

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.—Romans 3:23.

Forbear to judge, for we are sinners all.—Shakespeare.

Flying Kites Can Be Fun, Or Dangerous

March winds are due to begin to blow and children are taking advantage of the gusty weather by getting out their kites.

Kite flying is fun, but sometimes tragedy can occur from this sport.

Carolina Power & Light Company doesn't want any youngster to get hurt while flying his kite, an officer said.

"Kite flying is fun, but it's always best to do it safely."

It was suggested that youngsters keep their kites away from electric wires and television antennae. That they use dry cotton string and never use metal on their kites.

"When you start to fly your kite," the officer said, "pick a level spot away from power lines, television antennae and without big rocks or trees so that you'll have plenty of room to run. Never use the streets or highways!"

Make sure the cord on your kite doesn't have any metal in it and that it is dry and properly coiled. Don't use wet cord or cord with frayed or that is made with little strands of wire. Cords like those come in contact with electric lines you might lose your life.

If your kite gets caught in a tree or on electric wires, leave it there. Don't climb trees or poles to free your kite. It is far better to buy another kite than have you hurt from a fall or from coming in contact with electric lines.

Go to it boys and girls, fly your kites, but do it safely.

The Waynesville Spirit

It was an opportunity that afforded pleasure when the writer was privileged to attend the annual meeting of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night.

It was a vigorous body with about 300 at the dinner session. It was featured by the presence of several guests from surrounding towns and counties. This is a healthy sign for growth beyond our own counties when progress is interlinked with that of others. Our interests are so many, varied and yet somewhat similar in this mountain area we must learn to work together as one big family.

Waynesville reserved her individual problems for her consideration when company wasn't around but it did shed a definite glow of enthusiasm that was wholesome for guests and home folks.

A healthy statement was that to the effect that the Unagusta Manufacturing Corporation, which lost one of its plants by fire, was ready to break ground for a larger plant in a new location.

Waynesville is now making plans for the enlarged program of the Junaluska Assembly, which is staging something of a world-wide program for the coming season.

The six Hendersonville guests were highly pleased with the optimism of the meeting with its constructive program and the community's go-forward spirit.

—Hendersonville Tribune.

A Meeting Designed To Preserve Life

This matter of speeding, driving drunk, or racing on the highways is serious business—dead serious, because that is what is happening to so many folk—winding up dead, and often, all because of a careless second on the part of someone while driving.

The seriousness of the situation concerns everyone who walks or rides on the highways. So let us conclude that the problem concerns practically every citizen.

It is because of this seriousness, plus the fact that conditions are not improving, that the special mass meeting is being held at the courthouse here Tuesday night, 8 p.m.

Lt. H. C. Johnson, and other patrolmen, will be the speakers. It will not be just the usual safety type safety talk. Many pertinent facts will be given that are aimed at saving your life, the life of your family, and your friends.

What would be more timely, or important?

If you think there is anything more important than your life, then you'd hardly be interested in this meeting. And just because you have a record of safe driving, don't think for a moment that you are immune from being killed by someone who does not have such a fine record. This meeting is designed to get your aid in helping make the careless, fellow safer—for your sake, as well as his.

This is not a meeting to raise money, or sell you anything—except to find ways and means to prolong life, and curb so many violations of highway safety rules.

A State Highway Patrolman says he was in court recently when the judge was questioning a motorist charged with running through a flashing red light. "Didn't you see the light?" the jurist asked the man. "I did, indeed, your honor," he replied. "But I went through on the blink."

The farmer's biggest turnover is his spring plowing.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

Views of Other Editors

Why Freeze Indeed?

Dr. Louis Round Wilson, who at 79 is still a prime mover in University affairs and is currently engaged in writing a history of the University from

1900 to 1920 is fond of verbs and lets his sentences roll along upon them. Dr. Wilson chuckled the other day at a recollection of the time he was overseer of the University News Letter of which Eugene C. Branson was editor.

In one article Dean J. M. Bell of the Chemistry Department had prepared a comprehensive and important account of the comparative merits of wood and coal for heating homes. Heat efficiency was carefully demonstrated. The article was thorough and readable.

