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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."  
—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1946

### HIGHWAY TOLL ALARMING

With so many other more dramatic issues like the coal strike, the OPA battle and the Paris foreign ministers' peace conference to claim public attention, the American people have paid too little heed to the growing seriousness of the nation's highway death toll.

While few of us have realized it, this question has been building up into one of major importance. Since wartime gasoline rationing ended, the monthly totals of dead and injured in traffic accidents have been shooting upward at a startling rate.

President Truman is right, therefore, in calling upon all levels of government—national, state and city—to act in a concerted effort to meet the challenge presented by the skyrocketing fatality figures. He is also right in placing primary responsibility on State and municipal governments to take initial corrective measures.

Unless that approach is effective, the President logically warns, "we cannot expect the congress and the Federal government to stand idly by" and do nothing.

Drunken and reckless drivers are, of course, the greatest single menace to highway safety. Mr. Truman hints at the method which States and cities should pursue when he says "it is squarely up to them to deal with that small group of traffic incorrigibles who cause so much trouble for so many. After all, the license to drive on the public highways is a privilege that can be denied if it is abused."

The first step, then, is a tightening of law enforcement. After that should come legislative action to provide uniformity in "rules of the road" throughout the country.—Hickory Daily Record.

### Mabel News

Stanley Lee Reece, seaman second class, who entered the service in February, 1945, has been honorably discharged after serving several months overseas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reece, of Mabel.

Mr. Solomon Eggers has been very ill for several days, but is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dugger and son of Butler, Tenn., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Oliver and J. R. Dugger of Mabel.

Miss Magdalene Reece returned to Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday, after spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reece.

Rev. Tommie Stansberry filled his appointment at Union Grove Baptist Church Sunday, and the children gave a Mother's Day program at 2 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Greene has been spending the last week with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Thomas at Trade, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Greene of Mabel.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reece on April 23 at their home, twin sons, who have been named Lawson Lee and Bernie Lester. Mrs. Reece is the former Miss Elizabeth Oliver of Mabel.

Mr. Luther Oliver was in New York last week where he went to meet Mrs. Blain Norris and son, who arrived on the Queen Mary from England. Mrs. Norris is making her home with Mr. Norris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Norris, of Mabel. Her husband is on active duty.

### COAL OPERATORS REFUSE TO PAY LEVY TO UNION

Washington, May 14. — Soft coal operators last night reaffirmed their opposition to the principle of the seven per cent payroll levy for a miners' welfare fund demanded by John L. Lewis, shattering any hope of immediate settlement of the coal controversy.

A person close to the operators and in attendance at their special night session said there was "no recession from their former position of adamant opposition to the acceptance of a tax on payroll or a royalty on the coal, to go to Lewis for his unchecked use."

The Yancey County Gurensky Association recently sold 26 good animals of that breed for an average of \$261 each.

## From Our Early Files

### ITEMS FROM THE DEMOCRAT OF MAY 16, 1907

Mrs. Emma Taylor of Hickory, and her brother, L. L. Council of Waynesville, will run the Blowing Rock Hotel this summer.

Dr. Plato Bingham, who has been practicing on Stony Fork, has located with Dr. Jones in Boone for the practice of his profession.

Mrs. Alice Council, Mrs. Boyden and son, Donald, arrived at their home in Boone last week. Glad to learn that the health of Mrs. Boyden is very good, in fact better than it has been for several years.

Our former little friend and office help for quite a long time, Boyce Hargett, sends us an invitation to be present at the commencement exercises of Trinity high school, Trinity, N. C., May 26-29. Rev. B. F. Hargett, formerly of the Boone circuit, is headmaster of the school.

Silas M. Greene, jeweler of Silverstone, has been in town this week, looking after a room for his shop, with a view to moving his business here. He hopes to be here and ready for business by June 1.

The following delegates and visitors from the Boone circuit left Tuesday to attend District Conference which convenes in Wilkes-

boro today: J. S. Stanbury and daughters, Misses Annie and Bertha; J. H. Taylor and one daughter, Miss Maggie; L. G. Maxwell, Miss Sallie Seinknecht and Pastor J. H. Brendall.

