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CLOSING AT SEVEN IS A GOOD MOVE

The merchants of Waynesville have signed up that they are going to close their places of business at 7 o'clock every night except Saturday nights.

This is a good move, and the trading public should cooperate in every way to see that all trading is done before that hour.

Heretofore the merchants have been required by their customers to remain open until late in the evenings. It was more or less a habit with many customers to wait until after supper to do their trading, thus causing extra expense on the merchants by the burning of light and using additional fuel.

Then too, the merchants and their clerks cannot work the number of hours that they have been working, without it affecting them. We feel that the shorter hours will result in much good for the merchants, which of course, will be passed on to the customers.

Everyone in this trading territory, we feel, will cooperate with the merchants in every way.

IF ANY SALES TAX, WHY NOT NATIONAL?

During the agitation for and against a State sales tax we have become more and more convinced that if any sales tax is to be levied it should be done by the Federal government and the funds redistributed proportionately to the various states. This line of thought, we find, is endorsed by some of the highest authorities in educational circles. Recently at the State teachers meeting held in Raleigh Dr. William John Cooper, United States commissioner of education, made one of the principal addresses in which the proposition of a national manufacturers sales tax for the support of the public school systems in the 48 States in the Union was set forth.

It can be easily seen that a tax that is nation-wide would put all manufacturers and distributors on an equal footing and would eliminate the argument that cannot be effectively answered that a sales tax in any state puts that state at a sales disadvantage in competition with neighbors or the mail order houses.

In his address Dr. Cooper painted a gloomy picture of the present system of financing schools by local land taxes, describing this as an "obsolete method." Schools in many states, he said, have been forced to close because general property taxes have "dried up" and thousands of teachers have gone payless.

The commissioner said federal support was "the only system absolutely to equalize education in the United States and by which any child born under the flag of the United States can get an equal education."

Dr. Cooper, in relating the plight of public education, said unfavorable conditions were general. The present general property tax system of support is fast crumbling, he declared, and unless the government stepped in and goes to the aid the future of public education would be misty.

The commissioner deplored the thousands of school districts. He said state systems should be maintained, partly financed by federal fund, with a superintendent in charge of the whole. He praised North Carolina' method of state support for a specified number of months, assuring an average school for all the state and allowing local districts to supplement the state standard.—Morganton News Herald.

NEED MORE—NOT LESS

Of the \$3,000,000 received by the state in income taxes up to March 15, the Reynolds Tobacco company paid \$2,000,000.

What North Carolina needs is more industries making enough money to sustain a government that the people individually are not earning enough to support.

Legislation that cripples going concerns in this commonwealth now is not merely stupid; it's criminal.—Charlotte Observer.

EIGHTY MILLIONS SHORT

"On the basis of estimates made by the U. S. Department of Commerce, it appears that we are now importing into North Carolina the following quantities of the principal processed foods: canned fruits and vegetables, \$15,000,000; canned sea food, \$5,000,000; butter, \$10,000,000; cheese, \$4,500,000; condensed and evaporated milk, \$6,000,000; meat and meat products, \$25,000,000; processed nuts, \$5,000,000; pickles, jellies, preserves, etc., \$10,000,000. There are many other items that might be included, such as the cereals, breakfast foods, dried fruits and vegetables, etc.—Bryan Sipe, in The Carolinas."

From that statement it looks that North Carolinians have room to save annually over \$80,000,000 by sticking more closely to the "live-at-home program" inaugurated by former Governor Gardner several years ago.

Consider how much this state would receive in taxes alone if all the food stuffs mentioned above were grown and packed in North Carolina by Tar Heel labor.

