

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

So also is the resurrection of the dead: It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.—1 Cor. 15:42.

Old West And Southern Appalachian Hospitality

The 42 4-H Club members from Colorado spending this week in Haywood will see some mountain scenery different from their own. They will get to see many things that are not found in their scenic and fascinating country back home.

With the spirit of the old west, and the southern hospitality of the Haywood folk mixing, one can expect a genuine good time for all parties.

Thus far this week, the group has had a busy and exciting time. The remainder of the week will begin to taper off preparatory to their departure for home Sunday morning. The last formal program will be a special service at the Cross at Lake Junaluska.

That seems to us a fitting parting program for the young people that came almost across the country to revisit friends made last year when a group of Haywood youngsters went west.

It is such an exchange of visits as this that is making the world smaller and smaller as it gets friendlier.

An achievement of unusual merit.

An Understanding On Local Road Work

It was sad news that Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan of District 14 brought to the large group of Haywood citizens at the court house here last week. The commissioner explained how the extreme hard winter had played havoc with the highways of the district, and that appropriations for maintenance had been over-spent. The commissioner also pointed out that the paving fund for the fiscal year was exhausted.

The large group of Haywood folk received the news as they gathered to ask for certain improvements on many roads in the county. Most of them wanted some maintenance work done, and a few were asking when they could expect paving of their roads.

The disappointing news was taken in good grace and the group went ahead and presented their wants to the Commissioner and his staff. The highway officials took careful note of every request, and promised that they would take them up and see what could be done just as soon as money was available.

The highway folk were very careful not to give a definite promise for any specific project.

Commissioner Buchanan emphasized time and time again that he felt each project should be placed on the priority list according to the point count system. The point count being made up of several factors, as to length of the road, number of families served, whether a school bus or mail route, number of churches, and other essentials. With the point count system, used, every project "would stand on its own" on the priority list, the commissioner explained.

The highway folk found Haywood citizens understanding and cooperative, as they explained their position in the current fiscal year relative to finances for carrying out numerous projects.

The meeting, ringing with sincerity, brought about an understanding between the people and the commission. It was well worthwhile and as has been so often said: "we are usually down on the things we are not up on." The meeting last week brought all groups up to date on the all-important matter of road improvements.

VIEWS OF OTHER EDITORS

Thoughts On Prosperity

"What, I would like to know, is so all-fired wonderful about prosperity?"

"Obviously," continues the asker of this question, "I exaggerate."

And he does—knowingly—when he catalogues one penalty after another that a people pay for having such a muchness of things without as yet getting real values into perspective accordingly.

The asker, Russell Lynes, Harper's managing

Editorial Page of the Mountaineer

There's Many A Doctor In Our Community

For today and through Saturday, we have a large number of doctors from five states here attending the third annual Mountaintop Medical Assembly.

Each session of the Assembly has seen a substantial growth in attendance over previous years, and it begins to look like the gathering will become a major meeting in this part of the state.

The Haywood doctors have worked long and hard on the program, in preparation for the meeting.

What the doctors have done, other similar groups of professional men and women could do in bringing more conventions to this area. Such a task is not easy, and it takes a lot of hard work and careful planning, but just as the doctors have done, it can be made a success.

Judging from the program arranged for the doctors this year, they will enjoy every minute of it, and we can already predict for the fourth annual Assembly, one that is "bigger and better than ever."

New Laws Pending For Drag Racers

The "wholesale scale" of drag racing on Buncombe Highways over the weekend is of state-wide importance, rather than just a local problem in and around Asheville.

The fact that drag racing has, within recent months, hit in all parts of the state will no doubt bring to the forefront in the next session of the Legislature the importance of drastic laws with heavy penalties for violators.

The whole thing, as staged, is nothing more than flirting with death, and potential murder.

Down near Raleigh almost a whole family was wiped out when their car was hit by a racer, and at Kings Mountain four were killed. So goes the story across the land, yet young men, who feel "it cannot happen to me" break all the rules of common sense and the road and continue to stage races.

A reader sent in the following timely warning, printed under a picture of two demolished racing vehicles. It reads:

If you are careless
You have two chances —
One of having an accident
And one of not.
And if you have an accident,
You have two chances —
One of getting injured
And one of not.
And if you get injured,
You have two chances —
One of dying
And one of not.
And if you die —
Well, you still have two chances
But why be careless
In the first place?

