ness except to give us of His strength.

God never makes us sensible of our weak

PRECIOUS STONES IN THE CROWN OF FREEDOM

The Scenic Murphy Branch

Several years ago, right after the Southern Railway ran their last passenger train on the Murphy Branch, we saw some wishful editorializing on the matter of a smaller type passenger train; known then as the Diesel Coach. At that time such a unit was operating successfully down at Raleigh and Goldsboro.

Saturday morning The Asheville Citizen came forth with a revival of the "wishful thinking" and carried the idea even further in an editorial.

The Citizen said:

"The Murphy Division of the Southern Railway is a busy freight-hauling line, but it has been without passenger train service for several years.

"People who live in communities between Asheville and Murphy, a distance of more than 100 miles, now depend on bus or private automobile transportation.

"Many had believed the day of passenger travel on the old Murphy Branch had gone forever.

"That may not be true.

"The self-propelled Rail Diesel Car (known as the RDC) may be the means of reviving passenger travel on the line.

"There is reason to believe such a service would be popular.

"Daily operation of an RDC from Murphy to Asheville and return would provide opportunities for shoppers to visit Asheville stores, with passengers being picked up or discharged at stations along the way.

"Businessmen and others too could use it with convenience.

"Further, since the Murphy Division travels through a beautiful and picturesque mountain country, the RDC should become highly popular as a convenient means of sightseeing.

"Ample precedent has been established for such rail service. For instance, an RDC, "The Nancy Hawks," operates successfully between Savannah and Atlanta.

"The Rail Diesel Car is strictly a postwar development. Within five years it has sold itself to the passengers and the managements of 20 railroads in the United States and four foreign countries. It was first adopted for American use by the New York Central System on its Boston and Albany line in 1950.

"The initial cost is relatively low - \$169,-500 for the 89-seat RDC-1. Operating costs are down as much as 50 per cent from that of conventional trains and public acceptance has brought new traffic where the selfed units have been used.

"The advantage of RDC over the older steam trains or conventional diesel-hauled coaches include fast and more frequent service in an air-conditioned, wide-windowed, comfortable seat car.

"With the RDC revitalizing passenger service elsewhere, it looks like it might be just the thing to renew passenger travel and stimulate business along the line between Asheville and Murphy.

What the Citizen has pointed out here is sound. Certainly the trip from Asheville to Murphy would have appeal to thousands of visitors who would just like to sit and ride through Nantahala Gorge, the Balsams, the apple brehards, and to be able to say they dien over the highest railroad point in Eastern America on a standard gauge railroad (at Balsam).

Perhaps we have been too reluctant to give up, and not pursue our "wishful thinking" all these years.

Not in Wind, Earthquake, Nor Fire

at over the watery wastes of the Pacific

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VIEWS OF OTHER EDITORS

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Pools Over The State Opening

As our thoughts have been centered on a recreation center of late, the notices on the front pages of many a North Carolina newspaper over the weekend announcing the opening of municipal pools interested us no

Picking out at random, from our exchanges, we gleaned the following:

Forest City - Twin pools opened Friday, season tickets for individuals \$5, or \$12.50 for family, Single tickets, students 25 cents, adults 50 cents.

The program is sponsored by the city's recreation commission.

Morganton - The pool opened Saturday night with a gala "Fantarama" and a water ballet. No admission was charged.

Marshall - The municipal pool opened Saturday, and remains open daily except Monday, when closed for draining and clean-

Siler City - The pool opens June 1. Season tickets sell for \$6, \$8, and \$10. General admission 20 cents for those under high school age: 30 cents for high school students and 40 cents for adults.

These are just a few of the many, many places in the state that enjoys modern swimming pools.

We feel that when a similar list is compiled next year that Waynesville will be in there sporting a large and modern poolwe will, if every one does their part and, as one business leader expressed it, "Chip in" -that is a big chip for every citizen.

The Right Penalty For 'Raiders'

Almost every generation has found that there are some college boys who go all out to do the unusual-especially in the spring.

