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Banner Tourist Season

We notice that Waynesville, like Brevard, is having an excellent tourist season.

Many of the tourist homes, motels and others catering to summer visitors in our town and county have a good many reservations from now until Labor day, and again this week end, hundreds and hundreds of persons are expected here for the Brevard Music Festival.

The Waynesville Mountaineer comments on the good tourist year in this manner:

"The best signs of the times — to local folk—is the one which reads "No Vacancy."

"It has gotten to be a pastime for many

to ride through the area at night checking on the signs in front of places catering to tourists.

"Since last week end, the "No Vacancy" signs have prevailed throughout the community, and indications from advance reservations show that the signs will be used continuously until after Labor Day.

"One Maggie operator curtailed the sign, and just used the word "NO" to let passing motorists know he did not have any extra space.

"We can appreciate the sinking feeling on the part of motorists seeking a place to spend the night when all signs read "no vacancy" but on the other hand, from the local angle, the signs look like the sunrise on a horizon of prosperity."

"Give The Kids A Brake"

With schools opening today, we issue the timely warning, "Give the kids a brake."

From early morning until late afternoon hundreds and hundreds of boys and girls will be walking and riding on our highways and by-ways.

In this fast, modern age, children dart from all corners, seldom giving a thought to a possible oncoming vehicle that might be exceeding the speed limit.

The best policy for the motorists to fol-

low, particularly when driving in school zones, is to travel at a speed which will allow for stopping suddenly to avoid hitting a child.

More than ever before, Transylvania drivers should practice safety.

We have a record enrollment, and more than half of our school children ride the school buses. Motorists are again reminded that it is unlawful to pass a school bus while loading or unloading.

Please, Mr. Motorist: Be constantly on the alert and "give the kids a brake."

Advice To Bike Riders

Editorially, The Times warned all motorists to be extremely careful while driving now that school is opening, and the following remarks are directed at boys and girls who ride bicycles to and from school.

North Carolina's motor vehicles commissioner, Ed Scheidt, has labelled bike riders as "Miniature Motorists," and he calls them this because child bicycle riders must for safety's sake assume two of the adult motorist's major responsibilities:

1. To be careful and safe in traffic.
2. To keep their machines in smooth and safe working order.

The commissioner reminded Tar Heel "Miniature Motorists" that 11 tots and teen-agers were killed in collisions of bicycles and motor vehicles last year.

What is more, almost 300 were injured in bicycle traffic accidents.

The commissioner urges child bike rid-

ers to see that their bicycles are properly equipped and that all equipment is properly maintained.

Pay particular attention to headlight, reflectors and brakes, he cautioned.

Seven simple traffic rules for North Carolina's "Miniature Motorists" are listed:

1. Ride with traffic, and keep to the far right, close to the curb.
2. When riding with a group of other bicyclists, ride single file.
3. Never ride two on a bike.
4. Do not weave or stunt — either in or out of traffic. Ride in a straight line.
5. Remember — when in traffic you must obey the law just like any motorist. Obey all signs, signals and traffic laws.
6. It is illegal and extremely dangerous to hitch on to a passing truck, street car or any moving vehicle.
7. If you must ride at night, be sure you have a good headlight and a clear, red reflector on the rear.

Paragraphics...

In olden times when a youth started sowing wild oats, father started the thrashing machine.

Inscription on a tombstone: Here lies an atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

It's almost always the failure who has been a grand success at dodging work.

Being short of cash makes it hard to convince some people of your wisdom.

Lots of folks, short on money, are still managing to scratch out a vacation.

A good sport is a fellow who thinks any kind of fun is worth the trouble.

It takes more than today's costs to keep some people from building a happy home.

Things are never quite so trying for folks who are always willing to try.

Trust to luck and you have to be darn lucky to get anywhere.

We could stand automobiles being thick on the highway if so many drivers weren't the same.

STARTER'S GUN



Comments From Our Readers . . .

