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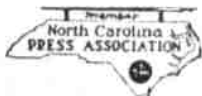
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A WELL DECORATED TOWN

Years ago, someone began using the slogan on summer literature "Waynesville The Beautiful." At least it was thought of as just a summertime phrase, but after the decorators complete their job of putting up the Christmas decorations on the streets here this week we are confident that the phrase will be even more appropriate than ever.

Never before has this community been decorated so extensively for the holidays. The use of colored lights, the evergreens, together with the decorations in the stores will create an atmosphere for Christmas that has never been known in Waynesville before.

As a general rule, the stores are being decorated more extensively this year than ever before. There seems to be larger stocks of Christmas merchandise in the various stores. In fact, this looks to be a real Christmas in this community.

During the past few years, several places of business failed to grasp the holiday spirit until just a few days before Christmas. Waynesville and community has too great an opportunity of supplying Christmas merchandise to thousands of people than to wait that late to prepare and display their goods.

The town board of aldermen, mayor, city employees and individuals of the Chamber of Commerce have started a decoration program this year that will result in hundreds of dollars being spent here that would probably be drawn to other cities that have flash, and color.

To say that Waynesville is the best decorated town of its size in Western North Carolina is not exaggerating, and to those who made it possible we should all feel grateful.

'THE SALT OF CONVERSATION'

In the December number of "The Teacher," monthly organ of the Southern Baptist Sunday Convention, the editor quotes some salty conversational equips from a pamphlet of such good things collected by John Garland Pollard and privately printed and circulated for the delectation of the Virginia ex-Governor's friends.

As choice hits in this unique brochure, "The Teacher" quotes, among others, the following definitions:

ARISTOCRAT—A member of a family that has long been descending.

COMMITTEE—A group of men who keep minutes and waste hours.

ECONOMIST—A learned man who talks in millions and borrows carfare to get home.

EXPERT—One who knows more and more about less and less.

GROUCH—One who is seasick throughout life's journey.

HIGH BROW—One whose education exceeds his intelligence.

OPPORTUNIST—One who meets the wolf at the door and next day appears in a fur coat.

OPTIMIST—One who thinks he can buy a thing from a Jew and sell it to a Scotchman at a profit.

PARASITE—One who goes through a revolving door on your push.

PESSIMIST—A man who is discouraged by the failure of things to go wrong.

SUCCESS—Biting off more than you can chew, and then chewing it.

WAR—Settling things by heat instead of light.

WISDOM—Knowing what to do next.

WIT—The salt of conversation, not the meat.

There was of course more to the little book's credit than this, but there's gratitude to "The Teacher" for passing on even so much.

A NEW POLICE CAR

The police department of Waynesville no longer has to depend on the truck of the light department, or the private car of a member of the force to take them places. They can go now in great haste, because their new 1937 car is all theirs, yes, exclusively, theirs.

For years the police department of this city has been handicapped because of lack of means of fast and dependable transportation. They did the best they could under circumstances, although realizing that often they were too late in reaching a scene of a crime or an attempted crime to enforce the law.

The new car will speed up their work, and in our opinion pay for itself many times over, not only financially, but in giving better protection to the citizens of this community.

The board of aldermen and mayor have wisely invested money providing for the police a car for their exclusive use.

THE NEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The new board of commissioners swung into action early Monday morning, and got right down to business after electing as their chairman, J. A. Lowe, former sheriff of this county.

The election of Mr. Lowe did not come as a complete surprise. He is a capable and successful business man. This board succeeds a board that put in many hours of faithful service for their county, and put county affairs in splendid condition for the board which went into office Monday.

The new board is a representative group of Haywood citizens. Most of them have had experience in county affairs, and have successfully managed their own affairs.

The citizens of Haywood County can rest assured that the affairs of the county are in the hands of men who are progressive yet conservative.

LEAVES AND FERTILIZERS

One of the most deplorable sights about the town and county is the smoke rising from piles of burning leaves. In the use of commercial fertilizers North Carolina leads all other states. The News Letter from the University Press says North Carolina consumed slightly over a million tons last year, and no other state a close competitor, and that North Carolina uses one-sixth of all the fertilizers used in the United States, and has been doing so for over two decades. That is quite a record. If the farmer pays around \$30 a ton for fertilizer at that rate they reckon on about one-half of the gross income from the State's cotton crop of half a million bales to pay the fertilizer bill. A lot of trouble with our impoverished soil condition is thoughtlessness on the part of farmer and the gardener.

Exhausting the humus of the soil is one of North Carolina's most costly mistakes. A ton of rotted leaves has practically the same value as a ton of manure. We burn one and buy the other. Left to decay with a light covering of dirt, valuable material is ready for the garden in the spring, as decomposition of leaves is quickly accomplished. The News Letter says: "In no state is there greater need for soil conservation than North Carolina. If our soils could be built up to compare moderately favorably with our unexcelled climate, North Carolina would be an agricultural paradise."

To maintain plant life with any success there must be a return to the soil of what the plant has removed. An experiment with the next downfall of leaves will mean response in the spring.—Southern Pines Pilot.

TIME TO BUILD

Building activities in this county will reach a high peak this year, but this does not mean that there has been sufficient number of homes built during the past 12 months. Real estate prices are beginning to advance, and building costs are on the upgrade. This means that if the trend continues, next year will find the cost of owning a home much higher than it is now.

We are not recommending that any rush into the task of building and paying for a home but we believe that the matter should not be delayed too long. A man never made a better investment than owning his home, and with wages increasing and business generally booming, it is certainly time to get started on the road which leads to home ownership and financial independence.—Albemarle News and Press.

