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REV. R. A. SENTELLE

Several columns could be written about the life of the late Rev. R. A. Sentelle, and we know of few men that deserve it more than he, but the mere statement that he was truly a Christian gentleman covers the subject.

Of the many things that he did for this county, there is one thing that has impressed us more than any other: besides his being a Christian gentleman; although more than eighty years old, he returned to school to study and learn more about the world.

Few people today care about learning anything more after they reach the age of forty, or at least do not care enough about it to go to school and study; but Rev. Mr. Sentelle was different, he was continually doing something to make himself more useful in his community, and any person doing that can truly be termed as having attained the best there is in life.

WHAT ABOUT IT CANTON?

In all fairness to the strangers who travel through this section, it seems that whoever is responsible for placing the sign "To New College via. Canton" on Highway No. 10 at the intersection of Highway No. 109, which leads in from Hot Springs and Fines Creek, should tear it down.

It is true, that New College can easily be reached by going to Canton and then back up the Pigeon Valley, but why direct people to go ten or twelve miles out of their way just in order to get them through a certain town or community.

This paper doesn't want it to appear that Waynesville is "up in the air" over the matter—we are only taking the position that it is unfair to the traveling public who depend entirely on signs for directions.

DEATH ROW

Death Row at the state penitentiary is chuck full. The largest number of condemned in the history of the state are awaiting the turning on of the current—25 of them.

Special and pressing pleas are being made to get their sentences commuted and Pardon Commissioner Gill is working into nights trying to clear up each case as he comes to it, but, manifestly, with all of the details connected with such instances, delays are unavoidable.

The circumstance is suggestive. Why such a number of men condemned to death in North Carolina?

The only answer is that it is a reflex of the wave of criminality that is sweeping the whole country and not sparing this commonwealth.

Crime has never been so prevalent or so vicious. Human life has obviously never been cheaper.

In view of which facts it is not a propitious moment to be advocating clemency and leniency in dealings with those who insist upon plying their murderous trade.

Campaigns for the elimination of capital punishment in North Carolina might well be postponed until the homicidal mania has toned down a little.—Charlotte Observer.

Fashion journal says: "Stripes are most fashionable this year." That ought to make the Leas feel just a little better.

The world looks most selfish to the most selfish man.

None are bored if you talk about them instead of yourself.

Read all the medicine ads and you'll feel all the symptoms.

Voting your ticket straight is good politics, but bad patriotism.

Wives listen best to their husbands when they talk in their sleep.

About the only place now to find "home cooking" is at the restaurant.

PRESS AGENTING THE MOUNTAINS

The Charlotte Observer believes that Western North Carolina needs a press agent—"with funds." The Charlotte newspaper thinks the press agent should have "ample funds" to enable him to tell the country about the climate and other attractions of the mountain country. In other words, this section needs advertising. The Times-News and other newspapers of this section and all progressive citizens are agreed that The Observer is right. Western North Carolina could be advertised with profit to the entire section. Here is The Observer's viewpoint of the matter,

"What the North Carolina mountain region—including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park—needs is a press agent, of the right sort, with ample funds to enable him to tell the balance of the country what it does not know about the climate and other attractions for summer vacationists and tourists.

"Asheville for a generation and more has served well itself and North Carolina in bringing tourists and vacationists to that section, and long ago it came to pass that when a person in New York or Chicago, or elsewhere in the East or Middlewest, thought of North Carolina mountains he thought of Asheville.

"But there are numerous resort places and great areas in North Carolina mountains just as attractive as Asheville, and many of them enjoy lower summer temperatures, that the outside world has never heard about. When these numerous other places become even as well known to the country at large as Asheville, then a great increase in the number of summer visitors to Western North Carolina may be expected.

"The tourist and vacationist business could be developed in a few years into one of North Carolina's greatest sources of wealth and revenue—bringing billions of dollars into the state annually—if adequate information about our mountain attractions could be properly and adequately spread in those areas of the outside world where there are no mountains or summer breezes to speak of during July and August.