Over The Top

As was to be expected—knowing the civic-mindedness of its citizens—Waynesville has gone over the top in the campaign to raise \$50,000 for a recreation center.

The money was raised in the scheduled period of six days.

It will be used to pay for a 17-acre tract, construction of a swimming pool and installation of other facilities for the recreational

Views Of Other Editors

MOSQUITOES WINNING SO FAR

Any war against the mosquitoes in the North Carolina coastal country which begins in June is obviously one in which the folks give the mosquitoes all the breaks—and the bites. Of course, it is good news that, with Governor Hodges at the helm, war has been declared on the pests and the Council of State has allocated \$57,400 from the Contingency and Emergency Fund for the purpose. But even that sum at this time is too little and too late in a business which requires and deserves year-round activity.

North Carolinians have been complaining about the mosquitoes for a long time, probably since that first colony got lost. But only in recent years has there been realization that mosquitoes may be almost more damaging than hurricanes so far as the summer tourist business in North Carolina is concerned. And, unlike hurricanes, mosquitoes are all too predictable. We knew they were coming and—ouch—now they are here. Fifty-seven thousand dollars will not stop them.

Florida is spending \$1,500,000 a year in a round-the-calendar operation against mosquitoes. California has spent at the rate of \$3,500,000 a year. Virginia has been spending state and local funds at the rate of \$400,000 and more every year. North Carolina cannot buy relief at a bargain.

Mosquitoes cannot be fought with swatters. They cannot even be conquered by any sort of summertime operation. The campaign against them must be carried on through winter and spring. There is work to be done in the fall, too. Nothing less than well-organized operations based upon careful studies by a permanent staff will do the job.

The Governor and the Council of State have, of course, no such funds available to them as the riddance of our coastal areas of this pest will require. But if this State means to provide that coastal comfort for visitors which present-day tourists demand, North Carolina, with Governor Hodges at the helm, should plan now a real year-in-and-year-out and round-the-year program for presentation to the Legislature.

The probability is that mosquitoes are today costing the State and its people far more than such a program would cost. It will be no bargain to leave the mosquitoes in command for lack of funds to provide adequate defenses against them.

—Raleigh News and Observer.

QUANTITY

Tom McCrea, a Philadelphia manufacturing chemist (all this is a build-up for the gag to follow) who wed an Onslow girl and who is a dear friend of State College's Alvin Fountain, sends one of the best stories I've heard in a long time.

A diner complimented the chef on his steak sauce. "It was the best I ever ate. How do you make it?" the diner asked.

"Oh, I don't have any set recipe," the chef replied. "I just make it up free-hand like I take the drippings from the steak, add a bit of melted butter, just a dash of salt, garlic and paprika, and water."

"How much water?"

"About a mouthful." —Chuck Hauser in Chapel Hill Weekly.

benefit of the people of the Waynesville area.

Our congratulations to Waynesville and its citizens on a job well done.—The Asheville Citizen.



My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

We've seen many so-called collection letters, but here's one that's really a classic. When you study its various details... the discussion of proper procedure to handle this account... we believe you'll agree that this is something that should be preserved for posterity. We've made a slight change in the name of the recipient, but otherwise the letter has been unaltered.

Mr. Andrew L. Smithwick
Tarboro, North Carolina

Dear Sir: Yesterday at ten a.m. our Board of Directors, consisting of eight business men and our Attorney, met to consider steps to be taken to collect your account for nursery stock shipped last fall. You owe us \$3.65.

In discussing your case, four directors wanted to sue at once. They said: "We have done everything possible to reach a friendly settlement. Legal steps must be taken to collect this money due us."

The other four directors said: "No—this man is honest—he will pay—something has happened or this bill would have been paid long ago. Let's not sue for another week. There is no proof that when this gentleman bought our Nursery stock, he intended to beat us out of our money. We believe that he is honest."

Neither side would give in. Then I was called in to break the tie. After listening to both sides, I voted to extend time for a friendly settlement until one week from date you receive this letter.

You therefore have ONE WEEK in which to make a friendly settlement of your account. Please take advantage of this final opportunity and make settlement at once. Don't let the four directors who want to sue you laugh at the five people who fought for this extension.

tension of time for you. Stand back of the people who stand back of you.

As you know, our terms are strictly CASH TO ALL CUSTOMERS! However, if for some reason you are unable to pay your bill in full, and you can pay part now and will agree to make regular payments of satisfactory amounts until your account is paid in full, we will be glad to cooperate with you so a friendly settlement can be made.

