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Action And Stability

Time is short for the youth of this county to get the education needed and for that reason it is important to get some definite action started on the school building program in this county. And in view of the alarming world conditions, definite and immediate action is essential. We can never get action as long as there is a divided opinion and as long as the building committee of the State Board of Education continues to change its opinion.

It appears that the planning board and others concerned with locations have had months to study the various sites and arrive at definite conclusions. We are wondering if the next site selected will go through the same routine, delay and again reach a state of indecision.

We were hopeful that the Ashe county plans to be considered at the board meeting in Raleigh last week would be Lansing and Riverview where the need is great. And according to confirmation with members of the State Board this was scheduled. But no time was taken up with these projects. When we consider the school population served by these two schools, and the need for more room, it seems that now is a time for action.

At Riverview, the coal bin has been turned into a classroom. Here too, plans are underway for a vocational agriculture teacher. But with no building projects approved, nothing more can be undertaken. We think it is a wise plan, for the county board of education to go ahead with an agriculture building so that vocational agriculture can be taught there.

Action For Safety

We were impressed with the number who attended the Governor's safety conference as headed by Editor, John A. Park. The various groups did much constructive thinking and we believe that real worthwhile results may be achieved.

We believe, too that education is the real answer to the problem and that much of this must be adult education. We heartily concur with Governor Scott in his suggestion that the legislature enact a satisfactory motor vehicle inspection program. The right kind of program of this kind, administered in the right way will not be a burden on any one and is certain to result in more safety on the highways.

In one of the group discussions, much attention was centered around low shoulders as a cause for accidents. This is a problem which we believe that the highway maintenance department can improve upon.

We are looking forward to the organized program which is expected to result from this state-wide safety movement. Safety is something we are all interested in.

Seeing North Carolina

We like the idea of seeing North Carolina and certainly there are many things in North Carolina to see. This summer we have drama from the mountains to the sea.

The Lost Colony, the historical drama of the birth of this nation is again underway at Manteo. Those who have not seen it should make an effort to do so. And those who have seen it should go again

and again. The symbolic story of what those first grave settlers encountered should make every American rededicate himself to the principles on which this nation was founded.

In the West, North Carolina has a new drama, "Unto These Hills," at the Mountaintop Theatre at Cherokee. It is the story of the Cherokee Indians, the history of a never to be forgotten race of people. The presentation of this dramatic story should attract not only North Carolinians, but many people from elsewhere it is of great historical significance and is a contribution toward peace.

The Whole Story

An interesting editorial on certain phases of socialized medicine recently appeared in the Christian Science Monitor, which said, "The increase in reported sickness during Great Britain's first full year of socialized medicine has its significance for the United States. Much of the British program is embraced in the proposals of government medical care insurance which the Truman administration is promoting."

"Sickness among adult Britons rose eight per cent and workdays lost through illness 22 per cent. . . Officials credit the growth of reported illness mainly to economic reason—people now getting medical service who previously could not afford it.

"But there are additional reasons. In the experience of European countries with compulsory sickness insurance it has long been observed that when workers are taxed for medical care they often claim it unnecessarily. That is the only way that many figure they can get something back for their money. . .

"It is also a standard part of the government insurance policy to give weekly cash payments to claimants. The chance to stay at home and live for a while with the aid of state funds frequently militates against a speedy return to work.

"These and other disadvantages of a national system of government insurance for medical care are getting no publicity from the Truman Administration. British experience, however, is bringing out some of the missing facts."

In other words, these medical schemes make malingers out of the people—even as they regiment medicine, overwork the doctors to the breaking point, and seriously reduce the standards of medical care.

Competition And Growth

In a statement made before a House Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power, the president of U. S. Steel said: "What is wrong with a competitive system under which we in America have made more progress in 50 years than the rest of the world combined? What—short of sheer economic insanity—would prompt us to trade our streamlined, free-wheeling competitive system for some outmoded, old-world jalopy even if the idea comes from high places and is all dressed up in a new coat of paint? I know of no issue confronting the American people today which will affect their future welfare so vitally."