LETTERS TO THE TIMES

Mr. John I. Anderson, Editor
The Transylvania Times
Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In reference to the article concerning United Appeal Fund in the Transylvania Times of August 18, the following statement regarding the Christmas Seal campaign appears: "... the TB association would mail out its annual Christmas seals, but no solicitation would be made by the group." In the event that some people might misinterpret the meaning of "solicitation" in this instance, I would like to emphasize that the campaign will be conducted this year exactly as it has been in the past: Christmas Seals will be mailed out and the recipient may buy or not buy the seals, as he chooses. No door-to-door solicitation will be made.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I have sent to the Admissions and Budget Committee of the United Fund of Transylvania county and will appreciate it very much if you will print it in your paper in order that the people of Transylvania county may know our reasons for not participating in the United Fund.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
JEANETTE AUSTIN
Christmas Seal Chairman
Transylvania Tuberculosis Committee

Mr. Don M. Jenkins,
Co-Chairman Admissions and Budget Committee, The United Fund of Transylvania County
Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jenkins:
Your letter inviting the Transylvania Tuberculosis Committee to participate in United Fund has been referred to me because I am the legal representative of the tuberculosis association, having already signed a Christmas Seal contract with the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association for the year 1955-56.

Although we appreciate the in-

formation, I am writing to advise on behalf of the members of the tuberculosis committee that the Transylvania Tuberculosis Committee does not feel it essential to be represented at your meetings as the association does not wish to participate in United Fund for the following reasons:

1. The Christmas Seal Sale is conducted through the mail without personal solicitation and, therefore, the individual is at liberty to make his decision in the privacy of his own home.

2. The Christmas Seal Sale is an established tradition closely associated with the spirit of Christmas. It clusters around the Christmas Seal, the most potent symbol which any voluntary organization has ever possessed. Of the amount raised in Transylvania county, 75 per cent stays here to fight TB and 94 per cent stays in North Carolina to help fight TB.

3. An independent campaign enables the Tuberculosis Association to take full advantage of its educational potentialities. In addition to publicity and promotion accompanying an independent campaign, a large segment of the population is contacted through the mail with facts about an infectious disease and facts about available facilities or lack of facilities.

4. TB associations have 48 years of experience in successful fund raising with tested and proven techniques. The Christmas Seal campaign is not dependent on large contributions, but is sustained by small donations from thousands of people.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the newspaper with the request that they print it in full.

On behalf of the members of the Transylvania Tuberculosis Committee I am sending our best wishes to the United Fund organization for a successful campaign.

Sincerely,
JEANETTE AUSTIN,
Christmas Seal Chairman
Transylvania Tuberculosis Committee

FROM OUR FILES

GLANCING BACKWARD AT "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

15 YEARS AGO

The last in the series of four summer concerts, sponsored by the Music Lovers' club of Brevard will be presented to the public Tuesday, August 20th, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Allie Wilson, Mrs. Rubye Hubbard, Mrs. Beulah Bagwell, and Miss Sadie North are attending a conference of adult education workers under sponsorship of the WPA at Asheville this week.

Directors of the Kiwanis club were entertained at dinner Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain. Mrs. Brittain and Mrs. Harry R. Sellers were co-hostesses in entertaining.

Brevard Tanners will journey to Enka Saturday afternoon to try their hand at dislodging the league-leaders from the pedestal the Rayonites have sat upon throughout the season.

The two days' meeting of the Baptist association held at Cathey's Creek church was a pro-

nounced success. The Cathey's Creek folks were complimented on the excellent dinners for the two days.

Miss Geneva Neill has returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Columbia and Greenville, S. C.

Arrangements have been made to continue the Monday night street dances through September, it was announced at the party on West Main street Monday night.

Adger L. Capps of Jeter Mountain section was winner of the \$105 cash award at Plummer's store last week, and received his money Tuesday afternoon.

All aliens in Transylvania county are required to register and be fingerprinted at the Brevard post-office, it was announced here Monday by Postmaster Coleman Galloway.

High quality manganese ore was mined in the Boylston section during the War Between the States, and used in the manufacture of arms for the Confederate —Turn to Page Twelve

BEHIND THE NEWS . . .

From Washington

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY



"DRAFT IKE" MOVE A WASTE OF MONEY

It is not easy to understand all the activity to "Draft Ike" for the Republican nomination for president in 1956. If Eisenhower wants the job, the Republicans will nominate him.

In fact, they have no other candidate on hand, except Richard Nixon, the vice president, or William Knowland, the senator, and both would prefer to be remembered in 1960 rather than in 1956. Ike does not need to be drafted. The convention will be his private property and will do his bidding.

Tom Stephens, the Dewey henchman and for a while appointment secretary to President Eisenhower, is busying himself with the "Draft Ike" effort. It is expected that John Roosevelt, Republican son of the late New Deal president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, will head a Citizens' Committee.