Should you wish to adopt this part-payment plan, please fill out the enclosed coupon and mail with your first payment. No carrying charge or collection expense will be added to your bill if settled under this plan.

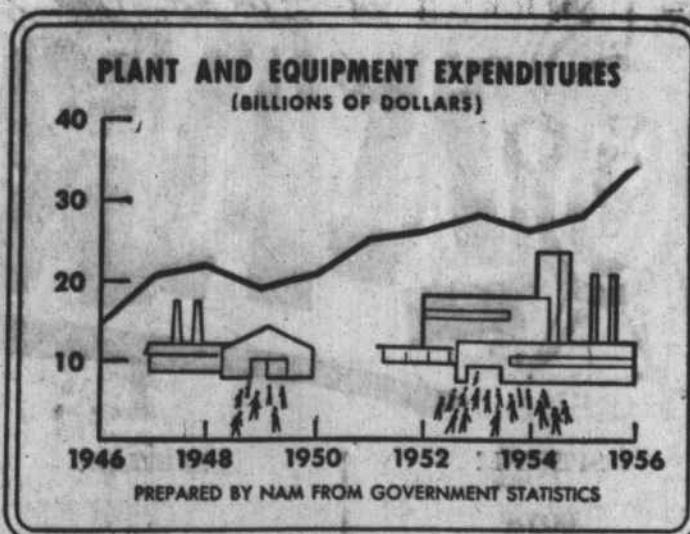
I have done all I can for you. Failure on your part to take advantage of this opportunity by making settlement will be considered by our Board of Directors as an invitation to sue for the full amount due, together with all collection expenses, and there is nothing I can do about it.

Protect your pocketbook and credit by making full payment of your account or arrange a satisfactory part-payment plan at once.

Sincerely yours,
J. C. Hoste,
General Manager

P.S. I am sending this letter by First Class Mail to make sure you get it.

Carl Spaatz, first Chief of Staff of separate Air Force, now retired: "The Air Force in being at this very moment is adequate to meet any threat that Russia would get into the air today."



BUSINESS INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE

It is heartening news for all America that business enterprises are planning to spend more money for new plants and equipment in 1956 than in any other year. These expenditures not only will provide additional goods for an expanding nation, but will provide millions more jobs in the future.

The 35 billion dollars of projected expenditures for plant and equipment in 1956 is 6 billion, or more than one-fourth, greater than for all of 1955. All major industry groups plan to increase their capital outlays by at least 10 per cent over last year. The largest increases are being planned by the durable goods manufacturers and the railroads, 41 and 42 per cent respectively.

Many factors are contributing to such record breaking outlays. Geographical dispersal of plants to obtain lower transportation charges to consumer markets is an important one. The assured future growth in population requires additional productive facilities. Competition among business organizations for a greater share of old and new markets has an important bearing on capital expenditures. The high level of defense spending is also a contributory factor.

The trend of business capital outlays is shown on the chart. The total amount spent by business for more and better plants and equipment has amounted to nearly 270 billions of dollars since 1945.

TODAY'S QUOTATION

The diamond which shines in the Savior's crown shall burn in unquenched beauty at last on the forehead of every human soul.—Theodore Parker.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

There is something tragic and pathetic about the death of a tree. And what makes it all the more serious is that the cruelty of man accounts for two-thirds of the fatalities; the other one-third is caused by animals and nature's anger. Fires started by carelessness can wipe out the progress of decades, as can roots suffocated by concrete. The forward march of progress can wield a wicked saw or axe to cut down the life of a beautiful tree. One of the saddest sights to see are fully leaved branches that have been severed from the parent trunk, wilting in the sun.

One tree which we have admired through the years, has struggled valiantly to survive but has finally given up. When all other trees began to send forth green signals of spring, this tree started out bravely but shortly after we discovered that all efforts were failing, and now the tree stands gaunt and bare perhaps dreaming of those days when its branches offered shade and coolness to the weary and beauty to the world.

Faith, hope and success are triplets.

Every female, regardless of age, curves or expansion, should invest in a triple mirror and should never leave the confines of her room without giving it a good workover. The pony-tail devotee is perhaps the greatest offender, especially if she is of the bouncy type. To the innocent on-looker, the hair-do of the passersby often assumes the grotesqueness of a hobgoblin trying to pursue the wearer, but never quite catching up.