The point at issue here is the campaign to destroy big businesses just because they are big. Over a period of time, we have seen antitrust suits and various kinds of investigations of a long range of basic enterprises—steel, meat packing, a great chemical concern, a major chain store system and so on. In none of these cases has monopoly been proved—and in most of them it is evident to all that monopoly is just non-existent. To take one example, some of the meat packing companies are big—but that does not free them of the constant need for meeting the competition of thousands of other packers, all of whom are out after more business. To take another, the biggest steel company now accounts for only half as much of the nation's total steel output as it produced when it was created in 1901.

Why does any business become big? The answer is plain—because it serves its customers well, and they keep on patronizing it. They like its product or its service or its method of operation. To charge monopoly just because a concern has been successful is to charge the ridiculous. And the philosophy back of that kind of thinking could wreck our economy and our living standards.

This Week In Washington

One of the most important pieces of news in the congress this past week is the decision of the house ways and means committee to levy a corporation tax to replace the loss because of excise tax cuts.

President Truman had threatened to veto the tax bill containing approximately a billion-dollar cut in excise taxes unless the loss was offset by new taxes from some other source.

In meeting the President's conditions the ways and means committee apparently has written an entirely new corporate tax bill which would impose a 21 per cent normal tax on all corporation earnings, plus a 20 per cent surtax on income in excess of \$25,000.

Actually the bill, according to its sponsors will hit only corporations earning more than \$167,000 a year. Small corporations making up to \$5,000 would be taxed as at present and firms earning between \$5,000 and \$167,000 would actually benefit from a tax cut.

In the meantime, politics continued to play its hand in most every other section of congress, with the exception of legislative approval of two senate committee of \$1,222,500,000 for the arms aid program to nations in the Atlantic pact opposing communism.

Vice-President Alben Barkley took an unprecedented action when he questioned the motives of 21 Republicans who are insisting the Amerasia case be reopened despite the action of two grand juries which held there is no room for indictment. Senator Barkley voiced the opinion that there is "grave doubt of the wisdom of using the senate as a grand jury to investigate public officials."

The charges of Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, which are daily met by counter-charges and denials from the state department, and which still have resulted in nothing tangible are in the hands of the senate committee headed by Senator Tydings of Maryland. Although the committee seems to be inactive, in the light of other senate committees in the recent past which used the Hollywood technique, the Tydings committee nevertheless is cooperating fully with the FBI and the department of justice, and as fast as worthwhile evidence is developed it is turned over to these organizations for action before a federal grand jury. Recent arrests by the FBI are said to stem from evidence unearthed by the committee.

On the economic front, according to the statistics, business and income continued to be up, unemployment is lessening, life insurance sales are on the increase and the committee for economic development composed of outstanding business leaders reports that real wages will be doubled within the next few years.

