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## PROBABLY YOU DID NOT KNOW—

The interview as carried in last week's paper, in which solicitor John M. Queen pointed out that there were entirely too many young girls going astray in this county, was not given out by Mr. Queen as a sensational subject.

Neither was it a subject for alarm, as the situation now is probably not any worse than five or ten years ago. Other information is being compiled about this county, which we believe when published (probably in this issue) will cause some people to stop and think.

That is the subject of venereal diseases. And on this subject, The Smithfield Herald had the following to say recently:

"The press has carried some startling statements recently regarding the prevalence in the United States and in this state of syphilis. Statistics show that one out of every ten adults in the nation is afflicted with this loathsome disease and in North Carolina the percentage is much higher. (Research by William H. Pace of Raleigh shows this state's percentage at approximately one out of six).

"Discussion of venereal disease has been taboo in polite circles and the public has been ignorant of the appalling figures which are now being given out. That the white light of publicity is being thrown to some extent upon conditions is encouraging; for knowledge of facts is essential before dangers can be successfully routed.

"With the facts known, it is criminal to do nothing about curbing the disease. That it can be curbed is the hopeful aspect of the situation.

"What does it matter how much education we provide for our children, or how much economic security, if disease stalks through our country sapping the vitality and the moral fiber of our youth?"

## THE NEWS FROM OUR CAPITALS

Last week, The Mountaineer added to the ever-growing list of features, two new columns, under the heading; "What Is Going On In Our Capitals."

The column from Washington, is written by the junior senator of North Carolina, Robert R. Reynolds. The news in the column will be facts, and will not serve as a publicity outlet for "Our Bob." There are so many developments in Washington at this time that will be of utmost importance to all of us that we feel this column direct from Washington should prove of much interest and value.

The second column is from Raleigh, and is written for The Mountaineer by Dan Tompkins, of Sylva, who is now reading clerk in the House of Representatives. Mr. Tompkins is a capable writer, having been editor of The Jackson County Journal for over 25 years.

His column on affairs in Raleigh will be full of legislative high lights, briefly told, yet complete enough to give full facts.

Few weekly papers carry such a complete coverage of news from the state and national capital, as this paper is now carrying.

After hearing vivid descriptions of the flood area over the radio, and how thousands upon thousands were suffering from thirst, while raging waters surged under their feet, we could not help but think how fortunate the people of this area are—no floods, and the best of water to be found in the world.

The feature column by Senator Reynolds, which now appears in this paper each week, was a day late in arriving this week. Could it be that "Our Bob" lost account of the days after his "extended kiss of Miss Jean Harlow on the capitol steps last week?"

## "NO GOLF FACILITIES—GOOD-BYE"

Just about this time of year, The Transylvania Times begins their annual crusade for proper management and operation of Brevard's \$36,000 golf course. This year The Times did not wait until late spring to begin "bearing down" but started off last week by saying that if something wasn't done right away, that the 1937 season would be a repetition of last year—"no golf—won't stay—good-bye."

Reading of the plight of neighboring towns does not make us happy because of their misfortune, but it does make us appreciate to a greater degree the facilities that we have here for offering the golf visitor a course second to none in the country.

## MUCH PORK IS SPOILING

This extended spell of warm weather is proving to be costly to a number of farmers, who took chances and killed their hogs, expecting the usual cold weather to set in.

Already a number of farmers have lost many pounds of meat, because of the lack of sufficient cold weather. Other farmers have waited for cold weather before killing their pork and have found that feeding hogs all through the winter on corn "for fattening" is also expensive.

This unusual weather seems to be costing everyone.

## BETTER SEED PROMISED

W. Kerr Scott, the new commissioner of agriculture, in the first meeting of the agriculture board, stressed the importance of enforcement of the pure seed law for North Carolina.

Encouraging news is that immediate steps will be taken to improve the seed testing facilities, and to bring the seed laboratory up to date. Such action on the part of the department of agriculture will mean a great help to the farmers of the state.

And in this connection, farmers should heed the warning of buying seeds only from reliable firms, and licensed seed dealers. Cheap seeds always have low germination qualities, and usually carry a lot of weed seeds. When the prices of good seed are high, the market is usually flooded with cheap and inferior seeds, that always cost the farmer more in the end.

## A MATTER OF NECESSITY

Elsewhere in today's paper, appears an announcement stating that effective April first, the subscription price of The Mountaineer will be increased fifty cents a year.

This change in price has been due to a general increase in the cost of producing a newspaper, and especially one that is now carrying as many features, and the volume of news as The Mountaineer has been giving the readers.