But the headline that had been prepared was far from exciting—something like, "Comparative Merits of Heat Efficiency in Coal and Wood."

Branson changed the headline to read, "Why Freeze in North Carolina?"

After the News Letter went out, Dean Bell sent Dr. Wilson a letter saying, "Wasn't that a terrible headline on my article?"

In a few days, reaction to the article was apparent. Newspapers over the state reprinted the article. Editors wrote editorials commenting on it. Clippings poured in. Letters of congratulations were received.

"I'm pleased by the reception of the article," said Dean Bell, "but I still have the feeling that my scientific colleagues may not altogether approve of that Barker-type headline."

Dr. Wilson replied, "If it weren't for the barkers on this outside, we freaks on the inside might starve to death."—The University Report.

Feet-Per-Second Shown To Frighten Speedy Motorists

In discussing speed, the chief cause of traffic deaths, Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt said recently that "too many drivers fail to realize the tremendous distance it requires to stop an automobile at high speed. When a motorist recognizes the fact that he can't stop on a dime, and reduces his speed accordingly, he has taken a long stride toward safer driving and longer life."

Mr. Scheidt says that speed in miles-per-hour is rarely understood, but when per-mile speed is reduced to the number of feet a vehicle travels in a single second, the fact becomes frightening.

A simple formula is offered by Mr. Scheidt for computing feet-per-second from miles-per-hour:

"Take one-half of the indicated speed on your speedometer, add it to the original reading and you have the number of feet your car is traveling in a single second."

"For example, your speedometer reading is 50 mph. Take one-half of 50 and add it (25) to the speedometer reading—you now have a total of 75. That figure (75) is the number of feet your car travels in a single second at a highway speed of 50 mph."

"In that second, when the mind is alerted to potential danger and begins to react, your car travels 75 feet."

The wise motorist will give this formula a great deal of thought as he drives along the highways, but there are so many drivers who do not think, evidenced by their speed and the habit of passing cars on hills and curves, we doubt that the formula will result in much improvement.

An aroused public opinion against speed could produce results, but we have little hope of such a development.

—Stanley News and Press.



Letters to the Editor Looking Back Over The Years

THANKS FOR EDITORIAL Editor, The Mountaineer: I want to thank you for your very generous editorial which was recently re-printed in the Asheville-Citizen and also in our Times-News. It was called to my attention first by J. T. Pain and later I heard many comments from others, all very proud of it. It was a matter of pride with me as a citizen and as President

of our Chamber of Commerce in the coming year. Such aggressive moves will be reciprocated no doubt and do much to firmly cement an already entirely friendly and pleasant relationship between Waynesville and Hendersonville. Thank you again—and please visit us every time you can. We are very fond of the friendly Waynesville Mountaineer. Cordially, Fred Reid, President, Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce.

Views of Other Editors Unagusta's New Plant

Adversity strikes us all to some degree during our lifetime. It affects businesses, large and small, and in many instances it means the end to a corporation's activity.

Last fall, the Unagusta Manufacturing Company at Hazelwood suffered a terrific loss when one of its large plants was destroyed by fire, a loss, according to estimation, amounting to \$750,000. Such a blow, in many cases, would be a death blow to a business. But not to Unagusta. This company, under the guidance of R. L. Prevost, its president, is coming back stronger and better than ever, thus signifying the courage and the faith possessed by Mr. Prevost and his fellow executives.

The editorial of The Asheville Citizen expresses our views in regard to Unagusta. —The Bryson City Times.

Smallest Farms

North Carolina is a state of small farms. In 1950 our farms averaged the smallest in the United States and undoubtedly this will remain true for 1954. The average size of our farms went up by 1.2 acres, total area, and 0.8 on an acre in crop land harvested per farm. While farms have steadily increased in North Carolina throughout our entire history, there has been little or no increase in the amount of farm land, or total cultivated acres.

In 1860 North Carolina had 23,763,000 acres of farm land, while in 1954 we had only 18,260,000 acres. The cultivated acres per farm has declined steadily for 100 years or so, from 96 acres in 1850 to 22.5 in 1954. During the last 20 years or so, there has been little change.