There was a time when the fellow seeking the spotlight would bite a catapillar in two, and maybe swallow a goldfish. Then some climbed a flag pole and sat there for days as the world, they felt, "looked up to them."

That era passed into the days of zoot suiters driving an old-modeled car with signs of every description.

Now many co-ed campuses are the scenes of panty raids. There seem to have been more of the raids this year than in the past even two here in Western North Carolina. Some of the raids lead to the destruction of property, and call for action on the part of police to bring the groups under control.

At Western Carolina College, seven students have been expelled for participation in such a vulgar event. The action of the college officials is the best step taken thus far to stop the continuance of the raids. Those taking part are aware that such raids are against the college rules, and those violating such rules should be promptly dismissed.

The action of some students staging such raids makes it mighty hard on the college officials who are beset by the lack of funds to go asking the state or a sponsoring denomination for more money only to have such campus incidents hurled at them.

Expelling the instigators is the first step towards stopping such raids.

There is nothing quite as obsolete as a Saturday campaign button.

Views of Other Editors Looking WHY THE INCOME

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the transgressor is hard-especi-

A TIP FOR PEDESTRIANS

cise, but from the State Depart-

missioner of the vehicles agency,

issued the warning to Tar Heel

walkers after examining last

year's pedestrian fatality record.

traffic accidents last year, he

ald, 238 were pedestrians.

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Of the 1165 persons killed in

Garrett remarked that Motor

discourage people from walk-

"I'd especially like to urge

mmissioner said, "Older people

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their sight and hearing is im-

paired. These are serious handi-

caps in traffic. My advice to

them is to follow safety rules

meticulously and to avoid walk-

ing at night in traffic or ventur-

ing out in bad weather."-Gaston

70% REPEATERS

One of the most serious prob-

lems we face today in the field

of crime control is that of the

the background of the popula-

tion in Federal prisons where in

1954 of those received under

sentences of more than 1 year,

63.8 per cent were repeaters.

When our people check the fingerprints of arrested persons

which are received in the Iden-

tification Division they find that

70 percent have records of previ-

ous arrests .- J. Edgar Hoover.

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Vehicles Department isn't trying

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Joe W. Garrett, assistant com-

ent of Motor Vehicles.

TAX IS BAD

United States News publishes a lengthy article under the above title, stating the views on this subject of T. Coleman Andrews, former Commissioner of Internal

This newspaper will not undertake to discuss Mr. Andrews' opinions and suggestions here, but the article is well worth the attention of citizens interested in tax reform.

Mr. Andrews does not believe it is necessary for the American people to go on forever accepting the income tax, which he says "Hurts all kinds of people; soaks many classes of the people; and can lead to dictatorship."

Citizens are penalized by this taxing system because of their success in business; and it is a heavy weight hung on the necks of citizens and enterprising business corporations. He adds that if Congress ever gave the Revenue Service enough money to properwould have to be repealed within a year. There is, he says, "a lot of finagling going on."

Mr. Andrews indicts the income tax on numerous counts, and arrives at the conclusion that it is bad. In this opinion millions of his fellow citizens are in agree-

Mr. Andrews' views deserve the careful attention of good citizens. It is a system which penalizes successful citizenship and success in business; enables the government spenders to lay on the people grievous burdens; a system which is controlled by no practical limits and may be so imposed as to deprive citizens of all remuneration earned as workers, employers or investors of capital.

Mr. Andrews is thoroughly informed on the problems of taxation; is a man who collected more than 180 billion dollars in federal taxes. He believes taxes are too high; and that the income tax is "neither fair or necessary."

-Hendersonvice Times-News

THE WAY OF THE SPEEDER

Ordinarily we are opposed to trick judgments of the court. They seem to detract from the dignity of justice and often hamstring it altogether.

But Judge John H. Vernon, in Alamance Court, it seems to us, has made punishment fit the crime in the case of two youths in his jurisdiction who were caught for speeding 90 miles per hour. He placed them on probation for two years and assessed a \$700 fine each. The manner of the payment of the fine is where the real punishment comes in. The boys are to appear each Friday and pay \$1 each on their fines, meaning that it will take them nearly two years to pay off. In the meantime they are not to operate automobiles.