We have waited a long time to make this price change, and wish that we could continue on the old price basis, but such cannot be done, unless we cut down on the quality of the paper, and we will not even consider that—but instead, we plan further improvements.

The staff has been increased one third during the past five years, and all will agree that the amount of work that each is doing has been increased rather than lightened.

## A SYMPATHETIC COMMUNITY

This community did itself proud in heeding the response made by the Red Cross to help the suffering in the Ohio Valley.

While this community gave more than the quota allotted, after all, no more was done than should have been. Here we were high above any flood waters, while thousands of unfortunates in the Ohio Valley went down to the very doors of hell, and even some went to death, while trying to keep their families from drowning.

The spirit in which the money was given shows that the people here are sympathetic, and their hearts were touched to the quick. Every employee of the Junaluska Tannery made a contribution. That is the spirit that prevails in this area.

## A SPEAKER WORTHY OF YOUR TIME

We have never heard Dr. Charles E. Barker give one of his famous lectures, but we have read of his reputation as one of the outstanding platform lecturers in the country.

Next Tuesday, Dr. Barker will give three of his lectures in Waynesville. One at eleven at the high school, one at the Rotary Club at 12:45, and again that evening at the court house at 7:30. The one at the court house will be for the public, and every effort is being made to get a full house to hear Dr. Barker.

This famous lecturer is coming here under the auspices of the Waynesville Rotary Club, under their community service activities. No charges whatever will be made for any of Dr. Barker's lectures.

His appearance here is just another contribution which the Rotary Club is making to the community.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

Registered U. S. Patent Office

by STANLEY

Random  
SIDE  
GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

A group of us were discussing the development of television, and the possibility of it becoming practical in a town the size of Waynesville. Of course, there were a number of opinions expressed, but all without very much serious thought.

One suggestion, that I recall, was that a housewife could call a shoe clerk to show her the latest thing in shoes, while she sat at home and leisurely looked at his stock.

And so on down the line, the suggestions were made both pro and con, until W. L. Lampkin, head of the "hello system" here, related one of his experiences with television. It seems that Mr. Lampkin and several others, were in an office building in Asheville in a conference, and directly across the street was another office building.

Mr. Lampkin and his group were surprised to see in the office across the street a middle-aged lawyer holding his stenographer on his lap. Not only that, but he bestowed on her lips several "extended kisses." This was more than the conference group could stand. They decided to play a joke on the couple, so they got the lawyer's telephone number and called.

All the while they watched the love-scenes. The lawyer's "phone rang. He picked up the 'phone but did not put his stenographer down. One of the men in the conference, in a stern voice said: "This is the engineering department of the radio company, and we are testing out a television device just installed on all 'phones in your building. Will you be kind enough to remain still until we can get a proper focus of your office?"

The lawyer gave one big gulp, and shoved his stenographer off his lap right into the floor, and she landed so hard, that Mr. Lampkin and others in the conference vowed they heard the "landing sound" across the street.

Of course the name of the lawyer was not given, but this much can be said about him, if the subject of television ever comes up in his presence, he will probably turn red under the gills.

It is doubtful if many people know that there is a sign to guide airplanes that might happen to be passing over Waynesville. It is on the top of the stone garage on Commerce street, across from the depot. The roof is painted yellow, and the lettering in black. An arrow points north.

Things caught out of the corner of my eye—sparks from the smoke stack of the incinerator—the new sign in the yard at The Maples—a motorist with white tires riding around in the rain—children skating in the rain—two farmers swapping chews—

Somehow, I always get the idea that gloomy weather such as we have been having lately—or all through January—calls for soup. And right off hand, I bet you can not name over ten kinds of soup—and there are about fifty.

Writing and spelling is a matter of personal opinion, in most instances. For example, the word capital. It is rather confusing, and one of the words that is hard for the average person to use correctly. However, to date, we have not been called down for using it "capital" in the heading on the front page. Some might be inclined to think it should be "capitol." The one with "O" seems the building, and the other the city, so take your choice.

**Bee Moths Feed on Beeswax**  
 Bee moths are small insects, only about half an inch in length. They are best known as parasites on bee colonies, where their strange appetite—they feed only on beeswax—makes them a destructive and dreaded pest.

## IN WASHINGTON



WHAT  
IS  
TAKING  
PLACE  
BY

Robert R. Reynolds  
 UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Continued from page One)

of a commodity with the result that buyers lose sight of the heavy taxes they are paying—has been an important factor in waste in all forms of government. Citizens fail to realize just how much taxes they are paying. Finding it easy to grab these tax "Pennies from Heaven," legislators national and state, often lose sight of equity and ability to pay, and bow to expediency. This is particularly true in times of emergency such as we have recently gone through. And repeal of emergency taxes when emergencies pass is the exception rather than the rule. War taxes levied by Congress were not eliminated until 1928, and many have been re-enacted.

