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HAYWOOD IS GETTING BETTER

It was four months yesterday (January 24) that the last murder in Haywood County was committed. From the records, during the past four months, there have been fewer major crimes committed than in a like period for sometime. There have been, however, plenty of minor crimes committed, but most of them caught by officers and waiting for trial.

We have heard from every side that the jurors serving on the last term of criminal court here had much to do towards stopping crime in that very few cases were acquitted. Then too, the sentences imposed upon those found guilty also tended to serve notice on those who had intentions of committing crimes to go slow.

With an educational program among those who are inclined to commit crimes, and with the backing that the jurors, officers and courts have recently demonstrated that will be given, the average criminal thinks twice before making himself liable to come before these groups for justice. The program, however, has just begun, and The Mountaineer has been told repeatedly by officers that they are willing and anxious to cooperate at any and all times.

EDUCATIONAL FACTS

Since 1930 the number of school children in America has increased by more than a billion pupils, while the current expenses of education have decreased about $368,000,000, according to Jessie Gray, president of the National Education Association.

Three years ago, according to United States Commissioner of Education George F. Zook, the United States spent $10,600,000 per school day to teach 25,000,000 children. In 1933 the country spent $8,500,000 per school day to teach a larger number of children.

Other educational facts disclosed by Commissioner Zook are:

One hundred thousand more children are being denied the benefits of education this year because of closed schools.

A [illegible] million children have been put on "level of mental starvation" because of shortened school terms.

[illegible] of the American cities have dropped some important school services.

One-third of the teachers receive less than the minimum wage provided in the "blanket code" for unskilled labor.

Although a million more pupils have entered schools, 25,000 more teachers have joined the ranks of the unemployed. A total of 200,000 certified teachers are unemployed.

Such evidences of drastic retrenchment in education give new emphasis to the statement of Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, that economic recovery will prove a barren achievement unless the minds of the children of the nation are safeguarded during the crisis.—Ex.

1 OUT OF 639

Those North Carolinians who have considered that an easy way to make money is to put words together to make stories or books will be interested in the news that it is something like a 1 to 639 chance. They will also be interested in the fact that in at least one case a North Carolinian surveyed the long odds.

Coward-McCann, the publishers, have announced that a total of 639 unsolicited manuscripts were submitted to the firm last year. One was accepted. It was "Just Plain Larnin'," by James M. Shields, Winston-Salem high school teacher.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Most all of the New Years greetings have been extended by this time, but to mention it again won't hurt. Dr. L. B. Hayes tells the following: "There was a Scotchman who sent a friend a New Year's greeting card with the years 1934, 1935 and 1936 written on the bottom." Some greeting.

WHY HAVE PROLONGED AND SOB-RIDDEN FUNERALS?

A minister, branching out into eulogy at a funeral, once remarked:

"We have here only the shell, the nut is gone." In many instances, that comical confusion of metaphor would have come nearer hitting the nail on the head than the thousand and one nice but nonsensical epitaphs commonly employed to embarrass and bury the corpse of the average man.

It has ever been difficult to comprehend why funerals for us ordinary folks are prolonged and sob-ridden messes; mourners crowded into a back bedroom and the corpse in the parlor, where the odor of flowers and of freshly washed, curious bodies mingle into a nauseous death perfume; a prolonged prayer followed by an extemporaneous male quartet in which the brunt of the burden is borne by a sour tenor and and untutored bass; and then the procession to the cemetery where the corpse will be ceremoniously deposited on "the lone couch of his everlasting sleep."

I wonder, is it all necessary or comforting to dear ones? Death has left them dazed and sorrowful and our funeral formalities help merely to intensify their confusion.

There should be as little delay as possible between the death bed and the grave, as little fuss as possible made over that lifeless form that once was man. I believe our popular obsequies throw our sense of values all topsy-turvy. No manner of rituals over a corpse can magnify the man and his deeds. There are the assets for which we grieve. The lifeless face, the stale air of the death parlor serve only to befuddle the picture of the living man whose memory will ever be in our minds.

In the event of death, wouldn't it be wiser to treat the deceased "like one that wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams," than to apply the common ritual of interment, which is both gruesome and senseless?—By George Beasely, Jr., in Monroe Journal.

NEW FARMING DEAL

The farmers of South Carolina, along with other tillers of the soil throughout the country, face new problems in connection with changing conditions and efforts to bring order out of agricultural chaos. Federal relief amounting to many millions is and must be of temporary nature and when that help is no longer available the farmers not then prepared to "go it alone" will be left in a tough spot. In that respect what Dr. W. W. Long, director of agricultural extension work at Clemson College has to say is especially significant.

The "new deal" in farming, he says, has four outstanding factors: "First, more feeds and foods; second, soil improvement for higher and more economic yields; third, greater attention to quality of products; fourth, more attention to the many phases of sustenance farming and home building."

Those features will mean the difference between success and failure in future farming. The grower who gives heed to them and makes the most of the changed situation will find broader, better living and a greater degree of security and prosperity. Those who refuse to consider them and continue along the same paths that led to so much distress in agriculture will get nowhere and will have only themselves to blame.—Anderson (S. C.) Mail.

THE PRESS PASS

The editor stood at the pearly gate, his face was worn and old,
He meekly asked the man of fate admission to the fold.
"What have you done," St. Peter asked, "to seek admission here?"
"Oh, I ran a country printing plant on earth for many a year."
The gate swung open sharply as Peter touched the bell.
"Come in," he said, "And take a harp, you've had enough of——trouble."

