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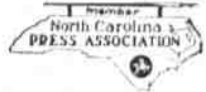
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LAKE JUNALUSKA

No other community is more interested in the outcome of the debt situation of Lake Junaluska than is Waynesville. This, of course, is only natural, because the Lake means more to this community than it does to any other one center.

From the last reports, there remains about \$72,000 of the \$105,000 debt to be paid before August 15th. This date is the last minute that the Lake can make satisfactory arrangements with the mortgage holders, under the agreement made by the late Judge John M. Oglesby several months ago.

While the Lake is having the best season in years, the \$105,000 must be paid by August 15th, or the sale of foreclosure will be confirmed, according to the agreement made in court before the formal 1936 season opened.

It is needless to try to enumerate the hundreds of advantages of the Lake to this community. That has been gone into many times. It is a fact, however, that in many instances, Lake Junaluska is far better known than is Waynesville.

If the latest reports contain all the amounts that have been subscribed to the debt fund, it seems that the Methodists in different parts of the state and the South, have been somewhat slow in responding to the pleas of their leaders.

But why should not the remainder of the state and south be somewhat slow, when the folks right here at home—all denominations—have been even slower in responding than those who live hundreds of miles away?

While we have every reason to believe, and the utmost confidence in the entire Methodist church, that the debt will be paid by August 15th, we do feel that this community should have taken the leadership in subscribing to the debt fund.

It is not too late yet for a substantial subscription to be donated by this community. The Chamber of Commerce is donating a subscription of \$25. There are scores of citizens here who will contribute liberally to the debt fund, and certainly it will be a good investment for this community.

-dangerous

Hitch hikers seem to be on the increase, as the tourist season gets better. Not that the hitch hikers are tourists, or that tourists are hitch hikers, but a glance down any main highway will prove that there are plenty of "thumbers" on the road.

While all hitch hikers are not dangerous, there are still plenty of them that will stoop to any level for a little money, or even a chance to get money. Some people make it a habit to pick up all "thumbers" they pass. Other motorists pass up all who ask a ride via the thumb. To our mind, the latter is the much safer plan.

One man boasts of the fact that he never picks up any one unless he has his pistol in the seat next to him. While a pistol under such circumstances would be some protection at times, there are times when it would prove worthless. Then, too, who would want to drive along feeling that at any minute he would have to use his pistol for protection against a stranger?

We still feel that the safest plan for the motorist is to pass thumbers up.

The Junior high school building and the new stadium is giving the high school grounds the appearance of a small college plant.

The layout is one that this community may well feel proud of. In fact, there are not many such plants in the state.

METHODISTS MUST SAVE JUNALUSKA—

Lake Junaluska, known as the summer capitol of southern Methodism, may cease to be the center of the program of this church if sufficient funds to liquidate the indebtedness confronting Junaluska fails to be collected by August 15.

Around this attractive 250-acre lake in the heart of the mountains in Western North Carolina, unique assembly grounds have been built. An educational building, a mission building have been erected, and an auditorium seating 3,500 persons is the meeting place for Sunday School workers' conferences, Young People's conferences, Missionary conferences and other group meetings which are attended by young people and adults from throughout the South. The influence of these conferences is tremendous. Duke University conducts a six weeks summer school there each summer; and Chautauqua features provide varied entertainment for those who sojourn in this delightful spot during the summer.

With the knowledge that the property was endangered by debt, the College of Bishops meeting in Nashville, Tenn., in May recommended that some preacher be released from his pastoral duties until the annual Conference in order to devote his full time to directing a movement to pay off the debt and insure the continuance of Lake Junaluska as the Methodist Assembly grounds. The recommendation was acted upon and a North Carolinian, Dr. W. A. Lambeth of High Point was selected for the job.

Dr. Lambeth is appealing to Methodists east of the Mississippi River to contribute to this cause. Large contributions will be welcome, as was a gift of \$5,000 from an incognito friend announced last week, but the plan is for all Methodists to share in this undertaking by contributing a small sum each.