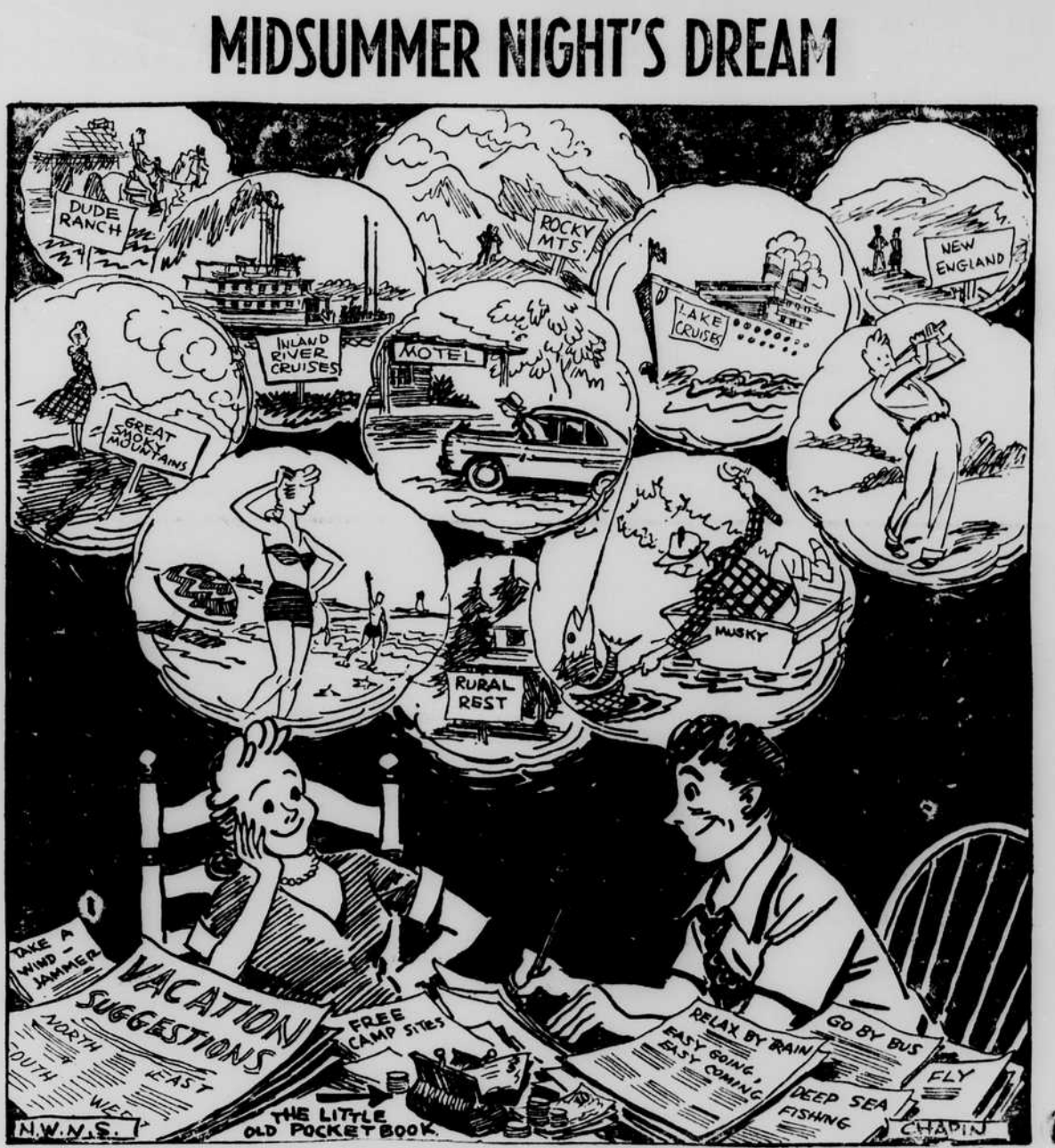
With congress set to adjourn in early or middle August, it appeared definite that there will be no Taft-Hartley law repeal; there will be no civil rights measures passed; there will be no federal health insurance measure; there will be no aid to education bill; there will be an increase in coverage of social security, including domestics; there may be extension of the draft law, but not until late in the session and as a result the present law may expire and many young men likely will be forced to re-register.

The private power interests are again all set to block the administration policy on the public power question and it appears that an all-out fight will wind up the senate on this issue.

At the recent meeting of the Edison Institute in Atlantic City, speakers leveled one tirade after another at the Truman administration on the power and other issues. The big oil interests are also active seeking to block any import of foreign oil.

Paradoxically Texas congressmen are reported to be in receipt of a resolution from the Houston, Texas, cotton exchange deploring this action and declaring that even though Texas is the leading oil producing state, imports of foreign oil are necessary so that foreign nations may buy Texas cotton, which is the backbone of Texas.

The communication declares that foreign nations must have American dollars and any halt in imports is a blockade against exports of American goods.



Ashe Gas

By Stella W. Anderson

It's been time in Ashe county. And if you are not convinced just ride around and see them growing and then visit the Ashe Bean and Vegetable Market, which has started another successful season.

Many of the veteran buyers are back on the market as well as some new ones. And from the suspicious beginning, all indications are that the bean season will be a profitable one here.

Bonds and Bonds
Ashe county can boast of bonds of loyalty from people who once lived here and that brings on talk about more bonds.

In order to help this county make its quota during the Independence Savings Bond Drive James Robert Yearick, of Washington, D. C., formerly of this county, came back the other day and purchased around \$2,000 worth of U. S. Savings bonds.

Moving on Main Street
Moving continues to go on the main business street of the town. Joe Williams' milk shake stand has been moved from the corner all the way to North Wilkesboro.

Remodelling is going on in the Jackson building and rumor has it that roses will soon be blooming there! Not the kinda one grows on a bush, but Roses' Five and Ten Cent Store.

Young Driver
Most boys and girls wait until they are fifteen or sixteen to learn how to drive a car. But Little Miss Sandra Williams has started much earlier. But then she has a real automobile just her size. It has a motor and a horn just like the larger models and she really knows how to steer it. We noticed her the other afternoon on the main street. Ofcourse her father walked along beside this young driver. From the gleeful expression on her face it was plain to see she was really having fun.

