

He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted: neither turneth he back from the sword. —Job 39:22.

Fear is a dagger with which hypocrisy assassinates the soul. —R. G. Ingersoll.

Miss Truman's Ideals Suit Us

Miss Margaret Truman will marry a Tar Heel — a newspaperman on the staff of The New York Times.

To us, Miss Truman has always been a young days who seemed to "keep her feet on the ground," and never let the high office affect her in any way.

We recall her visit to Western Carolina College for a concert several years ago. She held a press conference, and was a most gracious person. She impressed everyone then as being "one of you folk" and that attitude seems to have been characteristic of her life.

Somehow, we are glad that the couple put thumbs down on a big and "show-off" wedding. Their plans for a simple and dignified ceremony seems indicative of their ideals and outlook on life.

We feel they are setting a good example for Americans.

Good Advice For Everyone

Haywood dairymen were told that efficiency in operation is essential today in the face of stiffer competition. The dairymen were told to keep accurate records, and determine where costs were and what they covered.

This is timely advice not only for dairymen, and farmers, but for all others who are in the business of buying and selling today.

The Travel Boom

Americans have become a much-traveled people — not only at home, but abroad.

Reports indicate that this year all foreign travel records are being smashed. The overseas ship and air lines are running at peak capacity as armies of Americans satisfy their desire to see the countries of the old world.

There's another form of travel of which we don't hear so much — but which is growing apace and is vital to the welfare of this country and the entire free world. That travel is being done by goods, not people. We are a major importing nation — both of certain types of consumer goods, and of strategic national defense materials which either do not exist at all or are found in insufficient quantity within our own borders.

We are also a major exporter. All manner of agricultural and manufactured products go to overseas markets in a huge and endless stream. Whether they know it or not, the farmers in Kansas and the auto worker in Detroit — to take but two examples out of thousands that could be cited — directly or indirectly get a part of their livelihood from foreign travel. They may never have seen an ocean — yet the oceans are highways of commerce which help to keep the American economy running in top gear.

Virtually all imports and exports, of course, must travel in merchant ships. It would be folly, in this chaotic world we live in, to depend on the ships of even the friendliest of foreign nations — their services could be denied to us overnight. That's why we must protect and strengthen the American merchant marine — in the interest of national defense and of our material prosperity alike.

HOW?

How can saloons come back if gas stations and drug stores have all the corners?—Toledo Balde.

Views of Other Editors Regimented Schedule

Is Junior tired and listless in the morning, unwilling to jump brightly out of bed and off to school? Is bedtime a nightmare because little Susie hasn't finished her homework and Junior can't be dragged away from the television set? Are both children short on appetite and long on complaints? Do they never want to do any chores around the house?

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Red Cedars In Bad Repute

Specialists now tell us that cedar rust can be blamed for much of the trouble growers are having with apples here in the mountains.

The research that has been going on for so long proves that the wind can blow the cedar rust as much as three miles. And according to our county agent, even one red cedar tree in the county is too many, as he advocates destroying all of them for the sake of the apple crop.

The cedar rust affects the foliage of the apple tree and also causes spots on the fruit.

This announcement is just one of many results of the value of a consistent research program.

'Government Hasn't A Dime'

"Education has always been a matter for the localities in the states," writes James W. Douthat in the Idaho Voter. "The Federal Government hasn't got a dime that it doesn't take away from the people. So it can't give anything to a school system without first having taken it away from the very people who should be supporting the state system."

This is true of all other federal "grants" to local government. Government, like an individual, can't get anything for nothing. The taxpayers must put up the money — plus the large additional sums absorbed by the bureaucrats and administrators.

Something For Nothing

We don't pretend to be an expert on the worst and heaviest snow since 1896. Snowfall, officially recorded as sixteen inches, reaches an average of 30 inches at Clyde and drifts approach a depth of sixty inches.

Under this plan farmers would be asked to take out of production an average of 20 per cent of their acreage now allotted to wheat, corn, rice and cotton. For doing this, they would be paid in the four crops or the equivalent in cash.

Now this may be logical. But what will never seem logical to us is the thinking that the farmer must be given more for the acres, he doesn't cultivate than he will receive for those he does.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson was asked recently what incentives farmers would be given to halt production on a fifth of their acreage. He replied: "I should say it should be slightly above the net return for the acres. Otherwise they would go ahead and plant. It's got to be high enough so he will decide that is the right choice."

We don't mean to insult the nation's farmers, but human nature being what it is, we just don't believe that "little bit extra" will be necessary to put your program across, Mr. Secretary.

