

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.—James 1:8.

Hypocrites do the devil's drudgery in Christ's livery.—Matthew Henry.

## Innocent Looking Stream Turns Into Raging Torrent

The quick and damaging flash flood at Cove Creek late Saturday brings vividly before us the fact that nature's forces are far from being controlled and can strike momentarily at any place.

The small, calm, innocent-looking little Cove Creek turned in a matter of minutes into a raging, 80-foot path of water 8 feet higher than normal, carrying in its wake destruction which a few minutes before had been thought impossible.

A number of the people who suffered from the flood lost a large percentage of their worldly possessions. While those who lost heavily may not seek or accept outside assistance, it is gratifying to know that this community already has at its disposal a disaster fund to aid in such cases just as this.

## Waynesville's Finances Excellent

For the 13th consecutive year the tax rate for the Town of Waynesville has been set at \$1.40.

The rate has been the same for so long that it is almost taken for granted now by Waynesville taxpayers that there will not be any change.

During that 13-year period the budget has gone from slightly over \$200,000 to \$469,000 for the current year. Approximately \$81,000 of this year's budget will have to be raised by taxes and the remainder will come from the water and light departments of the town.

The town's finances, according to Mayor J. H. Way, are in excellent condition and rank among the best of any municipality in the South. Such a statement from our mayor-banker is an encouraging note and one that should give us added pride in the town which has shown many marked municipal improvements during the past 20 years.

## 19 'Profit Minutes'

Anyone who thinks typical businessmen devote much or most of their time to counting the profits would do well to read a report by the National Association of Manufacturers.

The average manufacturing company, this report shows, spends most of the working day paying off the costs of doing business—materials and supplies, wages and salaries, taxes, etc. Only about 19 minutes of that 8-hour day are left in which to earn profits. And only about half of those 19 minutes result in dividends for the owners—the rest of the "profit minutes" are used for reinvestment in the business.

By contrast, wages and salaries take two hours and 19 minutes, taxes a trifle more than 43 minutes. The workers and the tax collectors do a lot better than the owners when it comes to dividing up the money business takes in.

## Beetles Plaguin Several Counties

Since Haywood County has been plagued by the devastating Asiatic beetle, we note three of our neighboring counties are included in the state fight against Japanese beetles. Of the 16 temporary inspectors working in North Carolina, three are stationed in our neighbor counties—Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania.

The fight of all of us against one type of beetle or another seems to be more common this year than ever.

An encouraging note is sounded by state entomologists that the Japanese beetle can be controlled. It is hoped that the same good news will soon be coming forth on the Asiatic beetle, which seems to have made its headquarters in Haywood County for the present.

## VIEWS OF OTHER EDITORS

### A Place For Play

Ever hear of a doctor's degree in recreation? It isn't as strange as it sounds. (Nothing at all like

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## Contract For Pool Set For Letting

This afternoon at 2:30 contractors are slated to submit bids for the new, modern swimming pool at the recreation center here. This is another forward and important step in getting the long-needed center under construction.

Contractors have said that they thought 20 to 40 favorable working days would see the pool completed.

We trust that an award of the contract will be made and no time lost in getting the pool completed.

## Tar Heels Getting Into Tourist Business

The new North Carolina Travelbook lists almost 35,000 rooms for visitors from the Smokies to the Atlantic, with rates ranging from \$2 to \$20 per day. This shows that North Carolina is definitely in the tourist business and is catering to travelers of every economic status.

When Tar Heels themselves are convinced of the importance of the travel industry to our economy, we will note a new era in that economy from the salt-tinged air of the coast to the sweet, cool breezes off mountain peaks.

## Two Haywood Schools Rank High In State

Another feather in Haywood's feather-filled cap is the fact that two schools in the county show a much larger number of graduates entering college or military service after graduation from high school than the state average.

Canton High averages 4.8 per cent above the 44 per cent average and Reynolds High is 6 per cent over the state average.

The county system, however, is about 6 per cent under the state average.