During this latter period, cultivated acreage has held steadily around 21 to 22 acres per farm. In 1954 the average farm in North Carolina contained 68.2 acres and our farms averaged the smallest in the United States. We have been working towards this position for a number of years and have finally achieved bottom rank in size of farms. —UNC News Letter.

Some, Anyhow

Asking a woman her age is like buying a second-hand car. The speedometer's been set back. But you can't tell just how far. —Sam Ragan's column, Raleigh News & Observer.

HAYWOOD PROGRESS

Editor, The Mountaineer: I can't begin to say how much I enjoyed the Chamber of Commerce meeting. It was grand to be with you all, and all of you are to be congratulated on the progress Haywood County has made.

With best wishes for those things that will benefit our region. Sincerely yours, Robert Bunnelle, Publisher, The Citizen-Times.

MANY THANKS

Editor, The Mountaineer: We were very much impressed with the unusual friendliness of you and your fine people of Waynesville. We enjoyed the Chamber of Commerce program, food and fellowship.

Thanks for everything. We will long remember you. Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sinclair, Hendersonville, N. C.

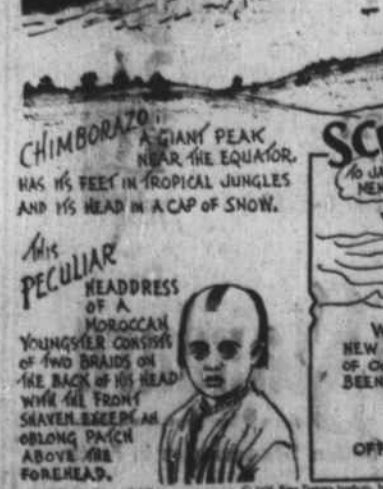
BACHELORS BEWARE

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—This is going to be a trying year for bachelors in New Jersey, that is for those trying to stay single.

Statistics show, among other things, that 41,125 men became husbands during the last leap year, 1952.

The figures dropped to 39,744 in 1954. Stop running, you cowards.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



20 YEARS AGO

Seven Club holds dance in the club house on the White Sulphur Springs Grounds.

Dr. H. O. Champion of Gastonia takes over the management of Smith's Drug Store.

Mrs. G. C. Summerrow visits her sister in High Point.

Edwin Fincher, R. H. West, and Claude Jones of Clyde leave for an extended trip through the Southwest.

10 YEARS AGO

Lt. Roger Walker is officially released from active duty with the U. S. Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sentelle plan observance of fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Robert Eugene Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gibson, receives his discharge from the service.

3 YEARS AGO

Miss Betty Edith Noland is married to Morris Jackson Brooks.

Mrs. Harry Lee Limer, Miss Edna Summerrow, and Mrs. Bill Norris, leave for vacation in Florida.

Mrs. J. H. Howell, Mrs. J. W. Killian, and Mrs. R. N. Barber attend state DAR conference in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Ella Stines Smith is honored at a dinner on her 80th birthday.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Speed seems to be the watchword of the present age. And speed, without control, can be one of the greatest killers of our time, yet in every new invention manufactured speed is emphasized. For the home, the screaming advertisements tell in glowing terms how much time can be saved, how quickly tasks can be completed, the rapidly with which foods can be cooked, et cetera, et cetera. Every automobile manufacturer brags about the horse power of his special make of car; the Government is spending billions to perfect jet planes and missiles.

Is it any wonder the younger generation falls in line trying to outrace his fellow man... and kill himself? In far too many cases this desire for speed leaves death, mutilated and maimed bodies, incurable injuries and limitless damage in financial results. Yet the craze for speed never diminishes, Sunday afternoon riding for conservatives who would like to enjoy their outing is made a torture chamber by those speed-crazed maniacs who race the highways, going nowhere fast so as to turn around and return at the same pace.

Heard in passing: "She's always bragging about her coat of arms. Bet it's nothing more than a vest at that."