In recent issues of several national publications The Ford Motor Company carried colored advertisements in which they featured a view of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In the text of the advertisement the impression was left that the Smoky Mountains National park was made up of high mountain ranges and not just mere hills. Such favorable publicity sponsored by such a firm as Ford Motor Company is beyond the fondest expectations of even the most optimistic of us.

Yet, we expect that this is just the beginning—just the beginning.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

by STANLEY



OLD JEP BIRDSHOT WAS STANDING TOO CLOSE TO THE HOT STOVE TODAY, AND A BOTTLE OF GUN POWDER HE CARRIED IN HIS HIP POCKET LET GO

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

One of the best yarns of the week has to do with a Georgia negro, who had bought a farm on a credit, and had just made his last payment. The lawyer told the negro that he would give him a deed for the farm, and the mortgage could be destroyed.

The negro did not cherish the idea at all, and insisted that the lawyer keep the deed and give him the mortgage.

The lawyer could not understand such a request, and asked the negro why, and was much amused when he got this answer:

"One time I had a deed to a farm, and de bank had the mortgage. In the end the bank got de farm. So dis time I wants the mortgage, and you can have de deed."

Overheard two men discussing the weather the other day, and one remarked that his neighbors were the best weather prophets in the country. "Between this man and his wife they never miss on the weather. In forty years they have never been wrong."

His listener could hardly believe the yarn, but when the other man said: "If the old man says it is going to rain the old woman says it ain't. They never agree on their weather predictions, and between the two of them they never fail."

In order to be in line with the rest of the town, and to also create a little Christmas atmosphere for Uncle Abe, the office force took time off Saturday to decorate the office in all the Christmas colors. Everything from crepe paper, colored grass rope, paper bells, tinfoil icicles, snow and the such were used.

Needless to say I got quite a kick out of it, and while pittering around while the work was being done, decided that anyone who didn't get a kick out of decorating for Christmas must be old.

Our only worry now is whether Uncle Abe will keep his cigar out of the decorations . . . if they catch fire, it will be just too bad.

Mrs. Glenn C. Palmer has a personality that is more than charming. She always seems to be in the best of humor, and thus makes others around her share her happiness. I wonder if she ever gets blue?

A. C. Arrington, superintendent of Green Hill cemetery, has a job that doesn't appeal to me, yet it is one that takes a lot of time and thought. He was telling about having graves dug. Sometimes they can be dug in three hours, and others, take fifteen.

Only recently, his men struck solid rock and for three feet had to cut their way through the rock.

And in case you didn't know, the top of the vault, or casket box has to be three feet under the surface . . . that's law.

Charles C. Francis, the new register of deeds, is tooth and toe mail for the trade at home campaign—in fact he is now advocating that Haywood county people should buy their marriage licenses in this county instead of traipsing off to Jorgy or South Carolina. It is a known fact that some of the marrying officials of Haywood have put their approval on the plan.

MARRIAGES

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of This Week)

Champ G. Royle, of Canton, to Bonnie A. Brendle, of Waynesville.
Rufus Downs to Jaunita Brown, both of Lake Junaluska.
Doffes Lanning to Della Rathbone, both of Fines Creek.

23 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of December 5, 1913.)

Mrs. Ed Battle went to Asheville shopping on Friday.

Mrs. M. H. Reeves will leave Saturday for Statesville.

Chief of police John Cabe, of Canton, spent Wednesday in town.

Mrs. Frank Siler, of Augusta, Ga., is the house guest of Miss Hattie Siler.

Hon. and Mrs. W. T. Lee went to Clyde on Saturday to attend the Cagle silver wedding reception.

Rev. M. F. Moores has returned from Charlotte, where he has been attending the Western Carolina Methodist conference.

Mrs. J. Howell Way will entertain the Friendly Dozen at her home on Main street this afternoon.

Last Tuesday night Miss Georgia Miller entertained with a progressive "set back" party in honor of Miss Dorothy Atkinson, of Asheville.

Considerable leg whiskey and not so many pistols would aid in making this Christmas a much happier one for everybody.

Compared to Asheville the other cities of our Fair State are like deserts.

Haywood county has the best people and the best country on earth, but it still lacks a lot of having the best roads and so our people are handicapped.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the week was given by Miss Dorothy Mussell at her home in Fairview on Monday night. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour—when the guests were invited into the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served.

One of the most brilliant social affairs of the season was a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. David Manson Cagle, at their beautiful home in Clyde, on the evening of November 30th, celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The many handsome gifts were displayed in the drawing room.

Read the ads—It pays

License Tags Will Go On Sale Dec. 15

Mrs. L. C. H. Smathers, branch manager of the Carolina Motor Club with offices at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, announces that the 1937 automobile license will go on sale December 15th, at that office, and she also advises that all persons who have purchased an automobile or truck since January 1st, 1936, and the title has not been cleared through the Department of Revenue, at Raleigh, are subject to double charge if the title is not cleared through the Raleigh office, are requested to have same duly executed and send to the department at once, as it will take about 10 days to clear same through the department before license can be bought.

It is very important that papers be properly executed in order to get license on time, as the law provides that all persons who do not have their license on January 1st, will not be permitted to operate their car and strict instructions have been given all patrolmen to carry out these laws.

Now Is The



Time To Have Your Clothes DRY CLEANED and PRESSED

Every day until Christmas will find you with more things to do—and less time, so right now is the time to get the clean clothes problem off your hands.

Certainly you will want to look your best during the holidays—and our service and work assures of the best, always.

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When anything exactly fits a required need, nothing else is just as good.

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