

For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. —Romans 14:2.

One man's word is no man's word; we should quietly hear both sides.—Goethe.

Editorial Page of the Mountaineer

New Standards For High School

The action of the executive committee of the University of North Carolina last week is a far-reaching step, and one that will touch the lives of every Tar Heel high school student planning to attend college.

The trustees set forth a plan requiring entrance examinations for admission to the three units of the consolidated university.

This action, according to the Raleigh News and Observer, constitutes a long overdue forward step.

Until now, all graduates of standard high schools have been admitted to the greater university units without question. That practice, it was pointed out, was justified by the theory that all high school graduates are qualified for college. The fact remains, however, that a high percentage of high school graduates are not qualified for college work.

The action of the trustees cannot be lightly overlooked by student, parent, and certainly high school teachers and members of the school administration.

The News and Observer, speaking editorially along the same line, said:

"The new requirement may be attacked as a reflection upon North Carolina high schools. If there is any reflection implied in the action the reflection is deserved on the record. As a matter of fact, however, the new requirement should serve the desirable purpose of improving the caliber of high school education in North Carolina. There are now many high schools in the State whose graduates are properly prepared for college. There are many others which graduate students whose preparation is deficient.

"The new requirement, which will become effective in 1957, although the examinations will begin this year, will serve to end the fiction that all high schools in the State maintain uniform standards. The requirement will also serve to raise the standards of the high schools with the lowest standards.

"Graduates of high schools should be prepared for college. When the examination system develops the fact that some high school graduates are not prepared, the parents of those children will naturally demand explanations. And if the number of rejections by the university are disproportionately high in any community, demands for explanations will become so numerous and will have so much merit that corrective action as well as explanations may be expected.

"One feature of the plan, however, deserves a cautionary note. The present intention, apparently, is to disqualify only those who finish in the lowest one-fourth in all of the three tests required. As a practical matter this arbitrary distinction might result in the admission of disqualified students or the rejection of qualified students. It is entirely conceivable that in a given year more than 75 per cent of those taking the examinations would pass them and in another year less than 75 per cent would do so. And it is not only conceivable, but highly probable, that some applicants might do well on some of the examinations and very poorly on others. It would seem that a requirement of passing marks would be fairer to both applicants and the university.

"However, if the arbitrary requirement concerning the 'lowest one-fourth' proves unsatisfactory, it can be abandoned. For that matter the examination plan itself can be abandoned if, in the future, it should become unnecessary because of the adoption of higher and more uniform standards for graduation by high schools. The present need for entrance examinations is undeniable and the

trustees are to be congratulated for their action."

"A little less of you or me, A little more of us."—William T. Card.

Trouble is only opportunity in work clothes.

Honesty is the fear of being caught.

Views of other editors

Thrift Needs Its Gimmicks Too

The two Nashville men who have invented a sort of slot machine, to be set up in public places and to help people save their spare change, have still another well-intended gimmick to discourage that perfectly dreadful habit of spending money. Shoppers presumably will feed all their stray

Views of other editors

Good News For Burley Growers

The fact that Congress has seen fit to kill the measure which would cut tobacco acreage 15 per cent is an encouraging note to farmers.

As this is written the measure must go to the White House for the signature of the president, before it becomes final.

The action of Congress literally means an increase of 15 per cent additional burley for farmers, and that means a lot in view of the prior cuts which have already been made.

The cancellation of the directive ordering the burley cuts came at a time when burley farmers can still plant their full acreage — and this is most important this year, that the full allotments be planted.

Last year there were a number of Haywood farmers that failed to plant their full allotments, and thereby lost that much cash income from burley. It is not likely that such will be the case this year, especially in view of the "close call" with the 15 per cent curtailment.

Miss Osborne A Pioneer Specialist

A fact not known to many people was that Miss Florence Osborne was a pioneer in advocating modern pasture-building, and purebred cattle.

We were told that Miss Osborne was among the first if not the first person in Haywood to plant ladino clover. She constantly read and studied ways to improve her farm, and dairy herd. She was a member of that school that realized the necessity of using new scientific methods in her business, which made it very successful.

Miss Osborne's memory was such that she not only knew the quality of every animal in her large herd, but knew the background, and pedigree which is so essential in purebred stock.

Miss Osborne loved her herd and farm, and she never tired of devising new methods for improving each. She truly loved her work, and the success she attained will stand as a monument to her for many, many years to come, as well as an inspiration to others in similar fields of endeavor.

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CHURCHILL'S UNDERSTUDY



My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

September 26, 1942

Mr. Carl Goerch
State Magazine
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Carl: In your September 21 issue you carried an article about the palatial home that Ray Adams of Washington, D. C., has purchased on the banks of Currituck County. I have just received a letter from Ray asking me to contact you and see if you could not send him ten extra copies of that issue. Please forward them to him at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,
Roland Mumford

September 27, 1942
Mr. Ray T. Adams
Keene-Adams, Inc.
Eleventh and F Streets, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams: I have just received a letter from our mutual friend, Roland Mumford, instructing me to send you ten thousand extra copies of our September 21 issue.

