

That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. —1 Samuel 3:1.

God is everywhere, the God who framed mankind to be one mighty family, himself our Father, and the world our home. —Samuel T. Coleridge.

Seeking New Industries

The publication last week of an industrial booklet by the Industrial Council of the Chamber of Commerce, was well timed. The colorful, pictorial and factual booklet about industrial advantages in Haywood, came right on the heels of an announcement earlier last week at the annual spring State meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development. The same group met here last fall, and spent considerable time discussing new industries for North Carolina.

Out of the meeting last week came the question: "Is your town on the hunt for new industry?"

"If so, take the word of an expert; get your facts lined up for industrial prospects."

A. J. Grant, head of the division of commerce and industry of the C&D Board said: "Communities can lose an industrial prospect awfully quick if they are not organized to receive that prospect. Industrial prospects today want a package deal — they want to know the price of land, facts on water supply, and a description of the land area."

Governor Hodges sitting in on the meeting, said a loud amen to Grant's analysis, and added: "You're all wrong if you think you can get industry with a lot of blarney."

All this proves that getting industries into a community today is done on highly business-like, and scientific methods.

This community has learned in the past 24 months that just the mere fact that we want more industries here is not sufficient. This community is just like every other community in the state, and many other states — they are all out to interest new industries. There have been numerous prospects of new plants for this community within the past year, yet with every one, there was the fact that some other community was also interested and making a hard bid for the plant.

With all these facts in hand, it begins to appear that this community is thinking right along with the experts, and those of the state who have been bringing industries to North Carolina for a long time. During the first three months of this year there have been 24 new plants moved into the state. Sixteen of them located in the Piedmont; six in the mountains and two in the coastal area.

Now that the groundwork has been laid, we are in a better position here in Haywood than ever to attract new industries. Along with the groundwork, it will take patience and whole-hearted cooperation of the entire citizenship to accomplish the program.

A Serious Mistake

The unfortunate incident at Parris Island, when six Marines marched to their deaths in a tidal stream, has brought some sharp criticism from many parts of the country.

Until the Marine Corps get all the facts, and releases them, it is folly to jump at conclusions. The Marine Corps, to say the least, tried to keep the incident to themselves too long. That is a matter of policy which is also under heavy attack from public opinion.

The fact remains, someone or some group, is directly responsible for the deaths of the six Marines. The public should be told in no uncertain terms just where the mistake was made.

RIGHT

The experience gained by hard knocks is never fully appreciated until after the soreness has disappeared. —Los Angeles Times.

GOT HIM PICKED OUT

I never hate anyone — but if I ever do, I've got the louse all picked out. —Catskill Mountain (N.Y.) News.

VIEW OF OTHER EDITORS

Industrial Development: Item

The first item put on the list of things to be done in getting and keeping industry by an executive...

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Pigeon River Route Wins Approval

In an editorial Saturday, The Asheville Citizen expressed a feeling which has been given here time and time again relative to the interstate highway to Tennessee.

The Citizen, after pointing to the value of a road down Pigeon River, cited the need of a modern road for Madison county. We heartily agree that there should be a modern highway from Asheville to Marshall and on to Newport. As to the exact location we are not qualified to say, as that is an engineering matter.

The editorial Saturday in The Citizen read:

All Western North Carolina has good reason to rejoice over the prospect of early completion of a new interstate highway between Asheville and Knoxville.

The Pigeon River route into Tennessee has been approved by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads upon the recommendations of the North Carolina and Tennessee highway departments. North Carolina Highway Commission Chairman A. H. Graham says additional construction on the route may be undertaken soon.

The interstate highway, when completed, will mean much to this mountain region and especially to Haywood County.

It will be an important highway into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park country.

When it is tied in with the proposed Foot-hills Parkway close by the park in Tennessee and with roads connecting with the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, the Pigeon River route will be a major tourist travel artery as well as a highway of commerce between North Carolina and Tennessee.

It will bring tourists to the Asheville area as well as provide another access to the Great Smokies from Asheville.