People from other sections are attracted to Western North Carolina by the climate and scenery. The climate is, perhaps, the strongest drawing card. The mountain country, with its manifold natural beauties, or scenery, is a close second to climate. People do not come here to visit great cities or see the things the cities afford. They do not come for the things that can be seen and obtained in other parts of the country. They come for the mountain climate and scenery and for the peace and quiet conditions found in the country or in all of the smaller places. The natural resources and attractions of the section should be advertised.

It is not necessary for Western North Carolina to spend money to give tourists the things they have at home, or the things to be obtained anywhere throughout the country. They should be offered what Nature has so lavishly bestowed on the mountain country—just the natural beauty and attractions of the section and its wonderful climate. (These have not been adequately advertised in the past. Asheville is due the appreciation of all of Western North Carolina for efforts and expenditures to make the section known to the country and the world. Other towns have done something in that direction, but not so much as Asheville.

The big fact for consideration of the people of the section, however, is that the opportunity to advertise is knocking at our doors. The greatest period of tourist business is just beginning. A press agent, with "funds," is needed in every Western North Carolina city and town.—Hendersonville Times-News.

A SECOND OR A FORTY-SEVENTH, WHICHEVER YOU PREFER

A study made late in November, 1933, showed that among all the states only Florida led North Carolina in the default of cities, towns and other tax districts. In Florida there were 323 units in default; in North Carolina there were 264. There were more than twice as many units in default in North Carolina than in the third state in the list. These figures were read in the senate on Monday by Senator Neely in the debate on the municipal bankruptcy bill.

These North Carolina cities and towns may look upon the municipal bankruptcy bill as a means of "rescue" from the financial situation in which they find themselves. Indeed, it may make it possible to carry on proper municipal functions in cities and towns where essential services have been sacrificed in an effort fruitless or otherwise to make the payments due on indebtedness. It may mean that bankers and bond holders will have to join school teachers and other public servants in sharing the sacrifices of hard times. In such a sharing there is an undoubted element of justice.

North Carolina, however, must find more shame than justice in the fact that more of its tax units are in default than all the defaulting tax units combined in 32 other States. Such a disproportionate default cannot be excused on grounds of poverty. There has been poverty in all of the other 32 States which must combine to equal North Carolina's number of defaulting units. In North Carolina there has been not only poverty and hard times but extravagance and carelessness in contracting obligations and in providing for their payment.

This is not a very pleasant spectacle for North Carolina for, however, one may look at it, there is no room for any state pride in such a demonstration of default.—Raleigh News and Observer.

LETTERS to the Editor

COUNTY CANDIDATES AND COUNTY FINANCES IN HAYWOOD

The primary election is over and the usual crop of pats on the back is visible over the land-scape. If other crops were as plentiful, how well it would do for Haywood. If every man who is running votes for himself (and it is understood that all do), who will vote for the other fellow? It is significant that these candidates do not give any statement of just what they would stand for if elected. It would be awfully hard to hold them to any pledges in advance of the future, but there are certain general lines of action and economy of which statement should be made. Especially it should be made candidates for County Commissioner. One wonders why? The pay is small and the work is (or should be) hard.

It is unfortunate that our primary (the only one which counts before election) and then everybody seems to forget all about county affairs for the next two years. Our county politics are just finding out. And our county affairs also soon just finding out. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is a candidate for re-election. It is believe that some of the other candidates wish to be elected. This old lesson has failed to do what it from the pulpit for many long years—that is preach in a newspaper is a waste of the country's time.

I call on him and his board to publish in The Mountaineer the financial statement of the county's affairs for 1932 and also for 1933. Let these show what sum of money have been paid in and from what sources, and what sum have been paid out and for what purposes. Further I call on them to give us an exact itemized statement of the bonded indebtedness of Haywood County with a statement of what has been done to meet these debts.

The citizens of Haywood County are paying high taxes to support their county government. It is their money and their government. The County Commissioners are their servants not their owners. I, a citizen and taxpayer, call on them to give an account of their stewardship as the law expressly says they shall. If they do not do this, but one conclusion can be drawn by the citizens and taxpayers of Haywood.

