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MORE PUPILS AND LESS TEACHERS

School opens Monday. That phrase is perhaps dreaded by more children than any other, yet it means more to them than anything else in their young life outside of the home.

We remember how we lived in dread throughout our summer vacation because of those very words. Little then did we realize what they meant. If we could live those days over again how we would cherish the sound of our parent's voice when they said, "Monday, you start to school again."

This year, above all others, there is another group that no doubt will tremble at the phrase. That group is the teachers. With a curtailment of teachers and an anticipated increase in enrollment, who can blame the teacher for trembling? They have our sympathies. And we hope that they have the sympathy of most of the parents.

The teachers need more than just sympathy this year. They need cooperation. If the parents want their children to get the most out of the coming school year it means that they must instill into the children the fact that they must do their part and not expect the teacher to do it all.

With that in mind, we predict the most successful school year in spite of the increased enrollment to be taught by fewer teachers.

COUNTRY ABOVE SELF

There are only a few merchants and business houses in Waynesville and vicinity that are not displaying the "Blue Eagle" the insigna of the NRA, which shows that they have signed up and are putting in force the plans of President Roosevelt to end the depression.

The central thought back of the whole idea is to give employment to more people, and control the production of farmers and manufacturers. The response from the American people has been most gratifying.

The success of the plan will depend to a large degree on the buying public. If they join in and favor the movement, it will go over. Otherwise, Mr. Roosevelt, nor any of his aids, can devise any plan whereby the present existing situation will be bettered.

The business men in signing up the NRA under various promises as laid down by the National Blanket Code, have shown their desire to help the country out of the depression. They have done their part. Won't you do yours?

MUCH TOO MUCH

Governor Ehringhaus says the days of high salaries for legal work in connection with the Great Smokies National Park in this State are over.

One hopes that North Carolina will never be too poor to avail itself of the services of its best professional men when they are needed and to pay them adequately.

One hopes, also, that it will never again be indifferent enough to permit a repetition of the scandalous waste which has characterized the administration of the park fund.

The Governor's remark was occasioned by the presentation of a bill for \$26,500 from Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville. This, as we understand it, was for services in addition to those for which the State since 1928 has already paid Judge Carter more than \$19,000.

Judge Carter is an able lawyer and worthy of his hire. His bill probably is more largely predicated upon the custom of the Commission and its legal servants than upon a proper value of his services.

The last and not the first is the reasonable rule for the State.—Raleigh News and Observer.

PEDESTRIANS ON HIGHWAYS

Last week a young woman died at the local hospital from injuries allegedly received from an automobile striking her while she was walking on the highway just east of Canton.

The motorist of today is continuously confronted with meeting people on the highways that are walking on the wrong side or far towards the center of the highway. Then too, the pedestrian is confronted with wreckless drivers who seem to think that the road is theirs and want to use it as such.

The remarks above have no connection with the death of the young lady who died recently. We do not know all the facts in that particular case.

An editorial in the Winston-Salem Journal along this line gives us some facts for thought, it reads:

One of the most serious of all highway problems is that of the pedestrian. This problem was given a graphic illustration near Winston-Salem yesterday morning. A man was walking on the highway, apparently on the right side. He heard a truck coming up behind him. Instead of getting off the highway at the right, he jumped over into the other lane of traffic. Just as he jumped a car came around the left side of the truck and hit him. These are the facts as given in the news account of the accident.

Pedestrians obviously have a right on the highways, but it is an extremely hazardous right to exercise. It is dangerous to walk on the highway even when the pedestrian is vigilant. There are reckless drivers as well as walkers. And then there are careless walkers and defiant walkers. What motorist has not had to contend with persons walking on the highway in defiant attitude, "Hit me, if you dare," is their tacit challenge.

All future road building plans should provide special walks for pedestrians. And, with the walks provided, the pedestrians should be required to use them or forfeit all recourse when injured or killed on the highways. Walks for pedestrians will be an important phase of highway building in the future. It should have been included in construction work already done. Its omission has cost heavily in deaths and injuries.

The dries seem encouraged over the fact that Tennessee almost went dry. Some believe that the small margin will cause dry forces to work that much harder to get North Carolina to vote dry November 7th. The "closeness" of the Tennessee vote might also tend to pep up the wets of the state, to not take any chances of "just getting by." The Tennessee election will play an important part in North Carolina's election for both sides.

Are the people of North Carolina anxious for roads? Only to the extent of about seven times more than there is money for. The new highway commission, of which our townsman, Frank Miller is a member, has \$9,500,000 for road work. During the four days the commission was in session delegations from every nook and corner of the state appeared before them seeking roads. If all these petitions were granted about \$75,000,000 would be needed.