Improved highway connections into Western North Carolina are an urgent necessity. The more roads we get, the better it will be for all this mountain region.

Madison County people had an earnest desire for the modern interstate highway to be routed down the French Broad. We shall hope for and advocate a better road for Madison County folk, too, so that another modern and vital link can be forged with the Tennessee Valley and the great Middle West. Madison certainly needs and deserves an improved highway.

Plain Old Gout

Many of the present younger generation have never heard of gout. Now physicians tell us that gout is not as rare as it was once thought. Gout, it is explained, is characterized by acute, sudden and often very painful attacks of arthritis, commonly in one joint, and usually in the big toe joint.

The doctors say gout is the result of the body's failure to handle certain substances which turn into uric acid and give the trouble.

Thus far, there has not been a mention made of gout starting from a virus.

HARD

A golddigger is the hardest known female. It takes a diamond to make an impression on her. —U. S. S. Reina Mercedes Galleon.

Taking note of a survey that revealed more television sets than running water in Burke County homes, Philips Russell in his "Chips That Fall" column in the Chapel Hill News Leader is reminded of Oscar Wilde's statement: "Give me the luxuries of life and I will do without the necessities."

tive of a great corporation which has recently established plants in this State must have sounded a little surprising to some old-fashioned property owners and taxpayers.

Item 1, said Harold F. Smiddy, General Electric vice president in charge of management, is more pay for teachers in public schools and colleges. And all the other items on his list of things to do as a means of attracting industrial development stressed the need for more and better education for all in North Carolina, not less for anybody anywhere in the State.

Of teachers, he said: "They must be carefully trained and adequately paid. The jobs of teachers must be made attractive. We cannot have our school teachers poorly paid hole-in-the-elbows sort of people. Teachers ought to get first-class pay."

Low wages may attract some types of industry. And in a low-wage South, school teachers may be expected by some to work for wages, too. The kind of bargain the best industry is seeking, however, in its decentralization, is that of well-trained workers in a region able to consume. The future is not bright for industry or anything else in any region where poorly taught children can be expected to contribute poorly, too.

—Raleigh News and Observer

SPRING THAW



My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

Mr. J. L. Jackson of Raleigh, one of my special friends came into our office one morning, settled himself comfortably in a chair on the other side of the desk and said:

"Have I ever told you about the Jones' dog?"

I told him that so far as I knew, I never heard of the Jones' dog.

"It isn't a real dog," he continued. "It's a dog made out of stone, and you can see it about one and a half miles west of Wake Forest on the highway leading to Durham. The dog's favorite station is stop the archway above the gate at the entrance to the grounds of Mrs. T. P. Jones' home-place. By the way, this location is somewhat notable, it having been the former home of Major J. M. Crenshaw, who was the first student to matriculate at Wake Forest College."

"But to get back to my story about this stone dog. He seems to be very sensitive to changes in the weather. When the weather is settled and calm, he keeps his vigil unperturbed, but if a cloud is coming up and he hears thunder, he at once becomes restless and starts whining. And then—"

"Wait a minute," I broke in. "I thought you said this was a stone dog."

"That's right," he agreed. "And yet you say that when a cloud is coming up and he hears thunder, he starts whining?"

"That's exactly what happens," said Mr. Jackson calmly. "And then, as soon as it begins to rain and he feels the drops pelting down on him, he jumps down from his perch, runs into the house, gets under a bed and stays there until the thunder and rain stop. Afterwards, he can again be observed at his post. Another thing—"

"Mr. Jackson!"

"What?"

"Do you realize what you are saying?"

"Of course I do; why?"

"Do you expect me to believe that this stone dog—this absolutely lifeless stone dog—jumps down from his perch and runs into the house when it begins to rain and he feels the drops pelting down upon him?"

"It's the truth," he said, glancing at me somewhat indignantly. "It's the truth and I can prove it."

"Proceed."

