

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amch.—Ephesians 3:21.

This is eternal life; a life of everlasting love, showing itself in everlasting good works; and whosoever lives that life, he lives the life of God, and hath eternal life.—Kingsley.

Not A Hard Formula For Getting Business In 1957

Reports on business here indicates that this community has had a better than average year. Naturally there are some isolated cases, but for the average, it has been a good year.

What about the future for business here? All indications point to encouragement, and the prospects for another good year.

The industrial plants are employing more folk than at any time in history; farmers are getting good burley prices, and the farming outlook is promising. The folk in the tourist business had a banner season in 1956, and the prospects for '57 are equally as good, or even better.

Some of the best statisticians of the nation are optimistic. They point out that business will be plentiful, but competitive. They advise that it will be an era to be alert, up-and-going, with plenty of push.

Which simply boils down to the fact that there will be plenty of business for those who want it bad enough to go after it during 1957. That is not a hard formula to understand.

Papa To Get The Bill

The city of Charlotte is concerned over the heavy losses being sustained by the city from damages done by groups of boys who seem to have a desire to destroy. The city officials estimate that damages amount to \$50,000 a year to parks and public buildings.

A number of civic leaders have felt that an appeal to the boys to be good citizens was the answer, but thus far that procedure has failed to bring the desired results. Consequently, the officials, and civic leaders are now seriously considering a plan whereby papa would be handed the bill for damages done by the wayward son.

The taxpayers are also concerned, because thus far, the damages done to the publicly-owned properties had to be repaired from funds created from the taxpayers pockets.

In some instances, it begins to look like papa will get to pay twice.

Oil Prices

Under the category of things we find hard to understand is an announcement last week that because of heavy fuel oil shipments to Western Europe, Americans can expect to pay increased prices for oil and gasoline in the very near future.

If there was a shortage of oil in this country such an announcement might make sense as it would merely reflect the workings of the old law of supply and demand.

Put there is no oil shortage in America and even heavy shipments to Europe to ease the crisis over there won't create one. There's plenty of oil right now and any shortage which might possibly be created can easily be taken care of by stepping up production from oil fields which now are pumping at nowhere near the capacity output.

—Fort Lauderdale, News.

Views of Other Editors

Should Counties Share School Load?

In a recent editorial the Greensboro Daily News posed a question that ought to interest the taxpayers of Johnston County.

"Governor Hodges" commented the Daily News, "has voiced the opinion that more local aid should go into the schools. But where counties or school districts are already pushing their legal limits, what is to be done? If the Governor's idea is carried out, there must be a yardstick with which to measure the ability to pay and application of that yardstick in any equitable requirements or allocations."

Let's take a look at school taxes already being paid in Johnston County.

The county levies 86 cents for schools, including 20 cents earmarked for vocational education, lunchrooms, and other special needs of the districts.

Five districts in the county have tax supplements of either 20 or 25 cents. The supplemental levy in Micro and Benson districts is 20 cents; in Smith-

Seed Catalogs Brighten Winter Days

Seed firms use a lot of common sense. Right along with the last Christmas cards, and just before the bills of January first, there came in the mail, a colorful seed catalog, which stirred the imagination beyond measure of an in-between-Christmas-New Year's holiday season.

Sitting near the fire, and in the gleam of Christmas tree lights and tinsel, we read of the new creations offered in 1957 seeds.

Here it is still! December, and our fingers are already itching for the warm soil, and seed planting time.

There are few things quite as fascinating as planting seeds, and watering them. Then to wait for them to grow into plants and mature into vegetables or flowers.

The seed firms should have an extra star in their crown for publishing such catalogs, and getting them out when winter is but a few days old. The bright pictures of perfectly formed vegetables, and flowers that are "out-of-this-world" give new hope and enthusiasm for the future. And while we read and enjoy the seed catalogs, not once do we give thought to the weeding and grassing which each crop takes. But even that task does not keep us from wanting to try again, come spring, to produce vegetables or flowers to match the catalog pictures.

Unfair Tax On Beauty?