AN ECHO COMES BACK

If one lives long enough the past comes marching back in various disguises. Read this from a New York paper: "Taffeta is now a big noise in the spring fashion world; it is already rustling around the dance floors." And thus are memories revived and thoughts turned to other days when everyone was familiar with that rustling. Taffeta is a pleasant reminder of an earlier day, when it was worn not alone in the ballrooms but on the streets as well. Hearts beat faster as "she" swished by, undoubtedly conscious of the stir she was creating. It is remarkable what strange noises are sometimes accepted as music. But what is music except pleasant notes that play on our emotions? Fashion is doing a big service in bringing taffeta back into style, and it's a queer man who can't hope to again hear the music of that once-familiar "swish."—Moorseville Enterprise.

SAVE BY ADVERTISING

Speaking at Miami, Fla., recently, Harvey S. Firestone, tire manufacturer, told how newspaper advertising had enabled him to pull out of the hole into which the panic of 1929 had plunged his business. Firestone said that when he returned from a visit to Europe in 1929 he found the business in a slump and his company owing \$15,000,000 to the banks. There was just one way in which to raise money, and that was to sell tires for cash just as fast as they could be sold. He placed full page newspaper advertisements in every city in the United States and within two months had sold 18,000,000 tires and reduced his indebtedness to \$32,000,000. Continuing to pursue this policy of liberal advertising and reduction in production costs, Mr. Firestone said, he got his company out of debt in four years.

THE ORIGIN OF DIAMONDS

It is known that diamonds were worn five thousand years ago in India, but, of course, they were in the rough. They were also used as cutters and gems as long as three thousand years ago. Then India was the only source known but in 1700 they were discovered in Brazil. It was the largest producer until 1869 when diamonds were found in South Africa, where four-fifths of the present supply is produced.

Diamonds were originally known to come from high plateaus, mountain sides, in the heads of mountain streams and in the plains where they had been carried by the mountain torrent, but Africa the true hiding place of these precious stones was discovered first—at high levels in the mountains, in enormous fissures, open chimneys, chimneys or pipes extending a great depth into the earth. Kimberlite or "volcanic tuff," a slow river of peculiar blue clay, was forced upwards. This substance filled the entire void. It is in this Kimberlite where the diamond, crystallized from pure carbon in intense heat and under titanic pressure is formed.

Diamond is the hardest known thing. No other thing can scratch or mar the sharp corners of the finished product, but its mates, while it can be crushed to a powder. An intense heat of four thousand degrees Fahrenheit has to be used to burn diamond, heat of a burning building has no effect on it.

In the British crown there is a stone, the Koh-e-noor, which weighed eight hundred carats originally but recutting following recutting have reduced it to a hundred and three and three-fourth carats.

Some of the biggest mines are found in Africa. The supply from these mines commands the highest price.—Ex.

Japan plans to put regiments of soldiers on skates, says a report from Tokyo. And the rest of the world hopes they will be trained to keep off thin ice.—Exchange.

LETTERS to the Editor

BONNER RAY

Editor The Mountaineer:
 The news has come to me—"Bonner Ray is dead." And just as I felt, and thought, and said years ago when the news came of Will Blaylock's like untimely death, so now I feel and think and say—"That man has gone, who if not the most valuable citizen that Waynesville had, gave promise of shortly becoming such. Where can we find a man to take his place?"

I have known Bonner Ray all his life and I have known his people on both sides of the family for two generations back of him. In the light of his inheritance of good blood and good character, it was to be expected that he would grow up into the man we all knew him to be. He was a man of sterling character and integrity. Like his father's word, his word was as good as his bond. This character and integrity were the essential foundations of his marked success as a business man. When Bonner Ray said that an article of merchandise was so and so, his word was accepted without question. But if the article through fault in manufacture proved defective, all that was necessary was to report it to him and the defect was made good at once. On this fundamental basis, he and his brother (a man of like character) have built up the large business of Charles E. Ray's Sons.

As Bonner Ray grew in years and responsibility, his influence also grew. He was fast becoming a leader in civic, educational, and church affairs. And it is not putting it too strongly to say that had he lived ten years longer he would surely have been the leading citizen of Waynesville and one of the outstanding men in Western North Carolina. Indeed I had expected him to become such a man as these things in my boyhood I looked on and after whom I patterned my life.