Some of your department officials have said such a program would cost at least 400 million dollars this year if there is maximum participation. Why not just pay the farmer for those acres he doesn't plant the same net return he gets for those he planted and plowed and sweated over. We believe he'll be satisfied, and you might save the rest of us taxpayers a few of those millions.

One of the nicest things about winter is that it's too early for spring housecleaning. —Hawkinsville (Ga.) Dispatch and News.



Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Haywood County digs out of the worst and heaviest snow since 1896. Snowfall, officially recorded as sixteen inches, reaches an average of 30 inches at Clyde and drifts approach a depth of sixty inches.

Mrs. L. M. Richeson goes to Montreat to conduct an officers' training class for Presbyterian women.

Miss Corrine Wagenfeld and Miss Dollee Marsh spend weekend with Miss Martha Way at Greensboro College.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patrick begin construction of 10-unit tourist court on Vance Street.

Spare sugar stamp is good for five pounds of sugar.

Fines Creek girls take Gold Medal Basketball Tournament.

R. L. Prevost is honored at birthday dinner given by his daughters-in-law.

Miss Mary Davis and Miss Elizabeth McCracken honor Mrs. Russell Fultz, a recent bride, at a shower.

5 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Davis of Canton plan celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Miss Dolf Maria Kienast enlists in the WAF and is now at Lackland Air Force Base.

Elsie Glavich receives nurse's cap at Medical College of Virginia.

Margaret Reece receives 3rd place in State DAR Good Citizenship Contest.

PROPORTION OF DROP-OUTS LESS THAN 5 YEARS AGO

Proportion of school "drop-outs" from North Carolina public schools was less in 1953-54 than in 1948-49, according to a study recently completed by H. C. West, Statistician for the State Department of Public Instruction.

The percentage of drop-outs, the study shows, decreased from 5 to 4.4 per cent during this five-year period. A drop-out is a student who enrolled in the public schools, but who had left before the school closed. In educational terms, the calculation is made by subtracting the "membership last day of school" from the "enrollment, code a-plus-e."

When you get angry, don't speak until you have counted ten. By then you'll be able to come up with something real nasty.

Views of Other Editors

CAUGHT ENTHUSIASM

Representatives from Canton and other Western North Carolina towns who attended the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday evening, caught some of the enthusiasm expressed during and following the meeting.

Reports of the Chamber of Commerce were encouraging, and plans outlined for another successful year's work may well be helpful to officials of other towns who promote such an organization.

Those from Haywood could well share in the compliments the speaker paid this section, and all will agree with the editor of The Mountaineer who says:

"We were among the some 300 who received a civic stimulant Thursday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, as Joe S. Stone came here from Charlotte and told us of the many things which we already knew about Haywood, but perhaps temporarily forgotten in our daily rush of activities.

"What he told us was not altogether new, but certainly refreshing, and we must admit it was good to hear, especially in the manner which Mr. Stone so capably presented the story of Haywood's progressive growth over the recent years.

"The North Carolina manager of Southern Bell is charged with the responsibility of managing the \$150,000,000 investment his company has in this state. He is a master at presenting facts, and for that reason was able to tell us in cold factual figures that Haywood is steadily growing, and our per capita income and effective purchasing power has increased 39 per cent in the past six years as compared with the 22

per cent increase in the state.

"Mr. Stone held up the mirror for us to re-see ourselves, and from what we saw, we should have renewed enthusiasm, renewed spirit, and more determination than ever to keep going forward here in Haywood County."

—The Canton Enterprise.

HAYWOOD PEOPLE AROUSED

The citizens of Haywood County are going to do something about racing and speeding on their highways and we can imagine that in the future when some person is arrested and tried for such a violation, he is going to find himself pretty much along before the bar of justice as public sentiment is certainly against such practices across the Balsams.

Recent accidents and near fatal injuries from highway racing in Haywood has caused a high peak of interest in safety. As a result, a county-wide mass meeting was held in the courthouse Tuesday night at which time State Highway Patrol officers attended, along with members of civic groups, ministers, educators, and men and women from all walks of life. Newspaper and the radio had publicized the meeting to such an extent that interest was at a high pitch.

Although we have not heard what official action was taken at the Tuesday night meeting we can bet that it was such that highway racing is going to be looked upon with as much condemnation as would a murderer.

Our hats are off to Haywood in doing something about this growing menace to the life and property of people using the highways for legitimate business.

—The Sylva Herald.