A New York lady has just appeared before a Congressional Committee in stern opposition to the 10 percent Federal tax that is applied to lipstick and cosmetics. The lady contends that lipstick is not a luxury. It is a vital necessity. Her argument is that it is essential for women to be beautiful and that cosmetics are imperatively needed for purposes of morale. The lady from New York is quoted as saying: "Gentlemen, the time has passed when good grooming aids for women can be considered luxuries."

This line of reasoning may hold water. Lipstick, apparently, will be worn as often as shoes and stockings are worn. And cosmetics are not needed solely as morale lifters for the ladies. These prettifiers do a tremendous lot for the morale of the males, too. In fact, we think the lady from New York has a point. Lipstick is no longer a luxury. We can elide strongly to this belief without going into the merits of the Federal tax one way or the other.

But the lady miscued farther down the line. She says that if a tax is necessary on lipstick, there should be one on razor blades, also. This argument is fatuous to the point of asininity. Putting a little paint on the mouth may be a pleasant enough enterprise, but the daily morning tussle with obdurate whiskers is a formidable chore. We've never known a man who got any pleasure from shaving himself. Shaving may not be so onerous and dangerous as killing snakes, but it is certainly one of those gruesome interludes comparable to naying taxes, fixing tire punctures, wrestling with housing mortgages, and mowing grass.

—Raleigh News and Observer.

Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Pet Dairy Products Co. purchases Western Carolina Creamery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coble celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Betty Jane Bradley has birthday party.

Paul Davis is visiting friends in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Haynes return from a trip to Florida.

Mrs. F. A. Burgin, the Misses Margaret and Ruth Burgin, and Ray Burgin go to Bender, Ga. for visit with the former's daughter, Mrs. James Crisp.

10 YEARS AGO

Aaron Prevost is named general chairman of the county unit of the North Carolina Good Health Association.

Babson sees more goods, prices high, costs of living going up in 1947.

Chief Electrician's Mate R. L. Coin, Jr., USN, and his brother Orin Coin BM, third class, spend first Christmas at home together in seven years.

Miss Margaret Lola Pryor of Bear Wallow is bride of James Richard Queen.

5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. C. O. Newell is chosen "Woman of the Year" by Business and Professional Women's Club.

Lions Club dime board raises over \$1,500.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sherrod McCall entertain with an open house.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer West and their daughter, Miss Mary Jean West, and Don Whisenunt return from a visit in Florida.

Miss Ruth Corwin, formerly of Waynesville, returns to her home in Spencer after a visit here.

Letter To Editor

Views From Germany

Editor, The Mountaineer:

It's just been learned on this side of the world that President Eisenhower has appointed an assistant in charge of long-range planning for long-range problems. It would be interesting to know this gentleman's views for this coming summer. Surely there would be a brief on what to expect in the satellites when the days grow warm and it's possible for a man to hide in the hills without turning into a frozen blue corpse.

A glance at history shows that summer time is fighting time.

No one can contest the fact that several nations are ready for a brawl, even a lonsided contest with so powerful an antagonist as a Soviet tank. There's Poland No one can say how long the people of that oppressed nation will take bread and milk from Gomulka when their palates ache for the wine of freedom. East Germany, too, must be considered and of course there's Hungary, the nation that defies adjectives. It is some sort of matchless testimony to food and evil to see on the world stage a country that can produce such Washington-like men as the freedom fighters, and such villains as Janos Kadar.

What will Hungarians do when the warmth of the summer sun browns their skins and the good wine of the earth courses through their veins?

Not since the days of Bunker Hill and the crossing of the Potomac and the battles of Valley Forge have a people stared so much and acted so long against both man and nature.

The man with the long-range plans in his brief case may well give considerable time to considering what Hungarians could do in a climate conducive to the type of warfare that they must wage. And, if the nation once again shakes with the bitter tread of tanks harvesting people—will the mighty U. S. face up to whatever threats Russia might bellow forth and really do something to help a people in need?

The answer will take a long winter's wait.

JAMES W. MACKIN, JR. Frankfurt, Germany



Views of Other Editors

SOUND MONEY POLICY

Sound money isn't just the business of the banker. It's something that concerns all of us.

As the current issue of the New England Letter of the First National Bank of Boston points out, "wise monetary restraint is the best guarantee of sound money and more stable growth. It would be a disservice to the nation to allow the money supply to expand for any extended period more rapidly than the supply of goods available for purchase."

