or diseased—as they no doubt were—it is indefensible that 26 should be removed at one time instead of over a period of years, some of them fine, good trees.

This is doubly indefensible in the light of the fact that, since the Ferguson home was donated to the Library Board, no effort has been made to board up and preserve the house from the vandalism which must amount to hundreds of dollars in value to date. The same money and effort now going into baring this property could have been put to better use.

In all probability the local garden clubs will want and be expected to landscape these grounds. Trees are a basic necessity of good landscaping.

The old Ferguson home had a distinction and charm of its own. It is now just a barren public building, with its every defect or weakness of architecture

Voice of the People

Some people welcome snow because of its beauty; others dread it because snow makes traveling difficult. How do you feel about snow?

Frances Deal—"I think it's beautiful. I like to sit here by the window and look at the snow on the trees. I hope it snows once more before spring.

Mrs. J. M. Long—"I like to see it coming down, but I'm glad to see it go. We did need the last snow we had."

Joe Turner—"I'm in favor of snow at any time."

Lynwood McElroy—"I'm highly in favor of it. It's a great aid to farmers and fishermen."

Dr. L. B. Hayes—"Have you entered into the treasures of the snow?" is a question asked in the Bible. I think that snow crystals are the most beautiful things in the world. Each one is different."

What Is About Her?

Funny, we remember the names of none of the ten best-dressed women picked a week ago or so, but can always recall Dorothy Lamour.—Detroit News.

SNAPPY FINISH

When Frank Knox was Secretary of the Navy, an old friend asked him about ship movements, which were a military secret. Knox did not want to reply. "Can you keep a secret?" he asked his friend. "I certainly can!" the man declared.

"Well," said Knox, "So can I." —Milwaukee Journal.

made blatant.

Very truly yours, The Mountain View Garden Club By Mrs. Walter Baermann.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The more one reads the daily papers, the more confused one gets on current events. One day the headlines proclaim an investigation into this or that; then a few days later the investigation has been postponed, set aside or not even mentioned. At least, Senator McCarthy kept his high jinks on the move.

Way, way back when we first learned to read the papers (Oh, happy day!) we didn't seem to have scare lines. We often wonder now what they DID use for headline stuff. We must have had senators, congressmen and other high dignitaries but, as far as we knew they were highly decorous gentlemen who went to Washington or the state capitol and attended strictly to the business for which the voters had elected them. There were no mink coats, deep freezers, pedigreed heifers, atomic controversies, jet plane arguments, no international squabbles and very little scandal in the upper brackets.

Then suddenly we were brought to the realization of trouble. The papers blazoned out: "Battleship Maine Sunk," and we were introduced to our first war extras. When we think of the millions of words used in war news since that fateful day, we get a bit heart-sick and wish the newspapers could again have a little of the peace of those long-ago days.

Heard in passing: "I'd sure like to tell her what I think of her but if I did, she'd get mad and I couldn't borrow her pressure cooker on Sunday."

The ladies looked at each other apprehensively as they gathered at Mrs. Abbe's for the monthly Circle meeting, and they gave one collective gulp as Little Mary opened the door and ushered them in. They laid aside their wraps but kept a convulsive grip on their purses remembering only too well the last visit to Mrs. Abbe's when Little Mary emptied their purses into one pile and then thoroughly scrambled it into a hopeless confusion. But the meeting went along peacefully this time and the ladies relaxed.

But it just had to happen. Mrs. Jayjay, noted for her thrifty-plus habits was getting into her coat when Little Mary came up to her, handing out a five-cent piece. "Let me see you do it," she said in her politest manner. Mrs. Jayjay looked surprised but asked: "What do you want me to do?" The little girl cocked her head to one side as she again proffered the nickel. "My Mommie said you squeezed a nickel so hard when you got hold of it that you choked off the wind of both the Indian and the buffalo."

Dan Cupid with his mighty bow,
That shoots an arrow straight and true,
Into the hearts of maids and men,
Is aiming one right now at you.
He picked you out from all the rest,
Because you are so sweet and fine,
With lacy frills and rosebuds pink,
You make a perfect Valentine.

