

Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.—Job 29:12.

An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.—L. M. Child.

A Practical Approach To A Serious Matter

The necessity for more parking space in the business area of Waynesville has been a matter of grave concern to both businessmen and city officials for some time.

At a joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen and a group of civic leaders to discuss the matter, town officials very promptly said they wanted to do something about the matter and were ready to do something, especially in widening Montgomery Street between Miller and Depot, and widening Wall Street, as well as extending this street between East and Pigeon streets.

The aldermen and Mayor were quick, in their analysis of the situation, to point out that they were not willing to pour large sums of the taxpayers' money into paying "exorbitant" prices for right-of-ways for these projects.

Businessmen and civic leaders seek relief from the traffic congestion—with this point the Board of Aldermen are in 100 per cent agreement. The climax of the meeting came when the officials asked the business leaders to acquire for the town at "just prices" the right-of-ways for the street projects and they would build the streets.

The town officials took this action, as we see, in view of their unwillingness to pay large sums of money for right-of-ways which they felt would in the end enhance the value of the property which the streets would cross.

As we see the matter, it is both logical and practical that a representative committee of both groups try to get the right-of-ways as early as possible, as cheaply as possible, in order that this modernization program of our street system be expedited at once.

We heartily agree with the town officials that it is unfair, unwise and not economically sound to pour large sums of money into a few right-of-ways when so many property owners in the same vicinity are willing to give their property for the project.

Friday Brings Football Back

Friday night will be welcomed by football fans here as the season opens on the local eridiron. Much interest is being shown in the new season, due to a new coach at the head of the team for the first time in 27 years, a new system of plays, and even a new arrangement of reserved seating at the stadium.

All of this, plus the usual amount of interest which this community shows in football, is destined to bring out a large crowd.

This is classed as a "home" game for the visiting team, the Bethel Blue Demons. They also have a new coach — but not a new figure on Haywood football fields — in the person of Charlie Poindexter, son of the well known coach and civic and school official.

It's a smart man who knows the ropes of his business so well he is never tied down.

Views of Other Editors

Who Appreciates Liberty?

In lands ruled by the secret police and tanks of dictators the old axiom that "peoples get the kind of government they deserve" must seem a hard saying. We cannot find it in our hearts to say to

Haywood Should Be Proud Of School Vote

The substantial vote which Haywood gave the school amendment plan on Saturday, as well as the other three amendments, came as a pleasant surprise to many who had predicted a much lighter vote in Haywood County.

The fact that Haywood went 5 to 1 for the plan, with 5,000 votes being cast, indicated far more interest in the state-wide measure than had been indicated on the surface a few days prior to the election.

The Mountaineer has always found Haywood County extremely interested in schools and at no time has the county ever shirked a responsibility when it came to the matter of schools. Even when voting on a \$2,000,000 school bond issue several years ago, the vote was much larger in favor of the bond issue than Saturday's constitutional amendment.

Haywood County can look with deserved distinction on its attitude and program of better schools for all peoples.

St. John's New School Is Ultra-Modern

The new school building for St. John's at the corner of Church and Meadow streets is just as modern as tomorrow and is destined, we feel, to become an example of what school buildings in the future will be like.

It is interesting to go through the structure, which is nearing completion, and see the many phases of construction that were utilized in this ultra-modern building.

Destroying Telephone Lines Serious Form Of Vandalism

Whether it was an accident or deliberate vandalism that sent two .22 bullets through the telephone cables and disrupted 150 telephones in the Balsam area over the weekend, we are not sure. We are positive, however, that all indications point to deliberate vandalism, which proves expensive to both the company and the telephone customers in the affected area.

Telephones are a vital part of our life these days and are used extensively for emergencies, oftentimes meaning the difference between life and death. It has been but a few weeks since a near-tragedy occurred in that same area and the telephone was used to summon the ambulance, doctor and lifesaving equipment from the local fire department, when a little girl sank to the bottom of a swimming pool.

Persons who deliberately damage telephone lines, as well as other utility properties are hampering those things designed for the public and in many cases interfering with normal procedure of our everyday needs.

He who is not sure of his memory should avoid lying. —Michael de Montaigne.

It is up to the fault-finder to propose a remedy for the ills he discovers.

Lying is wrong even to save chastity. —St. Augustine.

In the old days young men had to question the gal's pop. Now they just pop the question.

The cost of keeping up with styles is bound to make a woman acquire new wrinkles.

My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

The following is a letter from the State Department of Conservation, written on February 21, 1941 to Mr. I. M. Bailey of Raleigh.

Your permit to keep game animals in captivity expired December 31, 1940. Our records show that you have not made application for renewal of this permit. If you desire to retain the game in captivity during 1941, it will be necessary for you to have your permit renewed immediately.

Upon receipt of your check in the amount of \$2.00, we will be glad to forward 1941 permit to you. Kindly let us know your wishes in the matter.

Yours very truly, J. D. Findlay, Division of Game and Inland Fisheries. Here is Mr. Bailey's reply. Mr. Bailey, now deceased, was a lawyer.