There are many factors involved in this survey that has just been completed for 1955, but it is interesting to note the trend and the records of two of our high schools as compared with that of the state.

## Carolina Power Helping Bring In New Industries

The Carolina Power & Light Company, like many other utilities, have rolled up their sleeves and are pitching hard to encourage new industries into the territories which they serve.

The latest gesture on the part of Carolina Power is the publication of a three color map which they have recently mailed to some 2,000 industries over the nation, pointing out the many advantages of locating in the two Carolinas. The power company listed 15 specific reasons why industries which wish to lower costs or expand production should locate in the area served by them. The proposal by the power company was that any firm could get the company's help in selecting an ideal site.

This material that has just come out is typical of many other letters and pieces of printed matter which industries get periodically from the Carolina Development Department.

The power company is also working closely with farmers and farm organizations in an effort to boost the agricultural economy of the Carolinas.

Such projects and such an attitude show that the power company is living up, in every measure, to the program which they have successfully sponsored for several years, that of creating interest among communities to make them better under what is known as the "Finer Carolina" program.

majoring in canoeing.) The very fact that several universities offer such a degree shows what the National Recreation Association has been able to accomplish in its first 50 years.

Helping people "make the most satisfying use of their expanding leisure time" has been the serious business of the association since its inception in 1906 under the aegis of Theodore Roosevelt.

As a citizen organization, supported entirely by contributions, the association has worked consistently to establish and upgrade standards of personnel, programing, and facilities in this field.

It has been a prime developer of public recreation in America. Yet its work is little known by the public. Wherever invited, its field experts move into a community, survey it, and produce a recreation program tailored to local needs.

The organization has helped shift the concept of play from something meant for children only to the recognition that wholesome recreation for all ages is necessary for a full national life. Culture, not athletics alone, is the association's idea of recreation. The Sunday painter is diverting himself as much as the softball player.

Millions of city children are still without adequate play space, while more millions are being added to the population yearly. Playfields for teenagers are only a third the number needed. City

## Views of Other Editors

### MR. HENRY BELIEVED IN LIBERTY

"Give me liberty or give me death."

It has been 101 years since Patrick Henry bellowed those historic words that did more than anything else to label him as one of America's sturdiest patriots.

In 1956, how many such Patrick Henrys does the United States of America claim? That is a hard question to answer now. Fifteen years ago, the job would have been much easier. The United States was entering a major world war. Patriotism was promoted as never before. Hollywood, the press and radio cooperated with Uncle Sam in transplanting the idea of the loyalty and duty to country in the minds of each and every citizen.

With guns, pitch forks, or words, war is war—in one sense. In another sense, there is quite a difference as to the methods of battle for or against conquest of the world. Over and above the difference in whether lives are completely destroyed or enslaved is the difference in individual's feeling toward his country. A "cold war," such as now exists, tends to push patriotism out of mind.

We would do well to brush up on Mr. Henry's speech—La Grange (Ga.) Daily News.

### ABOUT DOGS

Some people like dogs. Some don't. Some people let their dogs run loose and abuse neighbors. Some don't. Some dogs are vicious. Some aren't. Some dogs are pesky and wouldn't gnaw on a person but take delight in nipping any and all.

Some aren't and don't. Some people make excuses for their dogs when others are bitten by them. Some don't. Some care a lot. Some don't. Some people are bitten dangerously by dogs. Some people make light of a dog bite. Some don't. Some people don't mind a dog nipping them a little bit. Some people mind it a whole lot.

Fact is that no one has a right to permit his dog to abuse other people and especially children.

Dogs that do it habitually should be done away with or put where they will not abuse people. We wouldn't go so far as to say that people who permit their dogs to abuse children should be done away with, but they shouldn't do it.

The golden rule is applicable to dogs, insofar as their control is concerned. Dogs are wonderful, unless they become a nuisance. Which they can be.

—The Plainview (Texas) Herald.