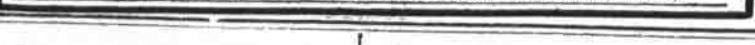
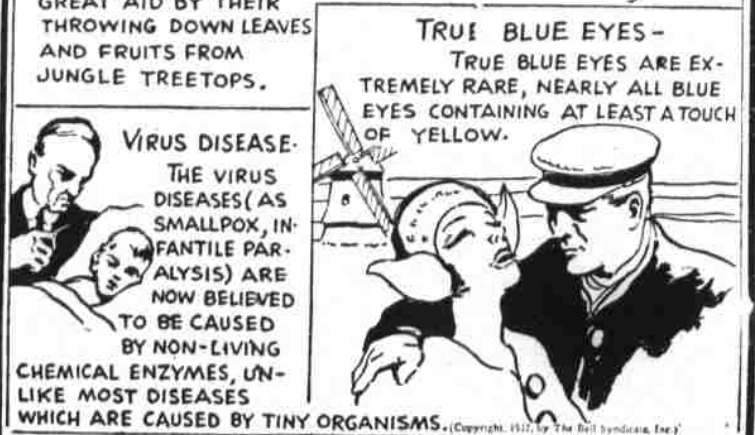
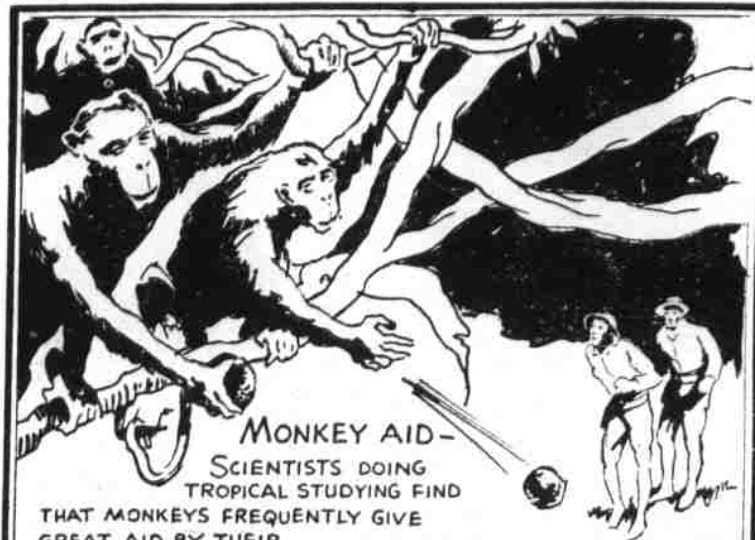
Joe Coleman has just mailed 5,700 post cards from here on which he had printed his price list of gladioli which are being grown here by the Kirchoff Gladiola Farms. Mr. Coleman has two places in the country from where he ships bulbs—one here and one in New York state. No doubt this will mean quite a bit of publicity for Waynesville to say nothing of a new business enterprise.

It was about this time last year that mention was made of having a county fair this year here. During the past few months we have not heard anything more about it. If those who were going to sponsor such an event intend to carry through this year it is high time that something was being done.

The naval department announces a \$100,000,000 new naval program to begin within 60 days. Twenty-one ships will be built. The treasury department announces an increase in internal revenue for the past month. What a break.

Under the heading "More Bad Signs," the Polk County News, of Tryon, makes editorial protest against the erection of roadside advertising signs in the vicinity of its home town. From our viewpoint, any sort of advertising that mars the beauty of our lovely Carolina scenery is a bad sign—a very bad sign.—Lenoir News-Topic.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



LETTERS to the Editor

July 28, 1933.

To the Editor of the Mountaineer: In your issue of July 13, Judge Felix Alley is quoted as being much distressed at the fact that the University News Letter's compilation of data from the report of the attorney general shows Haywood county with more criminal cases in court than any other county in the state. I have the same feeling and have had it for the 5 years since Judge Walter Moore was quoted as saying "Haywood is the most criminal county in which I have held court in North Carolina."

Here are the facts set out in order: 1. Judge Moore's statement of five years ago. 2. The data from the attorney general's records that in the past two years Haywood has had 779 criminal cases in court, or one case for every 36 inhabitants.

3. The fact that Judge Alley that week had waiting for trial before him four murder cases and one homicide case. 4. The fact that one week later a Haywood man tried to kill two people and did kill himself.

5. The fact that if 779 crimes had not been committed, Sheriff Lowe would not have had to bring these persons before the courts for trial.

The prevalence of the crime of murder in Haywood county may possibly be partly explained by the statement in the Mountaineer of July 20 that there had been brought in for the first time in many years, a first degree conviction of a white man for murder. This I can confirm for I cannot recall another such verdict and I was born in Waynesville immediately after the Civil War.