"Another time that he comes down from the arch when he smells a steak cooking in the kitchen. As soon as the odor is perceived by him, he hastens to the kitchen door and begs to be let in. When he gets inside and tastes the steak, he stands on his hind legs and dances around, tipping an imaginary hat as a sign of gratitude for the treat."

"Is that the truth, too?"

"If it wasn't the truth I wouldn't be sitting here telling you about it," he announced. And then he went on with his tale.

"In the early days of his existence, there was far less travel along the road over which he keeps watch than there is at the present time. Many more people in automobiles pass him now than they formerly did. This, of course, gives him greater opportunity for observation and medi-

Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO Park is visited by almost 20,000 during March.

Hazelwood Presbyterians to build \$10,000 brick church.

Mrs. Sam Knight attends B.T.U. regional meeting in Sylva.

Sammy Bushnell, who is with the State Highway Commission, now located at Boone, spends the Easter holidays as the guest of his parents.

10 YEARS AGO Thirty-one Democrats seeking sixteen offices.

Redden sees need for immediate development of Park on North Carolina side.

Miss Mary Lee Alley graduates from the Duke Hospital School of Nursing.

Mrs. Charles Ray has gone to Eastern Carolina where she will visit friends and relatives for a fortnight.

Hazelwood ball club starts daily practices.

5 YEARS AGO Contract for highway from Lake Junaluska to Canton slated for letting April 24.

Saunook and Francis Cove will soon get telephones.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Siler spend the weekend in Reidsville as guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rothrock.

Beta Sigma Phi sorority sets benefit card party.

Hazelwood wins grammar 4-B club cage tourney.

Nickel silver, an alloy of copper, nickel and zinc, is used extensively for decorative hardware in railroad passenger cars.

Advertisement for Noan Nunsull featuring a cartoon character and text: 'NOAN NUNSKULL YOU GO IN — YOU'RE BRANER THAN ME', 'DEAR NOAH — WHEN YOU GO TO THE DENTIST, DO YOUR TEETH HATE MORE NERVE THAN YOU?', 'DEAR NOAH — CAN YOU LICK STAMPS WITHOUT A LICENSE LICENSE?', 'FRED HARMAN RABOSA SPRINGS, COLO.', 'DR. POSEN R.D.S.', 'SEND YOURS NOW TO NOAH!'

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The wind had kicked it around and the rain and snow had walloped it as though in sudden fury. When we first discovered it, we couldn't identify it immediately, but we knew it combined the colors of yellow and green. The yellow was the color of a new-born crocus and the green its tender leaves. We knew it could not be a flower because despite its rough treatment it remained as perky as ever.

Suddenly a lusty breeze picked it up and deposited it beneath our window where its identity was no longer a secret. Where it had come from will always be a mystery, but here it was, a cluster bow of yellow and green ribbon that had, at one time, encircled a gift. Judging by the combination of colors it was an Easter present.

We began to idealize the box; the contents, the giver, the recipient, etc., and why the bow had been so carelessly discarded. But, the sad part is, we'll never know!

Heard in passing: "I would have went but I wasn't asked, so I didn't go."

The warm sun shimmered on the lily pads floating in the little pool and reflected its rays on the recumbent form of Uncle Mose in his usual place on the lower step. The soft lapping of the river against the breakwater at the foot of the garden and the permeating fragrance of crimson Jacqueminot roses filled the air with a soothing tonic that was working on Uncle Mose to an alarming degree. He took long deep draughts of this elixir of life as he let his eyes wander over the pleasant scene before him. He stretched out his long legs in luxurious ease then suddenly sat bolt upright, his eyes fixed on a ridge that was, believe it or not, slowly moving across the lawn.

"Effen that aint mah just dog-goned luck," Uncle Mose, remarked to an unsympathetic world, "for that pesky mole to parade right in front of mah eyes jest as Mr. Bossman drives in." He sighed deeply and shook his head. "Ah coulda stomped down that critter, now Ah's got to go burrowing after him, Oh me!"

When sympathy is needed most; When your head feels like a balloon filled with helium gas about to explode and some one says: "Oh, I thought you were sick, and it's only a cold."