Every curve of the inflationary spiral clips away a portion of the pay check, insurance policy and pension. This is something we may forget although the housewife should be reminded of it when she goes shopping.

There has been a mounting threat of inflation this year and one of the most important actions to hold the line has been in the area operating a policy of monetary restraint.

This "tight money" policy was adopted principally because the demand for investment funds was getting too high in relation to the amount of savings.

But when the money supply expands for an extended period more rapidly than the supply of goods available for purchase there will result an out-of-hand inflationary situation from which the average citizen will suffer.

The policy has been a sound and prudent one even though it has been criticized in some quarters.—Waterville (Maine) Schinell

So This Is New York

By NORTH CALLAHAN



So you think Jack Benny playing the fiddle is a joke? Then you should have been with us at Carnegie Hall on a recent night here. Jack not only appeared in person with his violin, but he played all the first movement of Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto" with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, and threw in Sarasate's "Gypsy Airs" for good measure. It was a special concert to save Carnegie Hall which will be torn down if they don't raise enough money soon for its purchase by the management. Not only did Jack do pretty well—oh, you wouldn't confuse him with Fritz Kreisler—but he also looked not much over 30 years old. You see, Benny was once a real violinist. Asked how he felt after the concert, he said patently, "I just about got through it."

Dropped into Toot Shor's for a party for Jackie Gleason who is starting a new television series. The place was so crowded that the rotund Jackie could hardly get in himself, but he finally appeared, surrounded by his bevy of pretty girls, prominent among whom was Audrey Meadows. Although the restaurant was swarming with television personalities, the infectious personality of Jackie Gleason overshadowed them all. Here is a genial guy whom I remember a few years ago as just another act at the Roxy Theater. His last contract for TV totaled 11 million dollars and he lives as if tomorrow would never come.

For years I have been a Brooklyn Dodger baseball fan but this time I was pulling for those Milwaukee Braves. It seemed time that a good out-of-town team won the pennant and it looked as if those Wisconsin boys were going to do it. Then came the last few days and you know what happened: the Braves blew and the Dodgers dug in. Well, it's what's on the score board that counts, they say, and again it was a subway series with the Yankees. Maybe next year some other good teams will wallop these New York nines.

Just as I was thinking this Presidential race was getting hot, I stopped in at the New York Historical Society and viewed some of the old-time campaign cartoons, as well as the posters, song books, sheet music and badges used in the political past. In 1804, a broadside exhorted Republicans to "Turn out and save your country from ruin." Another campaign issue of some generations ago was "Do generals make good Presidents?" In 1868, the cry was, "Reduce taxation before taxation reduces us." The "good Washington" was compared with Jefferson with "a mildewed ear." Some of the most violent ones pertained to Andrew Jackson and his wife, while Lincoln was pictured eating two of his opponents like oysters "on the

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Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The ghastly toll of traffic deaths during the Christmas holidays is appalling. In the minds of every sensible thinking person must come the thought: "What can be done to stop this slaughter?"

Repeated warnings through the medium of newspapers, television, radio and signs on the highways seemingly have no effect whatever. The slogan: "Drive carefully" has no more value than the sign "Wet Paint". It must be tried out through curiosity. As far as can be reasonably assumed, speeding and drunken drivers are the chief causes of the terrific number of fatalities. And the tragedy of it is that both of these causes can be absolutely controlled by the drivers of the automobiles. Defects in the mechanism of the cars usually play a minor role; the defects are in the mental mechanism of the brains guiding the vehicles. While the drivers of the cars that cause the accidents may not have control of their mental faculties, the manufacturers of the new automobiles could help a lot by placing less power and more safety in their output.

As long as there are cars, speedways and intoxicants, the lives of innocent people will be sacrificed, more's the pity!

There's nothing quite so forlorn looking as Christmas decorations after the holidays.