Of course, we do not have this extra number of copies available, but luckily we still have the plate standing. I have instructed our printers to rush this order through immediately and they inform me that the ten thousand copies will be ready for shipment by Monday.

We will have them crated and sent to you by express, so that you will get them Tuesday or Wednesday.

The cost of the copies will be \$621.50. If we had had to re-set the type it would, of course, have been much more. You may remit for same at your convenience.

Thanking you for this order and hoping that we may have the pleasure of serving you again, I am

Letter To Editor

EXPLANATION

Editor, The Mountaineer:

Recent statements by the National Park Service to the press regarding right of way needed to carry the Blue Ridge Parkway around Grandfather Mountain have omitted certain essential facts and should be corrected. My family conveyed to the State for the Parkway back in 1939 a right of way several miles long and 1000 feet wide following the route laid out by the National Park Service. The Park Service has since that time, and since our extensive development of Grandfather Mountain as a scenic attraction, requested a right of way that would come a measured mile inside our property line and which would impair the natural beauty of Grandfather Mountain for all purposes except those of the Park Service.

Highway Chairman A. H. Graham recommended a compromise route a short distance above the 1939 right of way, and I agreed to this compromise by offering last August to donate this land to the State for the Parkway. It is my understanding that the compromise route suggested by Chairman Graham is satisfactory to Governor Hodges and the members of the Highway Commission.

HUGH MORTON.

Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Miss Sarah Welch is selected to represent the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, DAR, in the state contest for the citizenship award.

N.Y.L. Club has Valentine party at the home of Miss Lucy and Miss Edna Jones.

Bethel Seed Judging Team, Glenn Chambers, Bill Hyatt, and Steve Cathey, win third place in State Contest.

10 YEARS AGO

Haywood people provide money to buy 34 acres for 4-H Club Camp.

Dave Felmet, Jack Messer, L. H. Bramlett, and Furman Jones buy firm of Hyatt and Company.

M. B. Reeves, Jr. of Clyde receives discharge from the Navy.

Mrs. R. H. Plott observes 91st birthday.

Miss Rosalyn Ray honors Miss Martha Way, bride-elect, at steak supper.

5 YEARS AGO

Glenn W. Brown is named to county board of elections, succeeding Crom E. Cole.

First Baptists vote to start new auditorium immediately.

Phil Lowe celebrates his birthday with a dinner at his home on the Howell Mill Road.

H. C. Turner, student at UNC, spends weekend with his parents.

Dinner Guest: "Will you please pass the nuts?" Professor, absent-mindedly: "Yes, I suppose so, but I really should flunk them."—Memphis Press-Scimitar.

North Carolina Banks Show Gains

RALEIGH (AP)—Total resources of all banks in North Carolina increased \$138,024,311 last year, according to State Banking Commissioner W. W. Jones.

On Dec. 31, he said yesterday, combined resources of state and national banks stood at \$2,688,689,422, compared with \$2,550,665,112 at the end of 1954.

Assets of the state banks increased \$90,425,774 last year to a total of \$1,892,160,112.

The number of state banks last year shrank from 178 to 173 but the number of branches increased by 16 to a total of 271.

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ROLAND MUMFORD
HOTEL SIR WALTER
RALEIGH, N. C.

HAVE JUST RETURNED TO WASHINGTON—AFTER A WEEKS VISIT TO MY HUNTING CLUB AT COROLLA NC HAVE A LETTER HERE FROM CARL GOERCH STATING HE IS SHIPPING ME BY EXPRESS TEN THOUSAND COPIES OF SEPT 21ST ISSUE OF STATE MAGAZINE CHARGES \$621.50 AUTHORIZED BY YOU, YOU CRAZY NUT I ASKED YOU TO SEND ME TEN COPIES NOT TEN THOUSAND. SHALL REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE TEN THOUSAND COPIES, SUGGEST YOU CONTACT GOERCH IMMEDIATELY TO CORRECT YOUR MISTAKE.

RAY T. ADAMS

No matter how good a man's eyes are it is seldom easy for him to see his own faults.—Laurel (Miss.) Leader—Call.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

With the admission that George Washington's birthdate had originally been February 11 but later changed with a new calendar to February 22, we are again faced with the fact that another new calendar could be created just as it was from the Julian to the Gregorian. On numerous occasions this question has been brought before the public for a decision but has always managed to be sidetracked.

How nice it would be to have the year made up of thirteen months, each month, each week, beginning on a specified day throughout the years. How easy to plan on Junior's birthday six weeks ahead, or look back to see if it rained the day we started out on that long automobile trip. Quite naturally, confusion would lift its worried head until the routine had been perfected, then peace would reign.