The last legislature granted the citizens of Elk township the privilege of deciding at the ballot box whether or not that township should be released from the stock law. The election came off on Tuesday of last week, and the adherents to the law came out victorious by a majority of five votes. This seems to indicate that the law was a bit more popular than had been reported.

On last Friday, as a result of some hard feelings that had existed between a Mr. Cline and Mr. J. E. Banner, both of Banner Elk, Banner was struck on the head with a cudgel in the hands of Cline, felled to the earth and stamped until some of his ribs were broken and otherwise seriously bruised. Cline ran, and we are told a son of Banner, who came upon the scene, fired seven shots at him from a revolver, but without effect. Mr. Banner's condition is considered serious, and his many friends deplore this sad occurrence and hope he may recover.

### THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

Rev. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Many of the best things in life are cheap—they cost little in money. A postage stamp may be the means of brightening a life, when everything seems to have failed.

Sometime ago, the daily writing of this column seemed to be growing tremendously dull. I wondered if it were worthwhile. Suddenly a number of your letters came. One in particular made me forget all about the drudgery of writing. There was genuine thanks and appreciation.

Most of us have good intentions. Impulses to write come upon us, but it is not just then convenient. There is no pen and paper. The impulse leaves us, and we forget.

You read in the newspaper of death in the family of a friend. You resolve to write a note, but the resolve dies before it gets on paper. You are truly sympathetic, but how is your friend going to know it?

There is no better rule for letter writing than "Do it now."

I have just read the confession of a well-known writer that for years he had intended to write a letter of appreciation to one teacher of his boyhood days, who had been especially helpful to him in a difficult time.

Finally he wrote the letter. It came with the note from the school principal that his old teacher had died two years before.

Many have been the times when you and I have seen or experienced some special courtesy or service rendered by employees of a public agency or corporation. We had an urge to write the main office in commendation, but probably we didn't.

It takes effort to write these letters; I know. Recently I was riding a train, and was impressed by the courteous and friendly manner of the conductor. Twice I saw him go out of his way to render some unexpected little service. I inquired the name of the superintendent of his division, and wrote him commending the conductor. A fine letter of appreciation came in reply.

A few stamps may save your credit. Instead of ignoring bills, when they pile up and you find yourself in a financial jam, try writing a few letters of explanation. You will be surprised at the results.

Sometime ago I found myself in such a strait. Communicating with my creditors, I offered apology, explanation and assurance of intent to pay, and asked extension. It was cheerfully granted. One or two observed that if all their customers showed the same spirit of cooperation that business would be more pleasant for them.

The more thought and sympathy we put into living, the less money it takes.

The gift which drew the greatest praise from Jesus, was three coins offered by a poverty stricken widow poor in money, but rich in spirit.

### Tomorrow's Dairying Discussed By Arey

John A. Arey, veteran dairy specialist of the State College Extension Service, in a recent interview had this to say about future dairying in North Carolina:

"The drive for greater efficiency in dairy production is not something to be carried on only during the present emergency. It is a long-run endeavor. We have no means reached the ultimate limits of efficiency that are within reach right now. What can be done has been demonstrated by the Dairy Herd Improvement Associations. In 1944 the average cow in herd of these associations turned out nearly twice as much milk and butterfat as the average cow in the United States.

"Furthermore, it is estimated that if we can breed even 25 per cent of our cows to proved sires—a percentage now possible through artificial insemination—we can increase production per cow more in the next 10 years than in the past century.

"In the experimental stage is a technique for selecting the future high producers while animals are young, thus eliminating the waste of raising unprofitable heifers.

"All this shows very clearly that

### At the Churches

#### GRACE LUTHERAN

Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a. m.

Worship at 11 a. m. Sermon topic: "The Mission of the Holy Spirit."

Luther League at 6:30 p. m.

The annual Vacation Bible School will begin at Grace Lutheran Church Monday, May 20, and continue through May 31. Classes 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.

The theme for the school will be "The Bible." Courses will be taught in Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediates. The theme will be presented in Bibliographs, pictures, songs, stories and prayers.

The school will be directed by the pastor and teachers of the local church. All children are invited.

#### REVIVAL IN PROGRESS AT THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH

The revival meeting which began at Three Forks Baptist Church last Sunday, will continue through this week. There will be a special meeting for the servicemen Thursday night. Everyone is invited to come. Rev. W. H. Caldwell is doing the preaching. Rev. Raymond Hendrix is the pastor.

#### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A two-weeks Vacation Church School will begin in the Boone Methodist church next Monday morning at nine o'clock. The sessions will be held from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. from Monday through Friday. Children from four to fourteen are invited to attend this school. Competent teachers will be on hand to give instructions and guidance. The cooperation of parents is earnestly solicited.

#### PRESIDENT SIGNS ACT EXTENDING DRAFT LAW

Washington, May 14—President Truman affixed a reluctant signature tonight to a stop-gap bill extending the draft until July 1, but banning the induction of fathers and youths 18 and 19 years old.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OPEN 101ST CONVENTION TODAY

Miami, Fla., May 15—The 101st annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention opened here today with a registration expected to approach 10,000 from 19 states and the District of Columbia.

The dairy farmer of tomorrow is going to be able to produce more milk with less labor, at lower cost. And lower cost can mean the widening of the market. Wider market in turn means better nutrition for the state and the nation."

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and relatives of our father, B. A. Foster, for their kindness and sympathy during our bereavement, and the friends who sent the lovely flowers. We appreciate this kindness and consideration.—THE CHILDREN.

### Insulin Is a Body Builder

By Dr. J. B. Warren

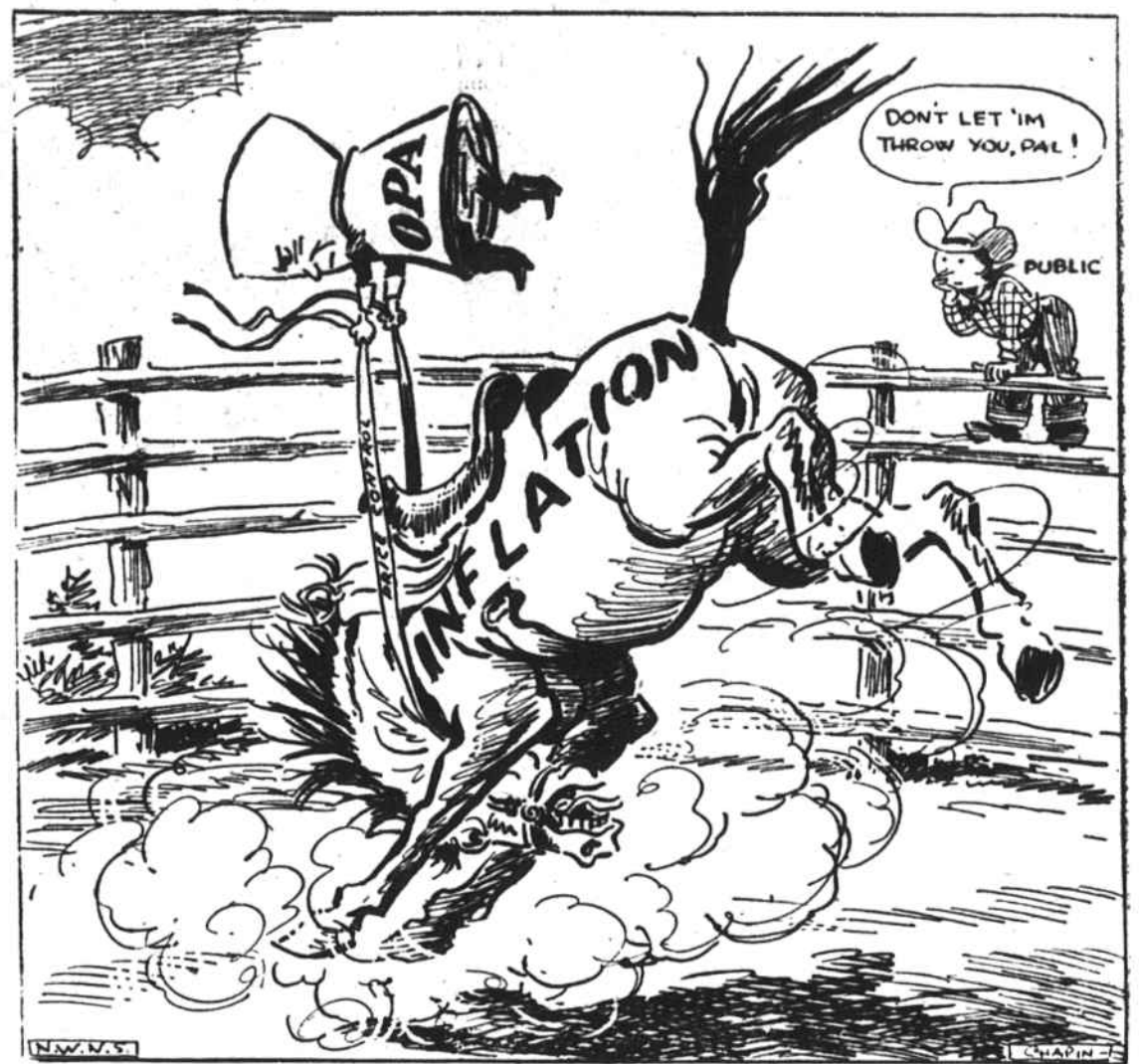
I AM INSULIN — I PLAY MANY PARTS



We naturally think of insulin as the great life saver in diabetes. It says the lives of children, everyone of which would be sacrificed had insulin not been discovered. It saves the lives of adults, at their very best age mentally; these lives are now prolonged by insulin to a good average old age.

However, insulin does more than permit diabetics to live. It has been found of service in heart disease, cancer, tuberculosis, stomach and intestinal ulcer, goiter and the healing of broken bones.

### BREAKING THROUGH THE CLOUDS



### State College Hints For Homemakers

By RUTH CURRANT (N. C. State College)

Lost buttons, especially those torn out of garments, add greatly to the burden of family mending in many households. Spring and summer clothes of thin fabric are likely to suffer most from buttons that pull out, taking some of the fabric underneath with them. A simple way to prevent such damage, clothing specialists suggest, is to stitch tape on the inside of the garment under the button line. The stitched reinforcement does not show when the garment is buttoned and distributes the strain so that the small area of cloth to which the button is attached does not take the full pull. Stitch down each edge of the tape, then sew buttons through the center part of the tape.