Every time these lads appear at the courthouse with their dollars, it will remind them of the deliberateness of justice compared with the speed at which they were driving cars.

They will be much older and -Christian Science Monitor. wiser persons when they begin

Back Over word will get around that in this The Years ally when it comes to driving at killing speeds.—Shelby Star.

20 YEARS AGO

City streets are getting needed repairs; sidewalk is being layed "Don't walk yourself to death!" on Boyd Avenue. That advice isn't from the So-clety For the Abolition of Exer-

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight en-tertain in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hooper, who were married recently in Wilmont,

John Queen, Jr., who is with the State Highway Commission with headquarters in Bryson City spends weekend with his parents

Little Miss Patsy Gwyn visits Mr, and Mrs. Lyle Jones in Ashe-

10 YEARS AGO

The Mountaineer publishes first twice-a-week edition.

Unagusta now has furniture going into 48 states, 2 foreign countries, with monthly outlay of about \$75,000.

Hundreds visit First National Bank on the occasion of its open house celebrating the completion of its remodeling program.

Mrs. Charles E. Ray is elected president of the Waynesville Woman's Club

S/Sgt Bill Swift is transferred from Camp Swift, Texas to Camp repeater. This problem is brought Carson, Colo. into sharp focus by looking at

5 YEARS AGO

Hazelwood votes against merger

with Waynesvile

Jonathan Woody is named first vice president of the N. C. Bank-

Ray McLean of Plotts Creek

By R. J. SCOTT



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SCRAPS





Rambling Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

MEMORIAL DAY.

Sleep gently there on yonder hill, Those men who gave their mortal soul White crosses mark their resting place To show the way to peace, their goal.

Afar, the strains of farewell taps Across the fields of yesteryears, The cherished flag for which they fought Still bravely flies though damp with tears.

Soft winter snow, warm summer sun, And Spring's soothing, gentle rain Always stand guard amidst our pray'rs, For steadfast will our faith remain.

· Sleep peacefully, you gallant men, 'Til reveille shall sound again.

The RED blood of the nation, the WHITE badge of courage and the wide BLUE sky of freedom . . . OUR FLAG. , -t- -t- -t-

In a recent editorial in this newspaper, mention was made of the necessity of keeping tabs on time. Time is our most valuable commodity and also it is our most neglected. Punctuality has been ostracized from everyday life and one looks with wonder at the person saying that a certain time must be observed.

It seems impossible to impress upon some people that not keeping a business engagement at the time set is throwing a system completely out of whack. All down the line, some one is moved out of his regular place and thus inconveniencing the entire set-up. A dentist or a doctor sets a certain hour for a patient; that patient runs half an hour late (for no reason but procrastination) and then raises the mischief because another person has been given the place.

Personally, we are a stickler for punctuality. Perhaps the fact that we were raised by English grandparents (and a clock) accounts for our obsession. We remember one time when this punctuality got us into a slight difficulty with our dignified grandmother, who also believed that a clock was meant to be obeyed. We planned to meet at a certain place at a certain time and when we arrived at the set hour, our grandmother (quite a bit ruffled) was waiting. We compared the time and found our arrival was on the minute. Then our grandmother acknowledged that "she had made her arrival fifteen minutes ahead so as not to keep us waiting.

It seems as easy to be on time as to run around in circles after wasting half an hour doing needless things that could easily be accomplished at a later hour. There never was a truer saying than "Haste makes waste". -:- '-:-

> Eight hours for work . . . Eight hours for play , . . Eight hours for sleep

There goes your day!

and Lucille McGaha have perfect Dorothy Martel are graduating

attendance records for 12 years from Woman's College.

Gray Watkins and Jimmy Cabe Miss Elsie Green, Mrs. Nancy win speaking contest at Central Elementary School.

Kirkpatrick Hannah, and Miss

U. S. Bombards Russia With Irresistible Jazz

Washington

gram as they have so many others.

