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**THE INCOME OF HAYWOOD**

W. D. Smith, county farm agent, in his column on the Farm Page of this paper, points out this week, in no uncertain terms, that things are "getting lop-sided and out of balance" in this community, when members of the Chamber of Commerce failed to place a representative of agriculture on the board of directors of that organization.

The county agent goes on to explain that agriculture is the balance wheel in the economic life of the community.

We agree with Mr. Smith in this last statement, when it is applied in general terms.

He also points out that the chief topic of discussion at the average public meeting in this community centers around tourist activities.

We have no comment to make other than to say he is correct. We do not feel, however, that the statement should stop right there.

Haywood County has become prosperous because there are three distinct, yet closely connected sources of income in this county—namely, agriculture, industry and tourists.

To our mind, agricultural interests in the county should help promote more tourists and industrial business, because when those other two lines of business prosper, the farmer prospers.

The industrial life in the community provides a steady, year 'round cash income for farm commodities, and in hundreds of instances, provides employment for members of the farmer's family.

During the past few years the general cry of the people in town has been that the tourists are seeking rural places to spend their vacations. It is a known fact that last year places in the outlying sections filled more rapidly and had better tourists business than the places in town.

Farmers who are aware of the opportunities that are afforded them by reason of this being a tourist center, have made money. They have planted such produce as the local market demands, and many have also made their farms a mecca for tourists.

Not all farmers can make their farms into places for tourists to stay, but we believe that if they will check up close enough, they will find that there are hundreds of dollars worth of produce being brought into Haywood County that could be grown here at home.

Knowingly, this paper would not support the Chamber of Commerce if we did not feel that it would spend a proportionate amount of its time and money in the promotion of the three lines of business which have made this county what it is today—agriculture, industry and tourists.

**RESULT OF POWER RATE REDUCTION—**

The thriving town of Smithfield, the county seat of Johnston, has one thing in common with Waynesville, both towns buy electric power from the Carolina Power and Light Company, and retail same to the citizens of the town.

Effective with the March bills, the board of aldermen of Smithfield reduced the light and power rates. Citizens of Waynesville are hoping that ere long Waynesville will likewise have this in common with Smithfield.

The bills were mailed out March first and in the issue of The Smithfield Herald on the fifth, there appeared an editorial which states that within the five days twenty electric ranges were added to the lines, and two new business firms opened because of the lowered rates.

The Smithfield Herald went on to say: "Local electric lights and power users are expressing satisfaction over the recent rate reductions which showed up for the first time in the March 1st bills.

"While the individual consumers are delighted, the members of the town administration are equally so, for the expansion which they anticipated under a lower rate is already evident. Instead of a meagre half dozen electric cook stoves which were in use in Smithfield homes prior to the rate reduction, there are now twenty and more are in prospect. One good-sized manufacturing concern that had been buying directly from the Carolina Power and Light Company is now purchasing its power from the town. In anticipation of a larger consumption of power, the town was recently able to effect a saving of approximately \$75 per month, on the basis of the amount used last year, on a new contract made with the Carolina Power and Light Company, and the saving will be greater in proportion to the increased amount used.

"Two new business firms have opened here, in part because of the lowered rates which now make this territory a good market for electric stoves, refrigerators and other electrical appliances.

"On the whole the decision to reduce the price of electricity seems to have been a good one. Consumers can have more conveniences for the same money and the town is not likely to lose any revenue."



**Random SIDE GLANCES**

By W. CURTIS RUSS

While rambling through some files the other day, I came across this clipping, which caught my eye, and am passing it on to you for what it is worth:

**JUST FORGET**  
Forget the slender you have heard,  
Forget the hasty unkind word,  
Forget the quarrel and the cause,  
Forget the whole affair because  
Forget it is the only way;  
Forget the storm of yesterday,  
Forget those with the sour face,  
Forget and smile in any place,  
Forget the trials you have had,  
Forget the weather if it's bad,  
Forget the knocker, he's a freak,  
Forget him seven days a week,  
Forget you're not a millionaire,  
Forget the gray streaks in your hair,  
Forget wherever you may roam,  
Forget when traveling or at home.  
—Myrale May Dryen.