The above was found in an exchange paper, and might be the truth in every respect, but what we can't understand is how an editor got that close to Paradise.

BETWEEN THE EARS

The average human body is made up approximately of the following:

Iron enough for a ten penny nail.
Fat enough for seven bars of soap.
Sugar enough to fill a small shaker.
Lime enough to whitewash a hen coop.
Phosphorus enough to make 2,200 matches.
Magnesium enough for a ten-cent sky-rocket.
Potassium enough to explode a toy cannon.
Sulphur enough to rid a small dog of his fleas.

Your value therefore does not depend on your weight, nor heighth, nor girth. Everything depends on what goes on between your ears.—

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lame Bode

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Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Edwin Fincher and I had quite an interesting chat in the Haywood Temple of Justice Monday. Mr. Fincher, you know, is the chief advisor in Clyde, but you'll never hear him say so. He'll [illegible] anything or give you information about anybody but himself. [illegible]

[illegible] It's easy to [illegible] wondered why he wasn't a preacher, anyway. If there's any religious activity that you want to know about that is going on in Clyde, he can give you the information. [illegible]

Mr. J. Q. [illegible] of Marion, [illegible] 24-26, and he told me [illegible] Mr. Gilkey [illegible] who [illegible] J. Q. [illegible] The Mountaineer several weeks [illegible] Mr. Gilkey [illegible] interested in this park [illegible] working [illegible]

[illegible] letters between the two Gilkeys it was found that they are not related. The California Gilkey [illegible] "Luther Burbank the second." [illegible]

[illegible]

I have often wondered how the absent minded professor felt when he met his son in school one morning and said: "Good morning John. How's your father?"

The Morganton News-Herald tells one on a mountaineer, who, when leaving his home for town was called back by his wife who told him there was no stove wood cut. The mountaineer replied: "I ain't taking the axe with me."

Financier's Son: "Mother, I have an idea."
Mother: "Well?"
Son: "Lend me ten shillings, but only give me five, and then I shall owe you five and you will owe me five and so we shall be quits."

LETTERS to the Editor

"A DISCOVERY OF PLAIN FACTS"

In watching the procedure during the November-December 1933 term of Criminal Court here, one must, though regretfully, admit that crime is on the rampant—stealthily but surely increasing.

An unpleasant thought so far, but not the whole story. I also watched with deep interest and with admiration, the court procedure under his rule and discretion. The Honorable Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding, of the twentieth North Carolina judicial district, able and discreet in his duties. Judge Alley should be, and is hailed by the ambitious young men and future leaders of our citizenship as an example as they journey through this temporal life and up the ladder of fame to the goal of their separate stations in life.

Let our object be our country, our whole country for the people, and by the blessings of God may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace, and of liberty, upon which the whole world may gaze with admiration forever.

To this set goal is apparently Judge Alley's ambitions, which will win for him a title in the End, to a tract in the SUN.

We know, indeed that the record of his illustrious actions of Judgeship will most safely be deposited in the universal remembrance of Mankind.

T. J. Cathey

"Mrs. Brown," cried Mr. Smith to his neighbor, "have you spoken to your boy about mimicking me?"
"Yes, I have," replied Mrs. Brown. "I've told him not to act like a fool."

22 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of January 2[illegible])

There was an important [illegible] the Waynesville Board [illegible] Tuesday evening in order [illegible] with Congressman Gudger [illegible] ject in the Waynesville Post [illegible] Building.

Mrs. B. F. Smathers returned [illegible] nesday from Atlantic City, where she has been spending several weeks with her son, Judge Frank Smathers.

Mr. Tom Davis, the music director of Waynesville Dramatic [illegible] has prepared a very elaborate program for the musical [illegible] coming show.

The Waynesville High School [illegible] ary Society entertained the [illegible] train Society with a reception [illegible] Parish House Friday evening. [illegible] Betty Hyatt very gracefully presided over the punch bowl. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Shoolbred, Mr. I. L. [illegible] and Mr. Jefferson Reeves.

New officers were elected [illegible] Light Bearers Missionary Society of the Methodist church Thursday afternoon as follows: President, [illegible] Atkinson; 1st vice president, [illegible] Lee; 2nd vice president, [illegible] Cracken; secretary, Isabella [illegible] ell; treasurer, Nora Turbyfill; [illegible] out committee, Jocelyn McDowell [illegible] Anna May Bramlett.

Miss Jessie Herren has been [illegible] teacher of the fourth grade since Miss Cathey's resignation.

News comes from Norfolk, Virginia of the arrival of another grandson to Bishop Atkins.

The first of a series of teas [illegible] given by the directors of the library was held Friday afternoon and proved most enjoyable. The affair was conducted by Miss Sarah Stringfield.

Tourist arrested in Paris: "[illegible] you I'm an American citizen! You can't do that to me!"
Officer: Sing "The Star Spangled Banner."
Tourist: I can't.
Officer: You're released. [illegible] are an American.

City Boy: "Say, Dad, how many kinds of milk are there?"
Father: "Well, there's evaporated milk, buttermilk, malted milk, [illegible] but why do you wish to know?"
"Oh, I'm drawing a picture of a cow and I want to know how many spigots to put on her."

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