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THOUGHTS FOR SERIOUS MOMENTS

Let never day nor night unbalanced pass but still remember what the Lord hath done.—Shakespeare.

Pride says thanksgiving, but a humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grow. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.—H. W. Beecher.

No people are more often wrong than those who will not allow themselves to be wrong.—La Rochefoucauld.

An obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him.—Pope.

Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep.—Shakespeare.

Ill-gotten gains work evil.—Sophocles.

Deliver me from the evil man, even from myself.—St. Augustine.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

Judge Felix E. Alley, speaking before the Rotary Club here, and Judge J. Will Pless, Jr. speaking before the Kiwanis Club in Hendersonville, almost simultaneously hit upon the same idea on the same subject—"Juvenile Offenders."

Judge Alley told Rotarians that he was of the opinion that the old-fashioned whipping post would be much better than the juvenile court to curb crime among the younger generation. He pointed out that the average boy or girl who goes wrong is practically immune to the talks which are given them for their first offenses by judges of the juvenile courts, which in most counties, are clerks of the superior court.

Judge Pless suggested that camps be set up over the state, where boys that have committed offenses could be assigned. It is his idea to have men with ability to inspire and train the boys in charge of the camps. No person over 21 would be sentenced to these camps, and the boys would not come in contact with hardened criminals, who often tell youngsters how they can "beat the law."

We feel that a combination of the ideas presented by these two capable judges of Western North Carolina are worthy of the deepest consideration. The matter of juvenile offenders has become a serious problem in North Carolina. The trend also indicates that the problem is growing worse, instead of better.

If there be any one lone platform which a would-be candidate for the legislature could gather in winning votes, we would suggest that it be the offering of some satisfactory solution towards reducing the number of juvenile offenders in this state. The suggestion made by the two judges is certainly a nucleus with which legislature aspirants could begin.

THE STORY OF THE CHERRY TREE

Since Saturday marks the birthday of George Washington it would not be exactly the most patriotic thing to do to let it pass without notice. Instead of a lengthy editorial in glowing terms about "The Father of Our Country," we refer our readers to an article printed elsewhere in this paper, in negro dialect, in which the story of cutting down the famous cherry tree is told.

The lesson told in this article, supposedly told by an old negro mammy, surpasses anything we might try to say here on the subject.

We would be tempted to turn up our nose at the news that in Transylvania County, on a certain main highway, there isn't a filling station for a distance of ten miles, if it were not for the fact that the statement was in The Transylvania Times, which is a truthful paper. But even at that, we fail to figure out why such a "deplorable condition" can exist.

A FAST MOVING WORLD

The article appearing on the front page, explaining why the airplane failed to fly at the Haywood County fair twenty-five years ago should be of interest to everyone—both young and old—the older readers remembering the incident, and the younger ones given an insight on the hardships, and dangers accompanying the operation of the first planes.

Just 25 years ago it was necessary to bring high-test gasoline all the way from Louisville, Kentucky to Waynesville—now, even on the most out-of-the-way side road, stations have gasoline ten times better for sale.

We might also keep this fact in mind, that more progress will be made during the next 25 years than was made in the last 25—history proves that, and those who fail to keep abreast of the times will find themselves far behind. This is a fast moving world, and it is waiting for no group or individual.

BETTER PREPARED THAN EVER

This week-end the finishing touches are being put on in the general improvement and remodeling program at The Mountaineer, which included the building of a dust-proof stock room, the addition of new equipment and a general painting and cleaning up.

Several changes were made in the building, which will be a time-saver in the composing room, and in the down-stairs room where the newspaper press and stereotyping equipment is used.

In doing this work now, we took advantage of the bad weather as it was impossible to do outside work. From four to six men, including brick masons, electricians, painters and common labor all had a part.

The extra work was done in order that better service, and even better work could be rendered to our customers in less time. The new equipment—which was most expensive—now enables us to turn out work that would be a credit to any town twice the size.

Several changes have been made on the paper in the last two weeks, and plans are to make several more soon. One of the changes being a new style heading for the front page.

In connection with the paper, the large newspaper press has been given a thorough over-hauling, which we feel will give a better printed paper, and one that is easier to read.

All of this extra work has been done with one purpose—"Give the community the best newspaper and printing that it is humanly possible."

BEGINNING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YEAR

Tonight marks the first meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of 1936. The meeting tonight is for the purpose of electing the 19 directors for the coming year. Of the 10 directors elected, a president will be named.

A general discussion of plans for the coming year, and a review of the work of the organization of 1935 will be features of tonight's meeting.

Those who are interested in the work of the organization will be present. Those who pretend to be interested, yet who fail to attend, should under no circumstances try to kick out of the traces after the program is launched, and sit back and criticize.

DOWN-RIGHT FOOLISH

Monday noon, a freight train was stopped at the Hazelwood depot, to unload freight. The train lacked two cars being clear of the crossing.

A young man, evidently in no particular hurry, crawled up between two cars, over the couplings, to get to the other side. Within 30 seconds after he had jumped to the ground the train started to move.

Thirty seconds more and he might have been killed, or badly injured, as was a man in Marion last week who tried the same stunt.

The train had a right to be where it was. The young man was in no hurry. He took his life in his own hands, and to say the least barely escaped with it.

IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT

It was interesting to note from the list of firms receiving state contracts for supplies last week, that comparatively few were North Carolina firms.

Whether or not North Carolina firms entered bids for supplying the state with necessary supplies is not known, but it seems that with as many firms in the state handling the same merchandise that is being used, that some arrangement could be made to keep business at home.