## CITIZENS NOT TAX CONSCIOUS

The primary reason for these conditions is, of course, the fact that our citizens are not tax conscious. I have said that they fail to realize how much they are paying. Only a comparative few people would be able to sit down and figure their total tax bill on the basis of direct and hidden taxes paid for all forms of government. If a great number did this, the wave of public resentment would bring quickly a new era of lower taxes, economy in government and the end of needless expenditures.

On the basis of estimates of Federal tax revenue for the fiscal year 1937, every man, woman and child will pay an average of \$45.00 in Federal taxes. In 1931, they paid an average of only about twenty dollars. Per capita figures on state, county and local taxes are incomplete, but it is indicated that with Federal taxes, the total is in the vicinity of \$100. For a family of five, this means a total of \$500.00. Obviously, this tax burden is too great and it is carried because our people do not realize its weight on the family budget.

Of course, there are times when taxes cannot be immediately reduced without the curtailment of widespread governmental activities. We are passing through such times at present.

19 Years Ago  
in Haywood

(From the files of Feb. 7, 1918.)

Mrs. J. E. Massie is visiting her father, Mr. Webb Cather, on Pigeon.

Mrs. H. B. Atkins left last week for Memphis, Tenn., where she will visit Mrs. George Cole.

Mrs. R. H. Mitchell leaves today for Anniston, Ala., where she will visit her son, Robert, who is in Camp McLeiland.

Mrs. W. T. Blaylock left on Monday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Alice Shuford.

A letter from Joe Howell to his family here says he arrived at some seaport town in France and had enjoyed the trip across and was well and happy.

The Wayneswood benefit Friday night drew a large crowd and helped the treasury of the Red Cross more than \$50.00.

Miss Helen Wyche has gone to Eastern Carolina to visit friends and relatives, and will visit Miss Ruth at the State Normal.

Second Lt. Fred Howell visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Howell, on Monday night, he drilled the home guard and did it well. He has since returned to Camp Jackson.

Joe Davis, who is here to buy potatoes, says he expects to go to Sheffield, Ala., to take a job as foreman of a nitrate plant.

From every nook and corner of the state our young men have gone to the camps to learn the soldier's life. Shortly they will represent us on the firing line and others will be called to service in their places.

Executive committees are expecting to start the big drive for the sale of Thrift Stamps. The rally is planned for Washington's birthday. The local committee held an enthusiastic meeting at the court house on Tuesday.

At least once a week, make it a point to write to some soldier in camp. Send your home paper to some boy in camp, but keep your troubles at home, the soldier has enough of his own. There are plenty of good things to write about. The soldier has a man's size job, and he can't help you back home.

However, it is not too early to plan for normal conditions. Conferences of Federal and state tax experts with the view to draw the lines for sources of taxation, to the end that one unit of government will not invade the tax field of another, are sorely needed.

The basis for such conferences is already at hand. Four years ago, a subcommittee of the House Ways and Means committee, headed by the able Representative Fred M. Vinson, of Kentucky, made an exhaustive inquiry into the subject of double taxation. Its factual preliminary report offers a startling indictment of existing conditions.

In its review of the situation, the Vinson subcommittee offered the following questions, which, in its opinion, should be discussed and solved:

"First, which taxes are most adaptable for the use of the Federal government and which taxes are most adaptable for the use of the state government?"

"Second, what taxes may be properly imposed by both state and Federal governments without serious objection from the standpoint of equity?"

"Third, what means should be adopted to set forth a model tax system for the whole country?"

"Fourth, what means can be adapted to bring into practical operation a model system of taxation?"

In 1931 our people paid a total tax bill in all forms, Federal, state and local, that amounted to more than \$9,500,000,000. The current annual bill is well in excess of \$12,000,000,000.

Certainly it is proper to raise the question as to whether our people are getting a full return in the form of benefits and protection, from the billions they pay in taxes? Legislators, national and state, owe it to their constituents to help find the answer.

## THE SKILL OF THE DOCTOR

May be completely nullified by incompetency, inaccuracy or unscrupulousness at the compounding desk. The diagnosis and medicine prescribed by the physician may be absolutely correct and still the patient may not respond properly simply because a weak or inferior drug has been used. The druggist plays a tremendously important part in the treatment of every case.

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