Of course, the above is good advice in every sense of the word, but I must admit that it is much easier to give such advice than it is to follow it, sometimes.

Averages that I never knew before: On an average, one per cent of all prisoners make their escape from prison.

That the average farmer has better health than the average city man, and lives about five years longer, on an average.

The average consumption of sugar today per person is seven times more than that of 100 years ago. (A sweet thought.)

The navy represents an investment of approximately three billion dollars, and this is more than all the colleges in the nation cost.

And according to a reliable source, tears contain a certain chemical that will kill almost any germ.

The story came my way the other day, that in a nearby county, a colored couple, who had partaken of too much liquor, were married by a magistrate.

During the ceremony the magistrate told them to join hands. Both instantly held up their hands, and the groom said in a faint voice, "No sur."

After the ceremony, the magistrate offered his congratulations, and wished for them a long and happy life—"and may each of you be a blessing to the other," he concluded. "Much obliged, and same to you," said the smiling, and staggering bride.

Sometimes, for lack of amusement, and not wishing to hear any particular radio program, you can have a lot of fun by finding about three or four stations that are featuring a speaker, and turning quickly from one to the other. Sometimes their phrases will fit in and make sense, but on the average, it is nothing more than amusing.

I have tried the same stunt on several orchestras, and am frank to say, that I can't tell much difference between such dialing and a regular modern orchestra that butchers up good music.

Dave Cabe back from a trip in Eastern North Carolina, and reports that at one time he resented being called a mountaineer, but since this trip he is proud of the fact, and from now on will make it known to strangers that he is a native of the mountains.

**GREAT MINDS**  
In a study made public last week Dr. Joseph K. Hart, of Teachers College, Columbia University, it was reported that America has more doctors of philosophy per square mile than any other population.

**LETTERS to the Editor**

Lake Junaluska, N. C.  
March 5th, 1937.

Mr. Editor:— Because I believe you are among those who lament the passage of the liquor bill by our General Assembly, I believe you will be glad to publish in our fine Mountaineer an extract from yesterday's church bulletin of Long's Chapel of which Rev. John H. Carper is pastor.

I do not think Mr. Carper will object to this use of his message to his own congregation. I believe he would be glad to be numbered among those of us who are proud to be called temperance cranks.

"Sometime in April the voters of Haywood county will vote for or against the ABC liquor stores. Let us be clear in our thinking for we are first Christians, and secondly citizens of the state and county. To vote for the stores is to become a partner to the liquor business.

"ABC" liquor stores mean "Alcohol Brings Calamity," rather than Alcohol Beverage Control.

"The official record of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board of the state (of Virginia) shows that for the year ending July 1, 1936, the sales of liquor in ABC stores in the state amounted to \$13,262,641. This does not include beer and wines bought elsewhere than at ABC stores. It was an increase of \$801,000 over the year before. Arrests increased in all parts of the state. The number of persons committed to jails in Virginia for the months of July, August and

**19 Years Ago in Haywood**

(From the files of Mountain News)  
Mrs. W. W. Shay, of ...  
Mrs. Wesley Dickey and ...  
Mrs. Geo. W. Coble ...  
Mrs. B. F. Smathers ...  
Private Charlie Adams ...  
County Treasurer C. B. ...  
Joe Schenck spent Friday ...  
A. R. Spears and wife, who ...  
Dr. Thos. Stringfield, who ...  
Lee drove his Oakland "six" ...  
who is with the Engineer Corps.

Haywood County has a woman ...  
Publishing the list of ...  
Some people say they are ...  
The Kenmore Hotel, one of ...  
The primary notice we ...

September, 1936, was 23,587 and it ...  
estimated by the state authorities ...  
that the total for the year will be ...  
95,000, which is 17,000 more than ...  
year before. Judge Coleman of Fred ...  
ericksburg estimated lately that 80 ...  
per cent of all arrests were traceable ...  
to the use of liquor. On that basis ...  
76,000 will be committed to jail ...  
one year as a result of intoxication."

Yours for the protection of the home ...  
and lives of the people of our be ...  
loved state.  
MRS. FRANK SILER.

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SAYS THIS FAMOUS BOXING COACH

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**Camels Costlier Tobaccos!**

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