Among the things we could do without are pictures of these so-called bathing beauties posing in abbreviated bathing suits in the snow. Only last week one was shown hugging a snowman. It is pathetic to just what some extent some people will go for publicity.

THE OLD HOME TOWN by STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

About the best yarn this week, to come my way, was about the little boy who carried his report card home, and much to his parent's surprise and disappointment he got only "Es" and "Cs". When asked for an explanation as to why no "As", he said "The supreme court has held that the "As" are unconstitutional."

It took Mrs. Jim Toy to remind me Monday morning that I was still in Waynesville and not enroute to Hollywood. In fact, she looked a little disappointed in finding me still here.

And along comes a letter from W. J. Allen, of route one, saying he enjoys reading this column, and also Uncle Abe.

Felix Stovall is one of these fellows that looks ahead, and makes his plans accordingly. While everyone has been shivering and shaking, Felix has been having painters working night and day at his place of business adding a spring-like atmosphere to the store.

The day he finished the job—Friday—the sun came out as it has seldom done this year.

Judge Felix E. Alley, to date, has had over 100 homicide cases come before him during the past three years that he has been judge. Before going to the bench, he appeared in 230 homicide cases.

When a boy, I had what was called a magic lantern. It afforded a lot of fun to every boy in the neighborhood, but nowadays they are unheard of.

I must be the most peculiar person on earth. I can drink a can of condensed milk and smack my lips over it, but the slightest taste of mayonnaise brings forth a—gulp, gulp.

Add to the things we could do without: "People who turn around in church and stare at those behind them."

For four days the office has been covered with dust, plaster, lumber, wiring, paint buckets, saw horses and sawdust, to say nothing of the hammering, sawing and general commotion that goes along with building and repairing.

With a head full of dust, trying to pound out a column on a typewriter filled with plaster, and trying to drown out noise with deep thought has gotten me into a whirl—but what an improvement we'll have when it's all finished—I mean improvement in the office, and not on this column. . .

Just come in and see for yourself. Our aim—"The most modern plant in Western North Carolina."

Walter Crawford tells one about the negro who was hauled in court for stealing chickens. The case was called and the negro appeared without an attorney. The judge asked if he did not want an attorney to help present his case.

The negro replied: "No suh, judge, I don't want no lawyer man, but I sho could use a coupla good witnesses."

Things I did not know until now—that a watch ticks five times a second, thus ticking 157,788,000 times a year—provided, you don't forget to wind it.

Marriages

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week)

Thurman Fisher, of Candler, Route 1, to Bonnie Green, of Clyde. T. Rudolph Barnes to Mary L. Johnson, both of Canton. Howard Inman to Bertha Inman, both of Canton.

LETTERS to the Editor

HAS OLD COPIES OF PAPER

Editor The Mountaineer:— I am sending renewal for my subscription to The Mountaineer.

I have a Waynesville paper that was printed October 27, 1899, and also one in September 21, 1900, and one on March 19, 1903. I just wonder if there are any older ones in Haywood county?

I sure do enjoy reading Uncle Abe and Random Side Glances.

Yours truly, W. J. ALLEN.

Waynesville, Route One.

TRADE ACTIVITY

Basic strength of American business and industry was proved this past week. Although the weather was the worst of many years, and smothered the country, industrial activity more than maintained its own, and retail trade expanded during every rift in the hampering storms, as reported over the nation.

DANCER FRIENDS BOY

Sally Rand, befriended "Little Algie" Kreibitz, 11 year old boy of St. Petersburg, Fla., who has gained quite a reputation as a deflator of public dancers' ballrooms. When Sally was scheduled to dance, he came in the theatre with his air gun, and a sling-shot, but the police who had caught him on previous occasions were on the lookout for him and interrupted him before he sent the shot. Sally intervened and when he was dismissed was allowed to see the show.

23 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the files of Feb. 1, 1913)

Miss Esther Wharton came in on Sunday.

Miss Ollie Boone is in Asheville today and will give a recital at Asheville tonight.

Miss Willie Willis returned Thursday from Kentucky, where she has been visiting her brother.

Miss Hattie Siler will leave this week for Atlanta and Knoxville where she will attend millinery openings.

Miss Sadie Luck left on Tuesday for Sylva, where she will open a millinery business.

Dr. J. R. McCracken, who has held the position of county physician acceptably, was re-elected unanimously and without opposition. The paper congratulates both Dr. McCracken and the county.

The Southern Railway company getting out its summer folder a requests the hotels and boarding houses to furnish all the data they want to go in the folder. This must be done at once otherwise you will be left out of the folder.

A wedding which is of interest to Western North Carolinians because of the prominence of the contracting parties is that of Mr. John Han Kirkpatrick and Miss Lula Ferguson which occurred here yesterday (Asheville). Despite the fact that the contracting parties had made all plans to have the wedding secret and few close friends of the bride and groom had tried to keep the affair secret it was impossible, and several friends knew of the intended marriage.

The Spring Hill New Era tells a lady down there visiting her aunt. She came in late in the afternoon and her aunt asked her where she had been. "In the hammock all afternoon," she responded, "With my beloved Robert Browning." The aunt eyed her steadily. Then she said: "I hear any more of such scandalous proceedings I shall write your mother."

For sometime there has been an interest, if not excitement, in Jackson county, over the proposed removal of the court house from Webster to Sylva. The representatives of Jackson county, Mr. Wilkes, in favor of the proposition we understand, and quite a delegation of citizens went to Raleigh the first of the week to give force and emphasis to the petition.

"The principle of co-operating" has been established in Haywood county said Charles W. Mason, of the Haywood Fruit Exchange. "The people are willing to go down into their pockets for money to promote community welfare."

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