Then there's the damsel that seemingly engulfs half of her face in a wide ruffled collar, giving the impression that lady is making an unscheduled take off. A bun on some heads (there are many who can wear this with allure) when viewed from a profile standpoint, remind one of a small tug boat landing a Queen Mary luxury liner.

So, gals, take a slant at yourselves profile... silhouettes can be awfully funny.

Classified ad: "Will lady who sat next to gentleman in movie and accidentally took his wallet, please return same as it had her telephone number in it?"

Want to make a million dollars? It's easy. Just invent an invisible antenna for television sets. There are few things more unsightly than the weird wire affairs jutting up from roof tops, especially the roofs of small cottages. The array resembles a barbed wire enclosure for war prisoners.

Besides, these fine, upstanding fixtures are wonderful targets for high winds in search of objects to lay low. So, you patenters, the line forms to the right and may you find a shallow "channel".

A double negative makes a positive but sometimes the negative isn't positive enough.

Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Incinerator is completed for the Town of Waynesville.

Earl Ferguson predicts great development in dairying in Haywood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long entertain honoring Mrs. Thomas B. Price and members of her family from New York.

William Medford goes to Atlantic City to attend Rotary International meeting.

10 YEARS AGO

OPA grants coal price increase.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rainer re-

turn to their home on Jonathan Creek after visiting in Kingstree and Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Ben Colkitt honors her niece, Miss Shirley Colkitt, bride-elect, at a miscellaneous shower.

Brass collection plates are presented to the First Methodist Church in memory of Clarence Watson Miller.

5 YEARS AGO

Lake Junaluska auditorium is enclosed with glass.

Miss Marie Strange announces plans for her marriage to Worth Messer.

Miss Mary Medford is installed as president of the Secretaries Club.

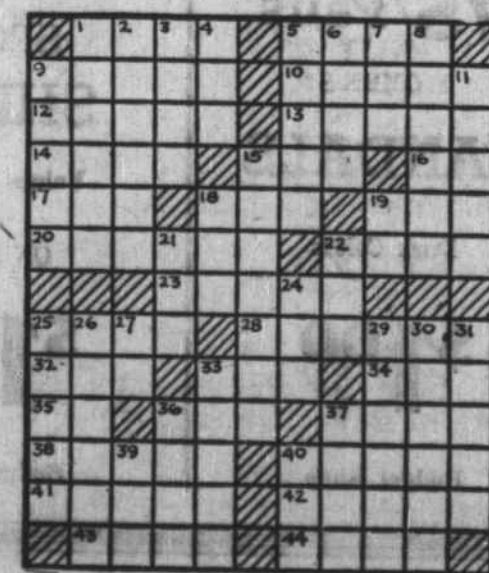
Miss Mary Sue Crocker and Miss Dixie Campbell spend vacation at Myrtle Beach.

James K. Stringfield receives Doctor of Medicine degree from Jefferson Medical School.

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| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS |
| 1. Bird's stomach | 1. Stream of solidified lava | 19. An Assam tribe |
| 5. Fruit of the palm | 2. Most infrequent | 21. Shade of brown |
| 9. Full of soap | 3. Copies (Eng.) | 22. Jewel |
| 10. Egg-shaped figures | 5. Type of architecture | 24. Place |
| 12. A thick soup | 6. Greedy | 25. Fogs |
| 13. Competitor | 7. Hebrew letter | 26. Pungent vegetables |
| 14. Malt beverages | 8. Pass by | 27. Indefinite article |
| 15. Champion of Christianity | 9. Masts | 29. Brilliant meteor |
| 16. River (N.) | 11. Spills over | 30. Standards of excellence |
| 17. Property (L.) | 13. Accepts as true | 31. Perfume with incense |
| 18. Grampus | 18. Ancient | 33. Local positions |
| 19. Viper | | 36. Earth |
| 20. Determine | | |
| 22. Depart | | |
| 23. Muddle | | |
| 25. Bewail | | |
| 28. A satirical poem | | |
| 32. Tavern | | |
| 33. Pig pen | | |
| 34. Poem | | |
| 35. River (Chin.) | | |
| 36. Underworld god | | |
| 37. Small, secluded valley | | |
| 38. A book of the Apocrypha | | |
| 40. Melodies | | |
| 41. Breathe noisily in sleep | | |
| 42. Move sideways | | |
| 43. Rebellious drunkards | | |
| 44. Imitates | | |

Answers:
37. Clutch
39. Exclamation used to frighten
40. Masculine name



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