Post mortems, at best, are gloomy affairs but it is astounding how popular they are. Have you ever listened to some one telling of an operation, either to themselves or some one else? They do not leave out one gory detail and seemingly get a sadistic amount of pleasure out of the narration. And there is the aftermath of a bridge game. The whole hand has to be reshuffled (mentally) for the benefit of the player thereof. The opponent certainly has no interest in the event, and there is more than a million chances to one that those identical cards will ever reassemble themselves into one hand again. One of the first things an expert teacher will impress upon the beginner is: "Forget the hand you have just played. There's a new one for your attention."

And add post mortems from the past. This is a progressive world, ever moving forward, not backward. Otherwise we would still be traveling in covered wagons instead of Constellations, Diesel powered Super Chiefs, and Cadillacs.

It might be when some one is faithfully recounting a fatal accident or illness, the listener may have been through a similar tragedy which they are bravely trying to forget. So let's all look over the fence to tomorrow land, and close the door on all the unhappy events of yesterdays.

Death, guiding the steering wheel, says: "Let's go!"

Little Johnnie's face was screwed up in a frown of discontent as he gazed around at the numerous toys scattered over the floor. His mother, a bit disconcerted, asked, "What's the matter, Johnnie? Aren't you pleased with all your presents?" "Oh, yeah. They're all right, I guess," was the little boy's reply, "but the new toys nowadays won't bust up as easy as the old ones did."

Watch out now! Write it '57, and HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYBODY!

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Recalcitrant Republicans May Feel Ike's Wrath

Die-Hard Right-Wingers Lost Prestige in Voting

Special to Central Press Association

WASHINGTON—White House sources say President Eisenhower is so earnest about remodeling the Republican party that he is now ready to war against members of the GOP who refuse to have anything to do with "modern Republicanism."

In 1952, 1954 and 1956, Mr. Eisenhower supported all Republicans for office, regardless of whether they agreed with his views of what the party should stand for. Thus, some extremely right-wing Republicans, farther away from the President politically than many Democrats, nevertheless had his blessing.

White House aides now say Mr. Eisenhower is abandoning this policy, and that his tremendous election victory, while the GOP failed to win a majority in Congress, has convinced him that the party cannot exist unless it "goes modern."

Therefore, the President is likely to take sides in GOP primary races in 1958, throwing all his prestige behind any "Eisenhower Republican" who vies with a member of the "old guard." However, even before 1958—particularly in the next session of Congress—the chief executive will undoubtedly exert all the pressure at his command to help "modern Republicans" and hinder right-wingers.

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS—In what may be a related development, an effort will be made in Congress in January to put an end to so-called character assassination by congressional investigation.

Senators Thomas H. Kuchel (R), California, and Prescott Bush (R), Connecticut, both Eisenhower Republicans who won re-election this year, will introduce a resolution calling for the Senate "to elevate the level of committee investigations" and "to assure citizens of fair treatment at the hands of their legislators."

Kuchel said the resolution would call for a code of conduct which will curb what he calls "flagrant and degrading abuse of witnesses, smears of innocent third persons, and use of investigations as sounding boards for the rankest heresy."

The target apparently is Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R), Wisconsin, who frequently opposes the administration. McCarthy is ranking Republican on the Senate permanent investigation committee—and he headed the committee during the first two years of President Eisenhower's first term.

GEIGER COUNT MARRIAGE—Disclosure that the United States plans to establish a "safe" radiation exposure standard for the entire U. S. population raises all kinds of possibilities, particularly involving marriage.

Some scientists say that individuals, if plans are approved as being worked out, may have to carry personal "score cards" showing just how much radiation they have accumulated during their lifetime and how much more they could safely take.

Such records, it was said, may even determine what couples may marry and have children. For example, a man with a high accumulation of radiation soaked up from medical X-rays and atomic test exposures would be dissuaded from marrying a girl with a similar high rating.

As one man put it—the possibility is not eliminated that a Geiger counter would properly precede an engagement ring.

CAMPAIGN FLYING—Air line authorities report that the two major political parties did more campaigning by air in 1956 than ever before in history.

They compute that Republican and Democratic candidates for President and vice president and the "truth squads" of the two parties chalked up 220,000 air miles during the campaign. The previous high was in 1952, when 178,275 miles were recorded in the air.

Train travel was minimized by the major candidates but strategists of both parties concede that for congressional and local campaigns, the airplane isn't the answer for the aspiring candidates.

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