I have your letter of February 21 notifying me of the necessity of renewing my permit to keep game animals in captivity. This letter, I assume, applies to the permit which authorized me to keep a bear cub in captivity.

Pungo is dead. Pungo is the name which we gave to this bear. He committed suicide. That is the assumption which we must make. The circumstances of his demise are extremely peculiar, that is, for a bear. Suicide in the way it occurred to him might not be unusual for a human being or a dog, but for Pungo it is strange. He fell out of a tree and broke his neck. At least, he was found at the foot of a tree with a broken neck and no other deduction seems reasonable than that he fell out of the tree. Of course, in saying that he committed suicide you have to assume that he deliberately fell out of the tree, but having experienced the difficulty of taking him out of a tree the first time he went up, I am convinced that he deliberately fell out.

This all happened June 26, 1940. Considerable investigation was made to determine if any other cause contributed to his death. Frankly no circumstances could be found which led to any other conclusion than the one stated. Certain societies were anxious for his relief from the ordeal of captivity, but he was not shot, and since his neck was broken it must be assumed that he experienced a very substantial fall.

I trust this information will relieve me of any necessity of procuring a renewal of the permit. We have preserved his skin and it has been tanned. That is all that is left of the stormy sessions we went through to get the opportunity to protect him against starvation.

Views of Other Editors

FIRES ARE NOT A RURAL PROBLEM ONLY

Rural residents of this county and the others with farm populations are more aware of the continuing fire hazard than their city cousins. Denied of the protection of modern fire engines in most cases, they also have more combustible material at their home places to reckon with.

The burning haystack is a familiar and unfortunate rural scene; this same hay is much more of a menace when it is stored in a barn that in turn is near the farm home and other structures.

Most farms have electrical wiring in out-buildings, and rats can gnaw insulation. Most farms have machinery, such as tractors and other implements, and gasoline to operate them.

So farmers keep a wary eye on every fire hazard. Town people have their own hazards, such as oil, wood, gas or coal heat, home wiring and many electrical appliances. They keep gasoline or kerosene on their premises in many cases. Oily rags used to wipe furniture are often tossed carelessly in a closet.

These folks, as well as the rural ones, should be wary of fire. Why not take a couple of hours, this very day, to inspect potential causes of fire? Look at the wiring, and inflammable materials.

Even the prompt arrival of firemen with their equipment may not be quick enough to save your own life.—Forest City Courier.



So This Is New York

By NORTH CALLAHAN



During the past few days, I have been making a little survey among typical New Yorkers, from taxi drivers to bank presidents, about the forthcoming election. The results are interesting if not surprising. Ninety per cent of those questioned, regardless of party, believe President Eisenhower will be re-elected. Most of them don't like Nixon, however, and fear he eventually will be President.

Dropped into a store on 48th Street and found it so full of customers that some finally left because they could not get waited on. This variety store was clearly the most popular place in the block. On the counters were standard brand goods and on them were labels giving the prices. Then it turned out that this was one of the discount houses which are growing fast here, and that the secret of their big business activity was simply lower prices.

Caps are back again. Many of them now appear on New York streets after an absence, except on cab drivers, of a quarter of a century. When I was a boy, wearing a cap was just the thing. Then as the movies began using caps as symbols for hoodlums, they gradually disappeared. Of course many of the new types, some imported from England where men continued to wear them, have slim, skull-cap lines and long bills that look like that of a duck. But anyway, you're no longer gazed at as a gangster when you wear a cap.

We saw the Broadway play which has just opened here, "The Lovers" by Leslie Stevens, presented at the Martin Beck Theater by the Playwrights' Company, and were quite impressed by it. Like Henry Adams, it takes you back to the 12th Century for the portrayal of great truths that are as sensible as they are today. A Knight takes the young bride of one of his peasants away from her husband on their wedding night — because he wanted her and had the legal right of such possession. The problems which follow, the human and ecclesiastical reactions which although sad are also moving, all furnish a very entertaining evening in the theater.

Teresa Brewer has the reputation of being a religious person as well as a popular singer. She said that religion had not hurt her career in show business, but on the other hand had helped her through many rough spots. Another unusual characteristic: she does her own shopping for groceries. "I'm probably the only singer who signs autographs on boxes of cereal, cans of peas and wrapping paper," she says.

A bus driver was making his usual early morning run to the suburbs here, and as he went along, he tossed out packages of newspapers at various designated spots to be picked up later by carriers. Suddenly a car pulled alongside the bus and honked loudly. The bus pulled over. A motorist stuck his head out of the car and said, "You seem to be losing papers. I've been picking them up for the last hour." So he handed over the bus driver's entire morning delivery.

Letters To Editor

"ONLY WAY—UNITED WAY"

Editor, The Mountaineer: With our participation last year in the first United Fund Drive in Waynesville, Hazelwood, Lake Junaluska areas, the Waynesville Lions Club was quite pleased with the results and with the extra time that we had "to do things for others".

Our club would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation for the loyal support of all the people of this area in our past charitable fund drives.