Akbar El Yam, Egyptian newspaper: "Middle East problems are for Middle East peoples to solve."

building programs are gobbling up scarce land—all this just when new leisure time is becoming a major national resource.

These are reasons why the National Recreation Association is needed and why it is working to put a place for play into plans for America's future cities.—Christian Science Monitor.

## ECONOMIC GOUT SUFFERERS



## My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

Bobby Darst was three years old when this little episode took place. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Darst of Greensboro.

Bobby is a serious-minded youngster and a very observant little chap as well. That's why he got so interested when the painters arrived to do some work in the Darst kitchen, Bobby watched them work and asked many questions of the two men.

"What do you paint for?" "To make things pretty." "Does paint make all things pretty?" "Yes, sonny." "Furniture?" "That's right." "Houses?" "Yes, indeed. Houses have to be painted quite often." "Automobiles?" "Yep."

And so on. Bobby was finding out a lot about painting and was storing up the knowledge in his brain.

Noon came, and the painters knocked off and went home for their lunch. Bobby reflected upon the information that had been imparted to him about the benefits of paint. He gazed longingly at the cans and the brushes that the painters had left behind them. Here, unquestionably, was an opportunity for him to do something worthwhile. What was it that his Sunday school teacher had told him? . . . Oh yes, we must help one another.

Bobby grabbed up one of the brushes and dipped it in a can of white enamel. He administered two or three strokes to the kitchen cabinet and then he had a sudden thought.

Whenver you thought you were doing them a favor, they always hated it and interfered with what you were trying to do. If they'd only wait until you finished some work, they'd probably change their opinion, but they never would do that.

Chances were that in a few minutes his mother or the painter would be back. Chances were, too, that he'd have something to say about his work. Maybe the best thing to do would be to take the paint and brush and go somewhere where he would be unmolested.

Bobby picked up the can with one hand, the brush with the other, and went out the back door. He gazed about him and his eyes fell on the garage and the car inside.

The Darsts had a Mercury convertible. A very pretty car so far

as the average person is concerned—but not to Bobby.

The car was painted black. Black, to his way of thinking, is a very ugly color. If it was ugly to him, it undoubtedly was to others.

What could he do about it?

The answer was in his hands. Bobby went into the garage. He put the can of white enamel on the floor. He dipped the brush into it. And then, taking out the brush, he proceeded to work on that ugly black car, converting as much of it as possible to a beautiful white.

A three-year-old boy, as you know, isn't too tall. He can't reach every spot on a big automobile, but Bobby didn't worry about that. He decided to attend first to the places that were easy to get to, and leave the balance of the car until later on.

So on and on he painted, fascinated with his ability to change that dark and drab looking color into a gleaming, glistening white. On and on—but it wasn't long before he discovered that he had cut out a bigger job for himself than he had realized. He did a little figuring and found out that it probably would take him the rest of the day to finish it.

And then, by this time he was beginning to entertain some doubts about the wisdom of the course he was pursuing. Knowing the peculiar status of the adult mind he began to wonder what the old folks would think of his work. Particularly if he wasn't able to finish it before they came snooping around.

It was a worrisome thought, and Bobby didn't like to be worried. He took a few more strokes and then decided that he had had enough. Picking up the half-full can of white enamel, he stepped out on the running board and threw it on the floor of the car, where it oozed out in all directions. Picking up the brush, he tossed it after the can. Probably he was saving to himself, "To hell with it all," but as to that, we're not certain.

He went back into the house. Everything was peaceful and serene until about another hour had passed, and then there was an explosion from the rear of the house.

Mrs. Darst had found the car. There were two exclamations of astonishment and horror and then—"BOBBY!"—in a voice that sifted through every room in the house.

Bobby sighed wearily and went outside. He knew he was in for a lot of unpleasant conversation and

## Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Do you see what we see up the road a piece? From this distance it hardly seems moving but just wait until it comes closer, then it will gather speed and suddenly leap out upon you. Every year the day after the Fourth, it begins its trek and then blooey! here it is before you can say cat. Nothing else in the whole world travels as fast as the two months between Fourth of July and Labor Day, and what we see traveling along the road right now is Labor Day, 1956.