Furthermore, there is but one way to get these statements before the taxpayers in these modern days, that is to publish in the county newspaper. Gentlemen, let's have this statement.

E. W. GUDGER.

Editor's Note:
The audit was half complete when sickness forced Mr. Wyche to suspend work for several months on the books. He is now working on them again and the audit will soon be complete, it was learned from authentic sources yesterday.

Asheville, N. C., May 7, 1934.

Editor The Mountaineer:—

The stupendous majestic and gloriously beautiful annual miracle, the rebirth of Nature in the Spring, the annual wildflower festival with the Dogwood Blossoms predominating in tremendous quantities, should warrant the Southern Railway in making special rates to Asheville and Western North Carolina points to enable the people of other sections to come and see the Dogwood Blossom Extravagance in the Heart of the Blue Ridge, Land of the Sky.

Special rates are given to see the 3 thousand cherry trees in full blossom in Washington, and special rates are advertised to see the few acres of Magnolias at Charleston while there are literally millions of Dogwood trees in riotous, luxurious bloom, along with the colorful myriad shades of greens of the foliage of the oaks, maples, chestnuts and pines and in all stages of growth from the half grown leaves at the foot of the mountains and hills to the swelling buds on top of the mountains.

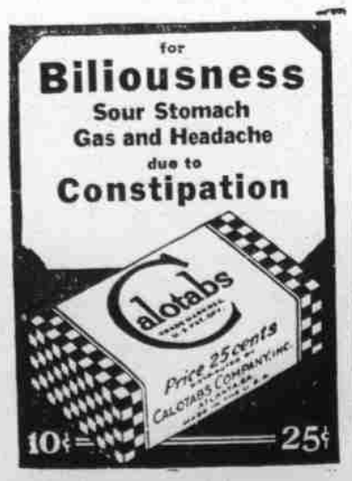
Switzerland has made a four-season tourist resort of that country through advertising. Western North Carolina can do it with even greater success, for it has all, perhaps much more to offer than Switzerland.

May we express the hope that the proper organizations will take up with the Southern Railway passenger authorities to put on special rates, say from April 15 to May 15, and then co-operate with the railway in advertising the matchless beauty of this annual Miracle of Nature. It would also attract many of Florida's late tourists returning home.

N. BUCKNER.

Waynesville Miss: (to old maid aunt)—Now golf auntie, is a game in which you try to go around in as little as you can."

Auntie: "I see. Just another excuse for dry land bathing suits."



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Is this a Junaluska eating community? I'm asking you. Last Thursday Smalley advertised them (in The Mountaineer) and by that night over fifty had been passed out over the counters. That's what I call good business—the advertising man made happy—fifty mamas delighted—fifty families satisfied—fifty gallons of water consumed—fifty washing and for washing dishes—and fifty of the many things it takes to make a man happy.

It ok in '25 during the seven I have [illegible] the same dish, since then we were for the good old [illegible]—nuh.

Aaron Prevost was one lucky one-armed driving last Thursday night—and he was sober. It only happened that while cruising up and down the main thoroughfare of this city, that a heavy rain came up for down—whichever and the top of his roadster was nicely packed down. He unfolded an umbrella and went his way—it did look strange up to say the least. It was a Democratic and that was a two-fold Republican shower.

Shoe salesmen are a most confiding group of people—this week one informed me that statistics showed that 85 per cent of the men of this nation wore shoes too small for them—and to prove that I was one of the guilty he showed me that instead of cramming my foot into an eight, that a nine and a half "B" was what nature intended for me to wear.

Few things are more painful than pinching shoes and yet every time I see some one hobbling along with their feet killing them, I usually smile because 85 times out of a 100 they bought small shoes for the sake of looks and not for feeling.

Speaking of shoes, of course brings to mind leather, and every time I think of leather I remember the advertisement that L. M. Richeson uses all the time for the Junaluska Tannery:

"Little Mary's Prayer,"

"Oh Lord, let me last long, everlastingly long, like good old fashioned Junaluska Sole Leather."