We hope that you will continue to support us in our other future activities.

The Waynesville Lions Club believes that the only way to give is the "United Way".

Yours truly, James E. Fender, M.D., President, Waynesville Lions Club.

Teach them Safety by YOUR example



Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

"Once there was a little girl who was very pretty . . . and she knew it. So she told herself she was always going to stay pretty and young. She accomplished this fact through the adolescent and teen days but when the twenties rolled around, she added cosmetics to retain her youthful beauty. As the years accumulated, facials and a slight hair tinge were admitted to the routine.

She married a splendid man and bore him two fine sons and two lovely daughters, but she never let up on her determination to be young, and she pursued the idea with a keen ferocity. The first grandchild and the title "Grandma" was a distinct shock, and she suddenly began to study herself. The rouge, lipstick, hair tinge and facials did their level best but Nature has a way of drawing reactionary lines.

So, on her sixtieth birthday, she boarded a plane for a vacation in Paris, and for six weeks allowed herself to go "natural". The tinged hair grew into its real silvery beauty; the lines softened in her face and her cheeks held the tint of health. She wore the latest fashion, modeled to maturity, and bore herself accordingly. The constant fear of advancing age left, leaving in its place calmness and serenity. When her family met her at the airport on her return, there was a chorus of united voices: "Mother, you never were so beautiful as you are now." So, this lady kept her childhood promise to herself.

Inferiority complex is a coward, ever fearful of being detected.

It seemed almost too good to be true, but the return to school after the holidays had made an unbelievable change in Little Mary. Even her mother marveled at it and breathed a deep sigh of satisfaction. So pleased was she that she didn't hesitate to invite the Circle to meet with her, feeling there need be no worry about any transgressions by the little girl.

As the guests were donning their wraps and preparing to leave after a pleasant afternoon, Little Mary's shrill voice came through to them from an adjoining room: "Well, I guess I fixed those old ladies for awhile. I poured a whole bottle of mercurochrome into that raspberry ice cream to make it redder."

The easiest way to accomplish an arduous task is do it now. It grows larger with delay.

The one subject uppermost in the mind of every Southerner right now is the controversial integration problem. It has reached dangerous aspects and certainly something must be done to curb its intensity before it gets out of hand.

Tradition is a deep-seated attribute that is impossible to uproot and it should be given the protection it so rightly deserves. The South has never tried to force its ideals upon any other part of the country, and it certainly is an invasion of its rights to impose conditions contrary to a heritage of beliefs.

The passing of the Pearsall Plan, with an overwhelming majority, proves the reaction to an unwarranted restriction and regulation as set down without consultation. It is sincerely hoped that further manifestations of rebellion will be unnecessary, but the South will ever defend her rights to her tradition and convictions.

Anger is a sharp instrument that leaves a scar on both sides.

Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Dr. Jasper Morgan, consulting physicist of Duke Hospital, visits his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan.

Miss Kate Williams returns to her work in the office of the clerk of court after a visit in Atlanta.

Miss Thomasine Stringfield enters Woman's College.

Ira Thackston accepts position in Roanoke, Va.

10 YEARS AGO

Waynesville market counters reflect shortage of meat.

Sgt. Max Thompson, one of

North Carolina's four Congressional Medal winners, is invited to the American Legion National Convention in San Francisco.

Miss Mattie Moody is married to Andrew Leland Garnett.

Fred Martin, Jr. goes to Phoenix, Ariz., where he will enter Arizona State College.

5 YEARS AGO

Linton Palmer enters North Carolina State College.

Helen Garrett is named president of the senior class at WTHS.

Robert Stretcher enters Fishbourne Military Academy at Waynesboro, Va.

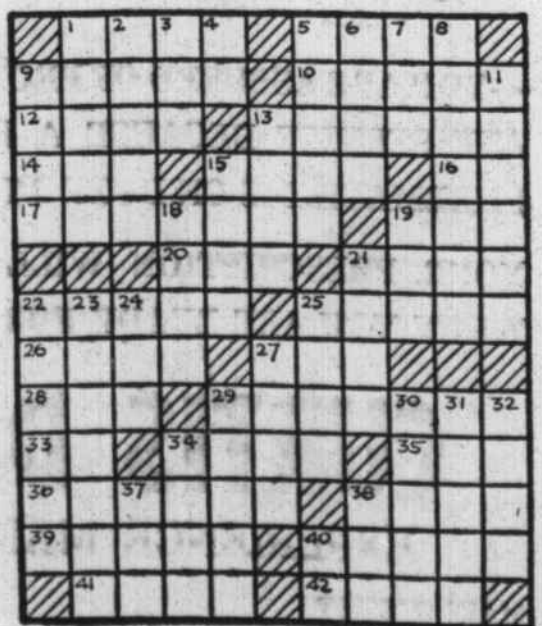
Miss Margaret Reece enters Woman's College.

Frederick Marsh of Washington, D. C., visits his aunt, Miss Lois Harrold.

Firestone Store opens new tire recapping department.

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