Usually by the time it arrives, we are always ready to welcome it, August, sometimes a bit rugged and the tingling tang of the September breeze, straight from the manufacturing plant on the mountains, puts a rejuvenating vigor into the old body that has become slightly deflated from summer activities. Then, too, with Labor Day comes the parting of the ways between summer and winter, and the full realization that one is approaching the in-door season.

To the female of the species, Labor Day brings that heart-warming occasion when she can flout her new fall outfit with all the trimmings. To the opposite sex, it calls for season ticket reservations for the football games; and to all of Western North Carolina comes the joy of seeing Nature's most wonderful gift—the painting of the leaves.

Gossip is a contagious germ that grows with each inoculation.

Recently we needed some data for an article we were writing and we went to the Haywood County Library for help. And we certainly received it. The subject was a little intricate and needed some delving to bring it to light. With the able assistance of Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Cross and the young man aide, we were furnished with books that more than filled our needs.

We wonder how many of us fully realize how much this Library means to all of us here in Haywood County. It takes long hours and much conscientious energy to fulfill the demands of the public, and it certainly takes mental ability to keep abreast of the advance in all branches of this type of work.

While we were waiting for our books, children of all ages came in to bring back books and get new supplies, and it was heart-warming to see the excellent selections they made. There is no other companion so satisfying as a good book. One finds himself transplanted to the locale of the story to the extent that all surrounding activities are ignored.

Drop in at the Library some time and see for yourself what an active place it is, and you will do exactly what we did: JOIN IT.

As one nears the end of the road, the sunset seems more beautiful.

## Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Waynesville's first Sunday movies are shown.

Dr. C. N. Sisk takes over presidency of Waynesville Rotary Club.

Mrs. Edward Turner of Dayton, Ohio arrives for visit with her parents at the Piedmont Hotel.

Mrs. R. H. Breese and a party of friends motor to Asheville.

Little Miss Patsy Gwyn is visited.

his fears were well founded. Not only that, but when the old man came home, he found that he was in for something else.

That's all there is to the story except one thing. If the painters were correct in their statements that paint makes things beautiful, Bobby wished that they'd paint one or two places on him, because they felt mighty bad for a few hours.

ing her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Curtis in Tryon.

10 YEARS AGO

Record crowds attend county-wide Fourth of July celebration.

Charles Ray is named temporary chairman of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

Dr. Boyd Owen, recently discharged from the Army Medical Corps, will open office here July 10.

Lynn Corzine visits native Waynesville after 40 years.

L. K. Barber is named superintendent of the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company at Hazelwood.

5 YEARS AGO

Sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Waynesville Library will be celebrated with a tea on July 11.

Emmet Balentine opens new store on Branner Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cline, Jr. of Chapel Hill return here after visit with relatives in Miami, Madison, Fla.

County sets new tax rate at \$1.50.

## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- Couch
- Secure
- Snare
- Verbal
- Golf mound
- Overhead
- Kind of apple
- Gold (Her.)
- Assam silkworm
- Open (poet.)
- The cosmos
- Selenium (sym.)
- Network
- Wall recesses
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- Exclamation
- Stop watches
- Paintings in oil
- Ahead
- European plover
- Viper
- Put out, as money
- Toward
- Face of a clock
- Exist
- Devoured
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- Picked out
- Asterisk

**DOWN**

- English novelist
- Com (Swed.)
- Music note
- River (So. Am.)
- Thus
- Portion of a curved line
- Game of chance
- Pass away
- Pleasure trip
- Weaver's bobbin
- Epietle
- Honey-gathering insects
- Leveled
- Largest continent
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- Reverberated
- Filament from the skin
- Globule of liquid
- Garden amphibian
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- Astringent fruit
- Layers
- A large recreation area
- Sheltered side
- Constellation
- War Department (abbr.)
- Close to

**ANSWER**

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