In The Mail
Apex, N. C.
June 28, 1950

Mrs. Ed M. Anderson
West Jefferson, N. C.
Dear Mrs. Anderson:
Last week I was so busy packing that I did not have time to see you and request that my address be changed to Apex, N. C. I do not want to miss getting The Skyland Post. We enjoy reading it very much.
It sure has been a hot time down here. We have about gotten things in place again.
I greatly appreciate the cooperation that you gave me in my work in Ashe county. I am sure

The Everyday Counselor

REV. HERBERT D. SPAUGH, D. D.

Why not get in step with Almighty God and His great onward-going program with the world? Why not get in step with the people who are a part of this program?

Many of you who read this have been in military service, and know that one of the first lessons taught a recruit is the art of keeping in step with the other members of his group. The fellow who is out of step is always walking on the other fellow's heels.

We don't like the fellow who is consistently out of step with life, the chronic croaker and complainer, the perennial pessimist, the pimple picker. The man who can see nothing but defects, find nothing but faults speak nothing but criticisms is to be pitied. He is an obstructor in the world where helpers are needed.

J. B. Lawrence writing in the Southern Baptist Home Missions Magazine points to those great characters in the Bible who caught step with God and moved forward in His great onward-going program.

"Moses caught step with the infinite and led a nation into the Promised Land. Paul Caught step with the program of God and rooted Christianity in the life of the world. Luther caught step with the Holy Spirit and gave pause to the papal power of Rome by sponsoring religious freedom for men. George Washington and the signers of the Declaration of Independence in America caught step with the spirit of liberty and gave to the world the most equitable form of government known to man.

"God is going on and the man who stops not only breaks step, but falls out of line and is left

I had some of the finest people in N. C. to work with while there.

Stop by to see us sometime.

Your truly,
Thomas H. Sears.

Thanks to you Mr. Sears. The people of Ashe county miss the whole Sears family. You did an excellent job here with the farmers. It was a pleasure to cooperate with you.

June 20, 1950
Dear Mrs. Anderson:

I enclose \$3 to renew my subscription to The Post. Thank you so much for carrying the subscription without ever "dunning" me. I assure you that I didn't forget this. We just ran into a small financial squall. Will try to do better next time.
Thank you again.
Sincerely,
Mrs. R. E. Braswell,
Rt. 3,
Canton, Ohio.
We are always glad to hear from Mrs. Braswell. She has many friends in Ashe county who always welcome her.

behind on the wayside of the trivial while the host of progress march on to their appointed destiny. We live in a moving world. The vast expanse of space is filled with spinning planets and revolving sun. Nothing is static except death. It is so in the kingdom of God.

"The easiest thing in the world is to organize a retreat." The tragedy of life is to live at a poor, dying rate. The peril of the kingdom of God is that the good may take the place of the best. God wants His people to go on."

Get in step with God. His great program is moving forward. No one is going to stop it. The followers of Christ are soldiers as well as saints. Join the onward-marching hosts of the church of God. Get in step with your thinking, with your life, yes, with your pocketbook. Anything less than one-seventh of your time and one tenth of your money throws you out of step.

Ashe County Farming News

By Dana Tugman
County Agent

One of the most important phases of livestock farming is pasture management at this season of the year the most valuable thing that can be done in pasture management is to clip them. Clipping pastures offers several advantages to farmers who are attempting to develop a well balanced pasture and feed program.

Clipping destroys undesirable weeds, affords a source of supplementary hay for winter feeding, reduces competition for nutrients. Moisture and light by undesirable species, stimulates growth of those plants which are desirable, and increases the feed value and palatability of those plants which are desired.

Every livestock farmer in the county realizes that his greatest problem is in producing a feed supply sufficient to winter the number of cattle he can keep during the summer. Clipping offers some relief to this situation, especially if the pasture contains the taller growing species such as Ladino clover with orchard grass or fescue. It can readily be seen then, that through clipping pastures the carrying capacity of the farm is increased.

Regardless of the amount and quality of hay received from pastures, the removal of weeds which afford competition to pasture grasses and the increase in feed value and palatability which results from clipping, makes it a profitable thing to do.

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