Spring surely must be on its way. Last year a pair of birds selected a sheltered place just above our window. They toiled ceaselessly throughout the day, then their task was finished and the lady bird retired. But the "man" of the house would stop on our window sill as though admiring the scenery, and we always rewarded him with bread crumbs. Suddenly we heard twitterings overhead and we knew the family was now complete. A little later, and as suddenly, they were gone.

But this morning, we found a visitor on our window sill then saw its swift ascent to the ledge above. Whether it is the same family returning or the apartment has been sublet to a new tenant, we do not know but we can assure them that meals will be served as usual.

Yes, Spring is on its way!

Some women think that Social Security means belonging to a Country Club.

There's no doubt about it that Milady can find a chapeau to her liking this season; they come big, little, half-way and upside-down. And because they are the very latest, we will adore them.

Some seasons the styles of hats are cruelty in the extreme, for the short plumpish woman will saunter forth with a pill box poised like a setting hen on her head, while an equally ample individual will waddle along completely bowed down under a cartwheel laden with cherries. Unfortunately there are a few of us not included in the models displayed on the advertising pages, but we can take our pick this year. Walk right up, ladies, and take your choice. And they are the best looking we've had to show in many a day.

Why is it that falsehood travels so much faster than truth?

Men In Sunday School

I know of nothing more valuable to a man than to become thoroughly acquainted with and inspired by God's Word.

I know of no better place to get this than in Sunday school. A man has all to gain and nothing to lose by participating in our Sunday school program, and this is true whether he attends in search of spiritual food, or is prepared to provide it for others.

One of the things I have been most aware of in observing men in Sunday school is that they are blessed as they attend and then, more and more, they become a blessing to others.

I have also observed this—that the better job a man does in Sunday school, the better husband and father he is, and the better citizen he is.

What a man gets in Sunday school helps him to reinforce the sanctity of the home and the security of his country.

—Robert S. Kerr, U. S. Senator from Oklahoma

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Dulles' World Tour Regarded Of Highest Political Import Good Highway Restaurants Might Scarce, Says AAA

Special to Central Press Association WASHINGTON—Politically speaking, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' world tour in March is the most important journey the far-roaming statesman has ever made.

Dulles, en route to or returning from the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization meeting in Karachi, Pakistan, will touch virtually all of the world's "danger zones"—including the Middle East, Formosa and Indonesia.

Republicans are hopeful that when he returns, the secretary can report to the nation that prospects for peace are at least as good this year as they were in 1953. Such a report is almost essential to the "peace and prosperity" theme on which the GOP bases its hope of retaining the White House.

An optimistic appraisal from Dulles is also needed, in the view of political strategists, to counter Democratic charges arising from the celebrated "brink of war" diplomacy Dulles outlined in a controversial magazine article.

● BED AND BOARD—Less than one out of every 100 restaurants on the nation's highways and at vacation spots are good eating places, according to field reporters of the American Automobile association.

At a recent three-day conference, the reporters who check accommodations for the AAA declared the number of worthy eating spots for travelers is "appallingly small" percentage-wise. They said that fewer than one per cent of all restaurants available for motorists can be recommended by the AAA. Their principal complaint of the nation's restaurant cooks: "They lack originality. They want to fry everything."

On overnight accommodations, the reporters had better news. They noted that chain operation of good motor courts is increasing, that more mid-town hotels are catering to the tourist than ever before, and new accommodations are emerging rapidly in most parts of the country.

● CALIFORNIA SHOWDOWN—Washington politicians say to keep a close watch on California's June 5 presidential primary. The real tip-off, they say, will be provided as to who gets the Democratic nomination for President. These politicians say that if Adlai Stevenson wins the contest, he is almost a sure bet to get the nomination. However, if Senator Estes Kefauver tops the California voting, he has a good chance of heading the party ticket. That is the reason why both Stevenson and Kefauver are going all-out in the drive to capture the California vote, which probably is the most important of any pre-November balloting this year. The only other primary race figuring in the Democratic picture is Florida's May 29 preferential contest, but Florida doesn't carry the delegate strength that California will have at the Chicago convention. Stevenson and Kefauver also clash in Minnesota's March 20 primary, but Stevenson is such an odds-on favorite that the vote will have little significance in the final determination of a Democratic presidential nominee.

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