What is that awful howling we hear in the distance? Oh, that is the cry of anguish from the calendar makers who have a stock already printed up to 1966!

Heard in passing: "I should say he's henpecked. He always looks as though he'd just been hauled out of hiding."

Readers of this column often ask us how we find things to write about each issue. Friends, we ask ourselves the same question twice a week. We try to keep the abstract and not deal in personalities unless the occasion arises when we feel that the person concerned should be complimented for some deed they have accomplished.

And about those rhymes we get past the deadline! Personally, we feel that a bit of poetry is like a cooling drink of water in the summertime. It sort of perks you up. But there are many who feel about poetry the same as they do about okra . . . they can take it or leave it alone. And many of our readers do the latter.

Now, just one more item. Unless we specifically state where or from whom we got it, everything in Rambling 'Round is original, be it good or bad. And, also like okra, the reader can take it or leave it.

A choice bit of gossip depends upon whose choice it was.

With the great political book being opened for public perusal of its multitudinous pages, we are already being made aware of the capability of man to build a monstrous thing out of words carefully selected as to "vituperativeness".

Why can't the candidate rise on his own individual standards, beliefs and convictions? What merit can he gain by stamping his competitor as a scoundrel, rascal and all the other synonyms pertaining to same?

The perversity of the human race being what it is makes us invariably turn to the under dog, so the political haranguer is, in reality, boosting his opponent, be it candidate or party. But as both sides are swinging hard, it looks like the best thing to do is to keep out of reach.

For the next nine and one half months, the knob on our radio will be turned to "Off" or will swing dizzily around the dial to escape political speeches and to duck the mud slinging.

Exactly in the middle of the lexicon of modern conversation, you find the letter "T".

Yawning Man Stays That Way

JOHNSON CITY (AP)—No body needed to tell George Babb to keep his mouth shut — he was doing his best to close it. Babb woke up yesterday, yawning, and suddenly found he couldn't close his mouth. He was treated for a dislocated jaw and released from Memorial Hospital after a doctor pushed the jaw back in place.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Middle West Looms Major Battle Ground Next November

War and Peace Since 1917 Have Cost U. S. \$806 Billion

Special to Central Press Association

WASHINGTON—The Middle West looms as the great battleground of next November's presidential elections, whether or not President Eisenhower is a candidate. It is in that region of farms and factories that the economic issues on which the campaign will be fought are certain to be most keenly felt.

Middle West farmers are suffering from the price-cost squeeze which the Republicans are attempting to ease, without much hope of dramatic results, between now and election day.

Also in the Middle West, auto workers are being laid off as production falls below last year's record rate. Should the layoffs become sizeable, other industries will be hit.

The Democrats, of course, will seek to exploit the situation, while the Republicans will strive to convince the farmers that their problems are in the process of solution and to find some pump-priming device for the auto production centers.

WAR COSTS—Rep. Lawrence Smith (R), Wisconsin, has figured out that it has cost the United States \$806 billion to wage war and maintain a precarious peace from 1917 to 1954. During that period, he says, the United States has given other nations more than \$129 billion, almost \$100 billion since 1940.

Smith estimates that the American aid bill since World War II totals \$51 billion, of which \$1 billion 325 million has gone to Russia and other Communist nations in the form of direct aid, gifts, bank loans and gifts from private agencies.

In addition, the congressman says, America has spent more than \$77 billion on national defense and preparedness from 1917 to 1954.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—The proposal of former President Herbert Hoover to cut down on the burdens of the presidency by giving him power to appoint an "administrative vice president" is gaining support in Congress.

Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen (R), New Jersey, already has introduced several bills designed to meet the problems spotlighted by President Eisenhower's heart attack and among them was the Hoover proposal. Furthermore, Senator John F. Kennedy (D), Massachusetts, who is chairman of a government operations subcommittee, says his group intends to hold hearings on the subject of easing the President's job. It is understood that Kennedy will seek the opinion of Mr. Eisenhower himself about the idea of a "second vice president." Ike may lend his full support to the idea since he is a firm believer in delegation of powers and now relies heavily on White House aides.

TV QUIZ FOR ALL—Senator Estes Kefauver has a pet idea that he will press should he ever become President. It is to bring the people and their government closer together by having a televised question-and-answer period in Congress.

During stated periods, Cabinet members and heads of various federal agencies would have a chance to explain their problems, report their progress and then be questioned by members of Congress.

Kefauver says: "Under my proposal, the question-and-answer periods would be fully covered by newsmen, radio and television. This would enable 155 million Americans to sit in on what you might call a town meeting on a national scale."

The senator believes such a program, giving the people an insight into the workings of government, would stimulate popular discussion of issues and leaders.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



By R. J. SCOTT