Bonner Ray is gone, but I write the lines to put on record what many of us feel. In even his short life, he served well his day and generation. A good man is gone, peace to his ashes.

E. W. GUDGER

New York City.

Want Ads

For SALE Fresh milk cows. Prices reasonable. W. T. Shelton, 574d.

For SALE mail truck in good place. Owner can get same by paying less and cost of this ad. W. H. Hollingsworth, Route 3, Waynesville, N. C.

PLANTS FOR SALE—Tomato plants—Baltimore, Marglobe, Red Beauty, Sweet Potato plants—Triumph, Porto Rico, Nanny Hall and Big Stem Jersey, all \$1.00 per 1000. Cabbage plants—Charleston, Jersey Succession and Copenhagen, Market, Union plants—White and Yellow Bermuda, all 50c per 1000. Pepper plants—Bull Nose and Ruby King, \$2.00 per 1000. Send remittance for prompt shipment. Dorris Plant Co., Valdosta, Ga. Apr. 6-13-20-27.

MEN WANTED for Raleigh Routes of 800 consumers in cities of Waynesville, Hazelwood, counties of South Jackson and Swain. Reliable hustler can start earning \$25 weekly and increase every month. Write immediately Raleigh Co., Richmond, Va., Dept. NC-D-5-8.



STOPS a Headache

There seems to be no safer way to end a headache—and there certainly is no safer way—than two tablets of Bayer Aspirin.

You've heard doctors say Bayer Aspirin is safe. If you've tried it, you know it's effective. You could take these tablets every day in the year without any ill effects. And every time you take them, you get the desired relief.

Stick to Bayer Aspirin. It's safe. It gets results. Quick relief from headaches, colds, or other sudden discomfort.



Better Times Prescription

Too few pastures and not enough knowledge about feeding livestock are the principal reasons why North Carolinians have not made more progress in dairying and livestock production, says John A. Arell, extension dairy specialist. A pasture revival and more emphasis on the production of hay and grain for feed-stuffs is needed, he thinks.

Junaluska P. T. A. Elect Officers

The Junaluska P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting Monday night, April 3. J. Harley Francis presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. P. Leatherwood.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the coming year. The following officers have been elected:

President, Mrs. James Toz; Vice President, Mrs. Claude Medford; Secretary, Mrs. O. L. Threlkeld; Treasurer, Miss Flora Rathbone.

These officers will be installed with the other P. T. A. officers of the township at the courthouse Monday night, April 17.

Mrs. Dewey Noland told the P. T. A. about the "Four Square League" in the school. The parents were asked to cooperate with the school in carrying this plan of good citizenship.

The P. T. A. is a very active part of the school. It would be impossible to finance the lunch room and furnish school supplies without the help of the P. T. A. The school deeply appreciates the efficient leadership of Mrs. W. P. Leatherwood, retiring president.

Hazelwood News.

These days we are busy. Hazelwood people are out and about in Canton.

Mr. Robert Campbell, of Canton, spent Saturday in town.

Mr. Gordon, of Canton, is spending his vacation here with relatives.

Gordon to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blanton, a daughter, Margaret Lucile.

Miss Helen Morrow and Berden, States and Mrs. A. T. Black spent yesterday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis and baby, Charles, Davis, and Mr. Barrett of Benson, N. C., are visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rhea spent the day at Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Maggie Blanton has returned from the Hazelwood County Hospital where she underwent an operation.

Mr. Grover Haynes of Clyde filled the pastor's place at the Hazelwood Baptist church Sunday morning as one of the laymen committee who filled places over the county Sunday.

Rev. R. P. Walker closed a short and very successful series of meetings at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening.

Arthur Knight returned Monday from a several weeks visit to Newport News, Va.