On rayon clothes such a tape will prevent the damage that often comes from pressing too hard or with too hot an iron under buttons.

Rural electrification specialists advise that electric irons always should be disconnected properly after use to keep them in good working order. Pull on the plug that fits into the convenience outlet in the wall, never on the cord. Pulling on the cord may loosen the connections within the plug or even pull out the wires. A loose connection may either blow a fuse or cause excessive heat, which in time will ruin the plug.

If the iron cord is detachable, connect and disconnect it at the convenience outlet rather than at the iron. Disconnecting the cord from the iron while the current is on may cause sparking. This in time will ruin the plug and may require replacing the connector on the iron—a repair job.

It's time to clean up and clean out winter's accumulation of debris from all buildings. Clean, grease, and replace worn parts of machinery, look over buildings (home and out-buildings), make necessary repairs. Fire prevention specialists say inspect every building on the farm and make sure:

1 — Trash, rubbish, waste paper, old clothing, feed bags, bedding, and the like are removed and turned in for salvage. Fires originate in debris which likewise serves as tinder for any spark or carelessly tossed match.

2 — Dust, cobwebs, shavings and other flammable materials, are cleaned away from fuse boxes, motors, and other electrical devices to avoid flash fires. Replace worn extension cords, and repair defective equipment.

3 — The heating plant and the chimney are clean. Replace worn parts. Repair cracks in masonry joints in the chimney, and install a spark arrester if the roof is not protected with fire-resistant roofing.

4 — Lightning rod connections are

tight, not loosened by winter's wind, snow and ice.

5 — All buildings are in good repair, that roofs are weather-tight. Water seeping into a building rots the structure and water dripping into properly cured hay may result in spontaneous combustion. If a new roof is needed, select a fire-resistant roofing material, such as asphalt shingles, metal, or asbestos. Cover badly split, cracked side walls preferably with fire-resistant siding.

Repair broken flooring and steps for safety and efficiency.

6 — Gasoline and kerosene are stored in metal containers or underground at a safe distance from main buildings. NEVER use or store flammable cleaning fluids.

Rayon prices, which may drop to around 22 cents per pound within the year, are virtually certain to force a comparable reduction in cotton prices.

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