Times have much changed since I was a boy. Then if we had a murder in the county once in five years, it was the widespread feeling that the county was disgraced. The county has gone forward in many ways since those old days, especially in matters of roads and schools, but in the matter of crime it has gone backward. This is a great disgrace and shame to our people—I say our people because I am one of them. During the Great War we went to great heights, such as none of us ever reached before. Since then there has been such a fearful reaction, such a breakdown of moral standards, and such a descent into crime as I have never witnessed in my fairly long life.

In this day as never before the good people of Haywood, and there are hundreds and thousands of them, need to stand behind our sheriff, our grand jury, our solicitor, our judge in the enforcement of law and the bringing back of higher standards into the life of today. If this great body of sentiment for law and order, for honesty and decency in life will make itself felt in Haywood, a better day will dawn and crime will decrease. This appeal to the good citizens of Haywood is written in the hope that it may help to arouse such public opinion.

Let no man who reads this think that the writer now in New York is an outsider. He is a Haywood man, he loves her mountains and valleys, and when he passes he expects to be buried in her soil.

E. W. GUDGER.

ON MONDAY, August 14, 1933, at 10 o'clock a. m. in front of the Court House door at Waynesville, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash 25 shares of the capital stock of the First National Bank of Waynesville and 10 shares of the capital stock of the Hazelwayne Company.

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Over 100 boys and girls of Caldwell county attended the 4-H club boys and girls camp on John's river, July 17-22.

Durham county dairymen have selected a central committee to study feed prices as compared with milk prices as a result of the tri-county dairymen's meeting at Carrboro last week.

Sixty-seven counties in North Carolina were busy signing cotton reduction contracts last week, but county agents will be back on routine immediately.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Homer Brown, who was convicted of the crime of murder, in the first degree at the July Term of the Superior Court of Haywood County, and sentenced to death by electrocution, will apply to the Governor of North Carolina to commute the said sentence to a term of life imprisonment. All persons opposed to this application will notify the Governor. This the 25th day of July, 1933.

HOMER BROWN.

July 27, Aug. 3.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of August 6, 1909.)

Miss Florence Terry, of Galena, Ohio, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hugh Love.

Miss Alice Quinlan has returned from a visit of some weeks to friends in Wilson.

Miss Helen Smathers was hostess last Saturday evening at a very delightful party in honor of Miss Lillian Adams, of Asheville.

A lovely event of the week was the bridge party given by Mrs. James Reed Tuesday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. Moore of Birmingham and Mrs. Jackson, of Montgomery. Miss Mattie Love made the highest score and was presented with a handsome Japanese gong.

Mr. and Mrs. Jellard, of Arkansas, have been here several days working up a chapter of the American Woman's League. Last Wednesday number of ladies met at the academy and the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. C. Allen, president; Mrs. S. H. Keller, vice-president; Miss Mary Davis, secretary, and Miss Margaret Stringfield, treasurer.

It is a novelty in Waynesville to have an auction sale of lots. Gen. R. D. Gilmer has some very desirable property for building lots on the west side of town and this will be sold by the Penny Brothers on August 21. Gen. Gilmer has given this part of town the name of Chestnut Park. It will be an important day for Waynesville and many people from a distance will be here.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

(From the file of August 11, 1911.)

Mr. Fred Howell has returned from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Maxwell, who were married the first of August in Atlanta, Ga., are spending their honeymoon in Waynesville, the guests of Mr. Maxwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Maxwell.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stringfield announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, August 6.

Miss Carrie Sue Adams entertained Thursday afternoon with a bridge party complimentary to Mrs. Joe Graves.

The genial and whole-hearted Dr. J. Kerr, chief electrician of the Champion Fibre company, was in Waynesville Wednesday.

Messrs. R. P. McCracken, of Franklin, F. Y. McCracken, of Knoxville, A. J. McCracken, of Crabtree, and Theodore and Dr. J. R. McCracken, of Waynesville all brothers, met on the court house yard yesterday and together peeped into the camera one of the Gallagher Brothers taking aim.

Plaza Theatre
 ASHEVILLE
 Monday & Tuesday, Aug 7th & 8th.
 At 3:30 - 7:30 and 9:30

VAUDEVILLE
 Irving Lewis
 Presents his
"Revue Of 1933"
 With A Host of Pretty Girls
 ALSO
 FEATURE PICTURE—COMEDY—NEWS

Would You Give A Little Time for Ten More Years of Life?

You Want to prolong your years of usefulness, and live to your fullest, don't you? Then take care of your health. The human body is a wonderful piece of mechanism and stands for a great deal of abuse and neglect, but how it does respond to fair treatment!

Have a regular yearly physical examination—follow out the Doctor's suggestions about diet, rest, exercise and any little necessary physical attention. This will take little of your time or money, but what a tremendous amount of new energy, new life—longer, fuller, and richer life good health in abundance can give you.

YOUR DOCTOR WANTS TO KEEP YOU WELL

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