The Hazelwood P. T. A. will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 10. Every patron is urged to be present.

HAZELWOOD PRESBYTERIAN

The revival which closed at the Hazelwood Presbyterian church last Wednesday night was very successful. Thirteen additions were made to the church. Twelve were by profession of faith and one by letter. Dr. R. P. Walker assisted Rev. O. C. Landrum in the revival.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY MAN IN WAYNESVILLE

John Vavasour Noel, special representative of Golf Illustrated, sports and resorts publication of New York City, accompanied by Mrs. Noel, passed through Waynesville recently after

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of April 2, 1909.)

Headlines: Town Politics Warming Up. Spring Cleaning Now in Order. Better Times Near At Hand. Confidence Being Restored and Business Conditions Improving.

Mrs. W. C. Allen returned Tuesday from a month's visit to her people in Belhaven. She stopped in Raleigh on her return and spent Sunday with her daughter, who is at the Baptist University.

Miss Pearl Shelton is teaching this week in place of Mrs. E. T. Wyche, who is taking a short vacation.

The following invitation has been received by friends in this city: Mrs. Mattie C. Phillips requests the pleasure of the company of — at the marriage of her daughter, Josephine Locke to Dr. John Howell Smathers on Thursday evening, April the eighth at eight o'clock, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Josephine McCracken entertained a few of her friends at her home Friday night in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Robert D. Gilmer entertained informally at cards Tuesday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. Minthorne Wadley of New York and Mrs. Walter Chandler of California.

Dr. John Smathers left on Monday for St. Paul, Minn., where he will be married April 8 to Miss Josephine Phillips. After a brief honeymoon they will return to Waynesville and will occupy the Logan cottage.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

(From the file of April 7, 1911.)

The Southern Railway officials who have been in session at Asheville will come to Waynesville Saturday in a special car to go over the Chatauga grounds and look into the entire Chatauga situation.

Mr. T. N. Massie is moving to his farm at Cruso where he used to run a store in connection with his farming. He is transferring his stock of general merchandise to that place and will open up at his old stand. We are sorry to lose Mr. Massie from our town.

Mr. C. W. Miller is lowering the floor of his harness store and will otherwise improve it. It will be a big store when completed.

For Sale—A Free Scholarship in the Asheville Business College.

Mr. Hugh Sloan returned Sunday from Atlanta, Ga., where he bought a five passenger Overland Automobile. Mr. Sloan made the trip from Atlanta in his car.

Miss Virginia Jones will leave Sunday for an extended visit in Atlantic City to her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smathers.

Miss Aletha Allison and Mr. Earl Ferguson were married Sunday morning, April 2, at the Methodist parsonage at Dellwood.

a trip through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Mr. Noel is writing some publicity articles to boost Western North Carolina and its attractions. He will be in Waynesville next week to cover this section in his article for the May issue.

DON'T GET UP NIGHTS

MAKE THIS 25c TEST

You need a bladder tonic to drive out impurities and excess acids that cause irritation, burning, and frequent desire. Get a 25c test box of BUCKETS, the bladder tonic, from any drug store. After four days if not relieved of getting up nights go back and get your money. BUCKETS, containing Buchu leaves, juniper oil, etc., acts on the bladder similar to castor oil on the bowels. If you are bothered with backache, or leg aches arising from bladder disorders, you are bound to feel better after this you get your regular sleep.

"The Waynesville Pharmacy, says BUCKETS is a best seller."

ALEXANDER'S QUESTION BIRD

What should I promise my children to get them to take their medicine? Anxious Mother

Answer:—

Promise them good health!



IT IS QUITE the proper thing that you have a heart to heart talk with your children about their health and their habits of life. When you are giving the little one its medicine, don't make a mystery of it—just explain that you're giving him the remedy so that he'll grow up to be a useful citizen. Remember that this drug store is your drug store.

Alexander's Drug Store
 PHONES 53—54