American Style Music

Popular in Red World

WASHINGTON-The United States is bombarding Russia with jazz and the Soviets love it. So much so that since the death of Stalin the Russians have made no attempt to jam the radio pro-

In fact, reports the Voice of America, the desanctification of the dead dictator has brought with it a complete reversal in the Russian attitude toward American jazz. Stalin viewed the peculiarly American can music as an offspring of Wall street rather than Basin street. Now jazz bands play in Mos-

cow and Warsaw cabarets and in Prague. In charge of the Voice jazz program is Willis Conover, Washington disc jockey and a recognized authority on jazz. Conover is well on the way to becoming one of the best-known Americans to Moscow and the rest of the Communist

world. Conover's program is not limited to Red countries. It is being heard now by thousands all over the world, wherever jazz enthusiasts gather, and Conover undoubtedly has the greatest audi-

ence of any disc jockey in history. A thousand fan letters a month pour in from every conceivable portion of the globe attesting to the popularly of the program.

Germany, who wrote: "Since months I dig nearly every night your jazz programs, which I think is the best I ever heard." FROM COPENHAGEN, a father wrote that his son, Preben, 9,

had accidentally tuned in the Voice show and asked what it was. His father replied, "Preben, this is Armstrong playing. You know, the black man with the silver trumpet. This is America.' From New Delhi came a request for a picture of Duke Ellington and a British merchant seaman wrote from Auckland with a reques

for "more Count Basie." From far away Formosa a fan sent a plea for "more of the greats like Armstrong, Kid Ory, Sidney Becket." The Voice show is a two-hour program which is beamed everywhere seven days a week. One hour is limited to standard popular music, such as records of Star Dust, by Artie Shaw, and I've Got

My Love to Keep Me Warm by Les Brown's band. The second hour is devoted to pure jazz which ranges from Dixieland swing to contemporary pieces. Louis Armstrong's Struttin' With Some Barbecue has proven a popular selection with foreign

John Wiggins, deputy program manager, said many fans write in and express their appreciation. "I like jazz," they write. "Jazz is American. Therefore I like America."

INDICATIVE OF THE POPULARITY of jazz abroad was the experience in Karachi, Pakistan, recently by the Diazy Gillespie band which has been touring Europe and Asia under State department auspices. Tickets for the Karachi show were sold out in two hours and the hand had to give a repeat performance to another

Conover regards the program as perhaps the best way of bringing merica into the homes of millions of peoples broad. He feels that jazz hurtles all foreign Political

Conover from time to time delivers short lectures on the program on the development of jazz and often interviews such stellar exponents of the music as Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Stan Getz

The Voice program is entitled simply, Music—USA. It carr no politics or other message from this country, but for those w think it may be a waste of time, Voice officials cite a letter for a Milan, Italy, fan. He wrote, "Best propaganda I ever tasted."

Typical of them is the letter received from a listener in Stuttgart,

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at very nearly the same time as the detonation of America's first air-dropped H-bomb. This report set forth the findings of dozens of researchers engaged in a "speculative projection" of the needs and the resources of the world-a projection to at least 100

There is a relationship between these two events easurable only in the stupendous dimensions of the things with which they deal.

The earth, says the "projection" report, may have by 2056 four times as many people to feed, clothe, and shelter. If that had to be done with only the resources we now use, the future would be bleak indeed. But resources exist, and the knowledge of how to extract and utilize them also exists, which, if spread throughout the earth, should amply meet the needs of mankind. The "critical limiting fac-

tor," says the report, is only "brainpower". But is it? Without disparaging one whit the value of imaginative research, of inventiveness, of technques - and of education to those ends - we are prompted to ask: Did not these things bring forth the blast at Bikini? Can "brainpower" alone guaran-tee that the unleashing of these titanic forces shall be directed toward furthering the plenty envisioned the researchers and not toward some vaster, minal Hiroshima? Will knowledge alone, machines ne, technology alone insure that abundance will justly shared among earth's teeming billions and consumed at some flery Armageddon between

the "haves" and "have-nots"?

No. The final answer comes not from factory or test tube. It has been coming down the centuries from the shores of Galilee in the "still, small voice" that "he who hath an ear" can hear, even above the ok -wave" -from -Bikini,

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