Things are getting so polite in the UN it's rumored even the gardeners are afraid to call a spade a spade.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Along about this time of year our second-best pet peeve (spoiled brats) begins to blossom. We do not know what becomes of them during the winter season unless they are put in glass houses and no one dares to throw a stone for fear they would escape.

We ran into our first flowering bloom last week while shopping. Two ladies and a small boy came into the store and the child's eyes and fists immediately fastened on a small toy which he suddenly coveted. But his mother had other ideas and put the toy back in its place. The infant terrible let out a bellow that caused the flag on the Post Office to stand straight out so powerful was the wind velocity. The mother seemed quite unperturbed even when her friend remonstrated. "Oh, let him scream," the mother calmly replied, "he might as well find out now he can't have everything he wants," and off she dragged the young insurgent still yelling and very unconvinced.

Each tick of the clock brings all of us that much nearer the end of life's race, no matter how long or short it may be.

We read an article lately that asked what had become of the flavor of real ham, and its tantalizing odor when frying?

We immediately boarded a train of thought for nostalgia-land. Bright sunshine dancing a "rock and roll" on the river as it gently splashed against the breakwater at the foot of the garden. Uncle Mose making a pretense of hoeing a straight row, with one ear listening for the call to breakfast. Birds in angry chatter over the heavily laden branches of the purple fig tree. From the kitchen, the appetizing fragrance of frying ham mixed with the soft humming of Mammy Jo and her inevitable "Swing low, sweet chariot"; then the sputtering of home grown eggs in hot grease and the squeak of the oven door as a pan of gold crowned biscuits slid into view. A jar of orange marmalade and a tall glass of milk. Ah, sweet Paradise!

Day dreams are drifting ships on uncharted seas.

The teacher was trying to impress upon her class of first-graders the importance of unity, understanding, and cooperation in business, religion and nations. She went on to explain that we should all stick together for the rights of ourselves but never to overlook the same freedom for others. "Now, children," she explained, "we must cement our friendships, sort of paste them, to the other fellow so he can have a happy life, too. Who can tell me what they can do to make for a pleasant future?"

Little Mary's hand shot up. "I know, teacher," she cried excitedly, "we must stick up for ourselves and paste the other fellow."

'Tis sorter funny, isn't it. How we can somehow pass along The happiness that we feel. As though expressed in some sweet song? It makes the way more easy like, And each day a bit more sunny. A smile sent out comes right straight back... Life's like that; 'tis sorter funny!

Draft Changes Given Thought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Wilson said he is considering cutting the active military service period of about 100,000 draftees from 24 to 18 months. At the same time, monthly draft calls would be increased.

Wilson told a news conference that such a program would be "one means of building up the ready reserve."

He explained that if this idea is put into effect, men let out of service earlier will have to agree to remain in the ready reserve for at least 2 1/2 years.

Wilson spoke of letting the 100,000 out early by June 1957, but said there had been no definite decision—that it was something he was considering.

Wilson said the plan could mean doubling the monthly draft calls.

Current calls are running at the rate of 16,000 monthly — 6,000 for the Army and 10,000 for the Navy.

Letter To Editor

THANKS

Editor, The Mountaineer: On behalf of this unit I would like to express our appreciation to you and your staff for the wonderful support and cooperation which you gave us in our recent "Muster Day" recruiting campaign.

This unit has gained ten enlisted men with five applications pending since the start of our all out effort to increase the strength of our unit. It is very gratifying to know that we have now the largest National Guard unit in Waynesville since 18 September 1940 and the possibility of going to authorized reduced strength in the near future.

We believe that this could have been made possible only through the support of your newspaper and business concerns in Waynesville and Hazelwood.

Sincerely,

SAMUEL A. CARSWELL Capt. Inf NCNG Tank Co. 120th Inf. (90 MM Gun) North Carolina National Guard Waynesville.

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1. Rascal, 6. A size of paper, 9. Come back, 10. Genus of the lily, 12. Insects, 13. The ear shell, 14. Court, 15. Audience, 17. Luron native, 18. Wooden hammer, 21. Inferior parish official (Brit.), 23. Warmth, 27. Sea eagles, 28. Italian poet, 29. Fast, 30. Use a pincers, 31. Republic (Asia Minor), 33. Milkfish, 36. Spawns of fish, 37. Cry of a dove, 40. Long nail, 42. Arabic letter, 43. Always, 44. An advocate of geometric art, 46. Affirmative vote, 47. Swiftly DOWN: 1. City (Nov.), 2. Upholstered footstool. Clues 3-5, 7-8, 11, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 32, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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