It Isn't Done

Someone might also hint that holding-out on the last green during an important tournament with an unbuttoned overcoat flapping in the breeze is not generally considered the height of good taste in this county.—London Sketch.

Progress To Now

The typical father chosen on a holding-out on the last green during an important tournament with an unbuttoned overcoat flapping in the breeze is not generally considered the height of good taste in this county.—London Sketch.

Inside WASHINGTON

Water Consumption to Increase Expect U. S. to Use 350 Billion Gallons Daily 20 Years Hence

WASHINGTON—Americans are using water in such increasing quantities that by 1975 they are expected to need 350 billion gallons a day, compared to 185 billion gallons they used daily in 1950. Practical effects of this unprecedented use of water on an average city of 10,000 is summed up in the Department of Agriculture's new yearbook, entitled *Water*, in these words:

"The city of 10,000 in 1950 will be a city of 13,300 in 1975; the average daily consumption of water in that city in 1950 was 1,400,000 gallons; in 1975 it will be 2,067,000 gallons.

"In other words, any city in the United States can expect by 1975 a growth in population and an increase in the rate of water use of such size that the city will have to provide 142 per cent of today's supply for tomorrow's city. That is an average day.

"Assuming that the peak demand in 1975 will correspond to the 1953 record, we can compute that the average city will need to provide facilities to meet a 1975 peak day reaching 235 per cent of its 1952 average day."

Ancient civilization developed in areas where good water was available, and some of them disintegrated and disappeared because they allowed silt and pollution to contaminate their water supply.

Water was a first consideration among early settlers in this country. Most homes were built near a spring or stream. Our largest cities developed along navigable water, for this vital substance has long provided the easiest mode of transportation.

Water has played a vital role in the religions, literature and industrial development of mankind. And today's civilization uses more water in industry and in the home than ever before.

Pulp mills that make newsprint for your newspaper and other paper products use enormous quantities of water. Steel mills normally have a 65,000-gallon intake of water for every ton of steel. Industrial use of water that was 80 billion gallons a day in 1950 in this country is expected to increase to 215 billion daily by 1975.

American homes are using more and more water for each person as home laundry machines, air-conditioning apparatus, automatic dishwashers, garbage grinders, lawn sprinklers, and two-bathroom homes equipped with showers grow in popularity.

"I HAVE LITTLE NEED to remind you that water has become one of our major national concerns," Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson asserted in a foreword to *Water*. "We have to stop wasting water. We have to use it more efficiently in industry, in towns, in general farming, and in irrigation, which is destined to be adopted in all parts of the nation.

"We need an increased awareness among all Americans of the oneness of our physical resources. Just as many lives make up our one national life, so our agriculture has many parts of a single whole. Water, land and people are inseparable components of one thing, our welfare."

Despite alarming facts on constantly increasing demands for water in every part of the nation, optimism prevails in the USDA's *Water*. Intensive research is being devoted to every facet of the sources, uses, distribution and conservation of water.

Many industries are re-using water efficiently. Floods, droughts and other water problems have awakened more people to an awareness of the mounting water problem.

"Planning for the maximum development of our water resources for the longtime benefit of all of our people, when properly conceived, can bind together individual and the community, farmer and urbanite, as few other conservation activities can do," said one writer in the 751-page yearbook.

"Conservation has received perhaps its greatest impetus since our dealings with soil, forests, wildlife, recreation, community betterment and industrial development have come to be viewed in terms of their interrelationships with water."

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT

KERCHIEF, A CLOTH WORN BY WOMEN AS A COVERING FOR THE HEAD.

KERCHIEF, A HANDKERCHIEF.

JEFFERSON NICKEL WAS DESIGNED BY T. S. SULLIVAN, A NATIVE OF GERMANY.

SCRAPS

WHAT CAUSES THAT WEAK, GRIBBY FEELING AFTER AN ILLNESS? LACK OF BODY POTASSIUM.

THE RUSSIAN WILD BOAR IS THE MOST DANGEROUS ANIMAL IN THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA-TENNESSEE BORDER. IF CORNERED OR WOUNDED IT IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN A LION.

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