Oh yes! April half gone and we've been singing the Spring Song most lustily, talking about the birds and the bees and all the beauties of the advancing summer. Then slam bang along comes a snow storm and on the eleventh day of April, if you please. We not only felt humiliated but we had to haul out our galoshes that had been parked behind the winter garment bag. We looked at the apple blossoms that had fooled us into believing in the calendar and said "Ha ha, it hurt you worse than it did us," but that didn't help matters much. It never does help to ride on the other guy's misfortune.

Then the next day the sun was golden bright, the sky was azure blue, and all was forgiven. But, please, Mother Nature, don't let it happen again. We just couldn't bear it.

Gossip that starts out like a dwarf can suddenly assume the statue of a giant.

Letter To Editor

PRaises HAZELWOOD FIREMEN

I should like to take this means of expressing, at least in part, my deep gratitude to members of the Hazelwood Fire Department for their work Wednesday night when my floor furnace burned.

Their prompt arrival not only eased my fears, but undoubtedly

made it possible to extinguish the flames before they spread to the whole house.

In addition, their cheerful insistence on "mopping up" the chemicals used, and somebody's thoughtfulness in telling me, "We've rolled up your new rugs," made me realize that they are not only skilled firefighters but good friends.

Agnes Fitzhugh Shapter

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Senators Seek Tax Relief For Small Business Men Increasing Mortality Rate Among Little Firms Reason

Special to Central Press Association

WASHINGTON—Increasing concern is evident, especially among Democrats, for the plight of the small business man. Statistics show that the little fellow—the corner grocer, the independent druggist, the man with the old-fashioned hardware store—is finding it tougher and tougher to make ends meet.

A dozen senators, led by Senator J. William Fulbright (D), Arkansas, are seeking tax relief for small firms. This relief would include a cut from 30 per cent to 22 per cent in the tax rate on net profits up to \$25,000 a year.

Meanwhile, legislators plan a continuing study of the sharply growing mortality rate among small businesses squeezed into extinction by chain-store opposition and similar competition from the well-heeled "big fellows."

● BIG BUSINESS—On the other hand, big business is doing its best to support the "prosperity and progress" theme the GOP is sounding as an election-year slogan.

The Commerce department has disclosed that business firms plan to spend an all-time record \$35 billion for new plants and equipment this year, nearly \$7 billion more than the previous high, achieved last year.

The department noted that the gigantic expansion program reflects business' confidence in the economic situation, with manufacturers, traders, and utilities all anticipating substantial climbs in 1936 volumes.

● SCHOOL AID—It now appears fairly certain that no aid-to-education bill will be approved at this session of Congress if any provision is made for banning federal assistance to states with segregated schools.

Chances are that the House will reject the anti-segregation proposal offered by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D), New York, but if a similar amendment is revived in the Senate, it could kill the bill.

Southern senators have served notice that they would block passage by a filibuster or any other means at their command if northerners insist on attaching the Powell provision.

The White House is eager to get the school aid bill through Congress this year, but it's doubtful that President Eisenhower would be willing to promise to withhold funds from segregated areas.

Powell has offered to withdraw his controversial amendment if the President will give assurance that no federal money will be spent on segregated schools. So far the White House hasn't given such a promise—and probably won't.

● CONSUMER CREDIT—Administration economists believe that expanding consumer credit is not only a symptom of inflation, but a cause of it as well. That's one of the reasons why President Eisenhower has asked Congress to study the possibility of controls.

These economists explain that many merchants frequently offer more attractive credit terms—such as lower down payments—instead of reducing the prices of their goods to meet competition. In other words, the law of supply and demand is artificially violated. Thus, even when there is an abundance of consumer goods, their prices may remain high, or go higher.

This situation makes it possible for inflation to flourish even when there is no scarcity of commodities to boost prices. Many economists fear that the situation is developing and that something must be done fast or it will get out of hand.

However, Congress is reluctant to resort to controls, and the administration doesn't want to push very hard for them in an election year. ©