All this activity seems useless — of the order of presenting Caesar with a crown three times, when truly the old boy wanted it from the start. It is normal for an American president to expect to be nominated for a second term.

It is abnormal for an American president to decline a second term. Coolidge did it by choosing not to run — but the trouble there was that the rest of the country did not understand the particular New England Yankee use of the term "choose." It meant that that was his choice but was no indication as to how others should choose.

I have to say New England Yankee because there are lots of people these days who are not Yankees and who do not quite get the shades of meaning which are so characteristic of the people here in western Massachusetts and Vermont who use few words and no gestures but are always understood among themselves. Coolidge would have run for a second term had he been nominated, or so I have been told by those whose propinquity to him cannot be gainsaid.

As a matter of fact, if Eisenhower announced today that he will run for a second term, the Republicans could dispense with

their convention in San Francisco, where the hotel space is likely to present a problem. They could nominate him unanimously by mail, the proxies to be addressed to Thomas E. Dewey, who controls the machinery of the Republican party anyhow. He appoints judges and U. S. attorneys and such, although he likes to give the impression that he has retired from politics and is hidden away in the gullies of Wall Street.

Why go to the enormous expense of dragging thousands of people across the continent in August when the cat is already in the bag? All the press-agent stories handed out to give the impression that Ike may be too old at 70 are designed only to have thousands of telegrams and letters come to the White House, saying, "No! No! 70 is not too old, or even 80. Let's have Ike. We like Ike."

Age depends upon blood pressure, pulse pressure, pulse rates, blood sugar, etc., etc. It is possible to determine the realistic age of a man's physique, which may be 50 at 70. Of course when the report is faked as it was with Franklin D. Roosevelt, there is no telling what a man's age is except by his birth certificate.

Gov. "Soapy" Williams' vulgarity in discussing this question is only possible in one who was badly bred and therefore should not be a candidate for the presidency or even the vice presidency because we should have decent manners in high places.

When I read what the soapy governor said, I thought that this fellow sure hopes that Ike is old with one foot in the grave, which is a very nasty thought on his part. Even Democrats ought to feel that Ike would make a graceful ex-president, living on his manorial estate at Gettysburg and delivering addresses before universities and learned societies. Even a Democrat can wish him a long and happy life and I am sure that most of them do.

So why a "Draft Ike" movement? Why does Tom Stephens fuss so? Why does John Roosevelt, who has been most unrooseveltian up to now, want to get in to the act? It would seem to be a waste of money.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.



Gino Prato, 55, Bronx shoemaker, followed his father's advice and took the \$32,000 prize on the CBS-TV show and passed up the \$64,000 question. He astonished listeners all over the country with his knowledge of opera, the singers, composers and conductors.

A cable from Papa Prato in Italy advised, "Stop where you are. That's enough this way. Regards, Daddy." Prato received the cable from his 92-year-old father in the midst of a dilemma over a deluge of advice from well-wishers.

"Because I take my Daddy's advice all my life, I accept," he said.

We can't help but wonder if he would have taken his father's advice if he were fifteen instead of fifty-five.

Most of us go over "fool's hill" when we are prone to utterly discount the advice of parents, consider them old-fogy and out of date. I remember that I certainly went through it.

By the time I was 20 I commenced to think that perhaps my father and mother had a little intelligence. By the time I was 25 the conviction had grown stronger. Then after I had reached 30, I came to the conclusion that my father was a man of relatively sound judgment. Then when I reached 40, I was convinced of that fact and only hoped that by the time I reached his age I might do as well as he had.

It's hard for young people to realize that their parents love them dearly and want them to have fullest opportunities. Some parents go too far, especially those who have come up the hard way. I've heard many a man who has come up this way say, "I don't want my son to have to go through the tremendous difficulties which I had to face." Here they make a mistake. It is because they had to face difficulty and overcome obstacles that they achieved success. When, with best of intentions, they protect their children from responsibilities and obstacles, they do them a great disservice.

Children, as they grow up, must learn to make decisions. The task we parents have is to train our children so they can make them well.

One of the most difficult things we parents have to do is teach our children to learn to make decisions and face life without us. We should be prepared to give advice when it is requested, and to see that the bond of affection between us and our children is such that they will want to seek our advice. But we must not make the decisions for them. We must teach them to make them for themselves.

The bond of affection between Shoemaker Prato and his father continued strong throughout the years. He asked for advice from his father and got it. From past experience, he knew that his father's advice was good. What a tribute this is to a long and affectionate relationship between father and son.