A couple of fellows with stringed instruments can draw a bigger crowd in a few minutes than anything else I know of. The other day a politician made a two hour speech on the street here and at no time did he have a crowd half as large as the two boys with instruments had on the court house steps Saturday afternoon.

Tom Jimison, the entertaining columnist on the Charlotte News, and native of this county is "back home for a spell. He is about as good press agent as Haywood could have and the cost to the county is not reasonable—just an invitation to come back every few months and the price of ramps.

It seems that the trees this year got given quicker than I ever remember. When they start, they seem to acquire their foliage over night.

The Concord Tribune carried the following last week:

A father for the first time stood at the baby ward of the hospital, and asked anxiously: "Doctor, are there any marks on my son?"

Looking the new arirval over the doctor replied: "Yes, sir, there are. He's marked C. O. D.

A note to prospective fathers:
The third floor of the Haywood County Hospital is now the maternity ward, and any time of night you will find a light on in every room and someone walking, with a pink or blue bundle in their arms.

"Did you ever see a dream walking," gurgled the radio crooner—Yes! and the young woman that we saw recently under the influence of liquor looked a light a nightmare.

22 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of May 17, 1912.)

Misses Virginia and Anna Lee returned home Wednesday from Elizabeth College Charlotte.

The Wednesday Bridge Club was entertained most delightfully last week by Misses Lina and Emma Haywood at the Casstetter. The guests were: Mrs. E. Carraway, Mrs. Norwood, Mrs. Bushnell, Mrs. Killian, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Camp, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Stover, Misses Hilda Way, Lucile Satterwhite, Jennie Ray, Willie Willis, and Nan Killian.

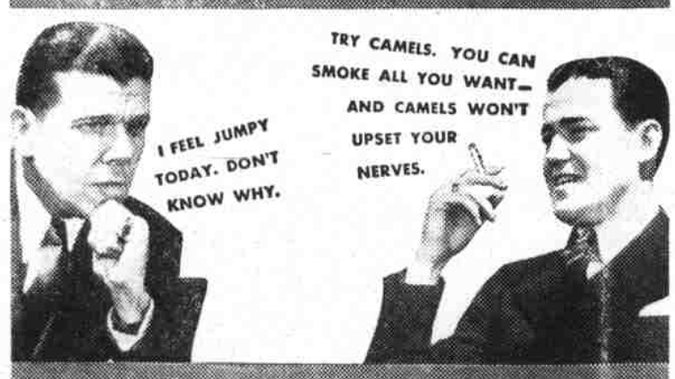
Misses Lucile Blackwell and Mae Shoolbred visited Misses Hattie and Esther Wharton at Clyde this week.

Miss Margaret Stringfield will leave Wednesday for Philadelphia where she will pursue a course of music at the University of Pennsylvania during the summer. Miss Stringfield will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall while there.

Master Melvin Reeves, Jr., celebrated his birthday yesterday afternoon with a delightful party at his home on Depot street.

Little Frances Denton invited a number of her little friends to come to her birthday party last Friday afternoon which she gave at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Denton. After two hours of fun and frolic, the small hostess dressed in white, with pink ribbons invited her guests into the dining room.

HIS NERVES EASILY UPSET!



CAMEL'S COSTLIER TOBACCOS

YOU CAN SMOKE THEM STEADILY... BECAUSE THEY NEVER GET ON YOUR NERVES... NEVER TIRE YOUR TASTE!

NOT "HOW MUCH" BUT "HOW"

Alexander's is not nearly concerned with the volume of its business as with the degree of satisfaction enjoyed by the customers' who do business with this drug store.

Our chief interest is not how many dollars have been rung up on the cash register when the day's work is ended but how many friends we have made by those little "extra" services and courtesies for which they did not pay.

Does that sound too idealistic for a business? We regard it as just good old common sense. For, after all, isn't it a fact, if a concern takes care of the "HOW", the "HOW MUCH," will take care of itself.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR

ALEXANDER'S
DRUG STORE
Phones 53 & 54 Opposite Post Office