It has been a happy privilege of the editor to attend several religious educational conferences or training schools at Lake Junaluska as well as to spend short vacations there, and there is no more delightful place to go to for inspiration and instruction in carrying on one's religious tasks. Junaluska is an indispensable force for furthering the work of the church program and Methodists in Johnston county who respond to Dr. Lambeth's appeal will be investing in a worth while religious enterprise.—Herald, Smithfield.

A BURDEN TO LAY DOWN

In the easy, lolling, sun-parlor psychology that is resurgent through American society today, it would be well and wise for parents to coax their children into reading the biographies of the great individual successes of all time.

Those of the Americans of old as well as those of today.

They all tell the same story—to-wit, that achievement comes to men through only one course of action, that of courage and of perseverance coupled always with the process of hard work.

Hard work is never popular with the masses. It's a burden that the most of us are always ready to lay down.

But it's the open sesame to distinction, to what men call success, to personal achievement and renown.—Charlotte Observer.

SAFE DRIVING RULES

Following are ten rules for safe driving offered by the president of one of the nation's leading auto factories, which he believes would if observed, allow the average American motorist to venture forth on the highway with confidence of almost certain safety:

1. Never overtake a car unless you are positive there is ample space ahead; that means, of course, never on a curve or a hill.
2. Slow down when approaching all intersections, including private driveways, and thus have your car under complete control and prepared to stop.
3. Slow down when approaching any child or pedestrian and thus be prepared for any unexpected movement.
4. Keep your brakes and lights, in fact your entire car, in good condition, as safe a condition as when it was new.
5. Stop on red traffic signals and stay stopped until the light has turned green. Rushing signals invite disaster.
6. Come to a dead stop at stop signs because the other fellow has the right of way.
7. If you have been drinking don't drive. Of course, you believe you are sober, but the evidence is all against sober drivers who have been drinking.
8. Slow down to compensate for slippery streets caused by rain, snow or ice.
9. Slow down when driving at night. There is no substitute for daylight when it comes to visibility.
10. Always drive at a speed which will permit you to stop within the assured clear distance ahead. If you don't get in a jam, you won't have to get out of one.—Marion Progress.



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

The printers handling this column last week "Done Me Wrong." In the first paragraph, they left out a line which changed the entire meaning of the yarn, which was about a veteran and how he spent his money. Since it was a copied yarn from another paper, I am giving it again, with the sincere hope that all lines will be left intact until the page gets on the press.

This particular veteran had \$200. He spent \$50 for liquor, another \$50 for women. Then it took \$50 to get out of jail. The last \$50, he said, was spent foolishly.

Hugh Leatherwood was one of those attending the state meeting of Young Democrats in Greensboro recently during the extreme hot weather. He said he drank so much ice water and ate so much cracked ice during the convention to keep cool that he can't look an ice man straight in the face.

Last Friday afternoon, during the good soaking rain that this section enjoyed, I ran onto Presiding Elder W. A. Rollins. I remarked that I judged that the fine rain indicated that the preachers had been paid. He looked down for a minute, rubbing his chin, and then in his witty manner, said: "Well, I don't know about that. I figure the Lord just came to the conclusion that folks were not going to do anything about paying the preachers and just sent the rain anyhow."

About the best "dream story" I've heard in many a day was about the little boy who dreamed he ate a whole turkey for dinner, and when he woke up he was so full he could not eat any breakfast.

It looks like old times to see William Hannah and Carroll Bell out on the streets again, after being confined to their rooms for a number of weeks. Both are gaining weight and strength, and are looking much better. Incidentally, both are having to use a cane. Before they got sick they were two of the fastest walkers in Waynesville.

The story as carried in last week's paper about Fred Ferguson catching a 26-inch trout in Cataochee, was read with more interest by Tom Rainey than anyone else. As you probably know, Tom is an ardent fisherman, and takes his fishing seriously. When he read the story he remarked: "For four years I have been feeding that trout the best kind of bait. I'm surprised that he was not longer than 26 inches. I've fed him enough bait for him to have been at least 30 inches."

Of course the school board knows best, but looking at it from the viewpoint of a schoolboy, I feel that it is a damn right shame to start school before grapes or chestnuts get ripe. What in the world is there for a boy to munch on in school without something like that is ripe in the woods?

From a way out in Honolulu, comes a letter from John Best, who is most complimentary of this column, but the big bouquet was sent to Uncle Abe in that even a Chinaman reads his column.

Oscar Briggs is another one who is worried about the things I like to eat, and the many "good" things I pass up. I have just decided it is the smoke from Uncle Abe's cigars that has caused me to rebel against the better things to eat, and not just my peculiar appetite.

WAGES INCREASE TO \$27,645,000.-000
Wage earners in 1935 received \$27,645,000,000 from industry and business, which amount represents an increase of 10 per cent over the \$25,220,000,000 they received in 1934. Salaries of major executives increased during the same period from \$780,000,000 to \$855,000,000, an increase of \$75,000,000.

LETTERS to the Editor

Mr. W. Curtis Russ, Editor The Mountaineer, Waynesville, N. C.

My dear Mr. Russ:

Lake Junaluska is an integral, and a vital part of this community. Commercially speaking from the viewpoint of the business men of Waynesville, it is an important element. As the Summer Capitol of Methodism, it is an important drawing card, attracting as it does every season, thousands of people to this section.

This month the future status of Lake Junaluska as an institution is to be determined. A drive is under way to raise \$105,000 necessary to hold the property in the hands of the church. The call has been issued. Generally it has been directed to members of the church over the Southland.

However, for Haywood county, it is not a church matter. It's a business proposition. It's the business of the Chamber of Commerce. It's your business and mine. It's worth money to every firm in the community to place Junaluska in a position to operate vigorously. The attached resolution of the Chamber of Commerce represents the position of the Board of Directors in the matter:

We recommend that every firm and individual in the community should contribute as liberally as possible. Helping this cause is not a contribution to charity. It is an investment in your own business. Waynesville and Hazelwood must respond.

Very truly yours,
CHAS. E. RAY, JR., President.

W. C. Russ, Waynesville, N. C.
I have just finished reading my latest edition of "The Mountaineer" (July 2, 1936) and I must say I enjoyed it very much. You have a fine paper, keep up the good work.

What has happened to the "Melting Pot?" would like to see it in The Mountaineer again soon.

Give my regards to Uncle Abe. I believe I like his old style of writing best. A Chinese laundryman who has been reading all Uncle Abe's writings

23 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of July 25, 1913) Mrs. Eugene Bearden, of Asheville, is the guest this week of Mrs. Harry Rotha.

Mr. Clark Medford, of Waynesville, was a pleasant visitor at the club here on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Logan and Mr. B. H. Pearson went to Asheville last Sunday.

Miss Dorothy A'Kinson, of Waynesville, is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Will Garrison.

Mrs. D. D. Perry, of Waynesville, is the guest of her family for several weeks.

Mrs. W. M. Burwell, of Waynesville, N. C., is expected Saturday to visit her family.

Waynesville is a mighty town and it won't hurt to tell people about it.

Another big conference will be held here with us soon and our only regret is that it will be the last of the season. Grove Park Inn, the finest resort hotel in the world, located in Asheville, is open to the public free of charge, but if you linger a day the cost is \$7.50.

"This ought to become one of the greatest resorts in America," declared a summer visitor this morning in discussing the many advantages of Waynesville. And it will, because if the Southern Railway would be as good to Western North Carolina in the matter of freight rates as it is in passenger service, this would soon be a Garden of Eden.

The Champion Fibre Company, because of recent fire and floods at their works at Hamilton, Ohio, have moved a part of their plant at Canton for this week.

A proclamation was issued on Saturday by Governor Craig for the General Assembly to convene in extraordinary session September the 23rd, the session having a constitutional limitation of 30 days.

ANNUAL HAYNES REUNION

Will be held at George C. Hays' the old H. P. Haynes place Saturday, August the 15th, 1936. All day meeting. Program consists in talks and music. Annual address by Walter T. Crawford, attorney of Waynesville. In-essant down pour of rain kept many away last year. All kindred and friends are expected to be on hand this year.

Come, bring a basket of groceries and let's have a good time together.

J. H. HAYNES,
Chairman.
JOHN W. SHOOK,
Secretary.

wants to know what happened. He says Uncle Abe must have got himself a little "book lartin" and is trying to take the Editor's place. A word for "Random Side Glances" Good work.

Sincerely,
JOHN BEST,
8th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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