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NOT CONSISTENT

We are fed-up, gorged, and disgusted with arguments on this question of liquor stores. Not one person out of fifty will give a concrete statement in their argument. Practically all depend on generalities, which mean absolutely nothing.

Within 15 minutes, we have been forced to listen to arguments—or be rude—one man said liquor could be bought at 25 places on Main Street, the other man said there was less than 5 gallons within the city limits. No doubt both "stretched" their statements in an attempt to carry their point.

If the man knew of 25 places where liquor is being sold why not name them? If the other man is positive there are only 5 gallons in town why not give some proof of his statement?

We are a funny people, especially on this liquor question. Recently one man came in to request the editor of this paper to write an editorial opposing the establishment of a liquor store. The office was a little too warm, and he had to hold to a desk in order to enter his request between "hicks," and staggers.

Within 30 minutes, a leader in one of the churches came in and made just the opposite request of the editor, and as far as we know this last man does not know the taste of liquor.

Another man mentioned the need of more articles on the evils of liquor, and the next day we learned that within three hours after making that statement, he drank the greater part of a bottle of special liquor at the home of a friend.

We are so inconsistent on this liquor matter, that there are but few people who are really eligible to discuss it at all.

HAYWOOD RANKS 37TH

According to the United States Census Bureau, Haywood County ranked 37th, in 1935, in this state in retail trade. The retail sales for 1935 in the county are placed at \$3,521,000. This is an average of \$123 per capita.

The same report shows that there were 168 stores in the county, employing 353 people.

Mecklenburg led the state, with per capita sales of \$265, while Avery was lowest with a \$25 average.

The average for the state was \$136, and the total retail sales in the state for that year are given at \$463,219,000.

We feel that we would be safe in saying, that for 1936, Haywood County would show an increase of at least 25 per cent on each figure.

LOST—A BOY!

Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and raise a nation to frenzied searching. Were that the case, one hundred thousand men would rise to the rescue if need be. Unfortunately the losing of this lad is without dramatic excitement, though very sad and very real.

The fact is, his father lost him. Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer his trivial questions during the years when fathers are the only great heroes of the boys, he let go his hold.

Yes, his mother lost him. Being much engrossed in her teas, dinners and club programs, she let the maid hear the boy say his prayers and thus her grip slipped and the boy was lost to his home.

Aye, the church lost him. Being so much occupied with sermons for the wise and elderly who pay the bills, and having good care for dignity, the ministers and elders were unmindful of the human feelings of the boy in the pew and made no provision in sermon or song or manly sport for his boyishness. And so the church and many sad-hearted parents are now looking earnestly for the lost boy.—Selected.

SPEEDING BICYCLES

Every week or so, some citizen of the community enters a complaint to the police or some civic organization about children riding bicycles on the sidewalks—even in the business districts.

A number of people have told of instances when they had to get off the sidewalks to let the cyclists pass, or get hit by them.

There is an ordinance against riding bicycles on the sidewalks. From all reports it is not enforced.

Until automobile traffic is made to abide closer to the letter of the law, a person takes his life in his own hands to venture in the streets on a bicycle, yet that is no excuse for cyclists using the sidewalks.

This is just another problem which the automobile has given the world, and no satisfactory solution will be found for this traffic problem—whether it be bicycles or automobiles—until we have to start digging down in our pockets and paying heavy fines every time the law is violated.

A WORTHY CAUSE

This week seals are being sold for the benefit of cripple children in Haywood County. Few people realize that there are 75 such children in this county that might never get attention unless the proceeds from these seals were made available.

This is a deserving cause that merits our support.

EDUCATION AND MOTOR CARS

The University News Letter, in a current issue, comes forth with more interesting facts on the school system of the state. This time a comparison is made as to the amount of money spent each year per car and the amount spent on public education per child.

The editors of The News Letter, have found that in North Carolina, expenditures at filling stations (mainly for gasoline and oil) averaged \$109 per automobile in 1935, and only four states averaged more than that. The total expenditure on public education averaged \$28.18 per child in average daily attendance, and only two states spent less. In other words, we are 5th in expenditures on motor cars, and 46th in support of public education.

The United States averages \$87 per automobile at filling stations, and \$67.48 per child in average daily attendance at school.

The News Letter goes on to say: "There has been a very modest increase in the support of the schools in the state during the last two years, but the increase is considerably below the increase in the cost of living, to the rise in the general price level."

The Charlotte News looks at the question from a different slant, when they say:

"An expenditure per school pupil of \$24.18, judging by other states, is much too low, but the contrast between expenditures per automobile and per school child is meaningless.

"What signifies it that the cost of operating a 10-ton truck is far greater than the State's expenditure upon 16 first graders? You can't, they always told us, add apples and ducks. The operation of commercial motor vehicles in North Carolina is itself one of the State's largest industries and the operation of vehicles for pleasure is the sole support of another conglomerated industry. If expenditures per vehicle were a tenth of \$109, the State and the schools would be worse off, not better.

"Beside, the automobile is a tax producer whereas the schools are tax consumers. If the price of gasoline didn't represent about one-third tax, expenditures per automobile would be about one-third less. In other words, the State collects more upon the operation of a half-million automobiles than it spends for the education of a million children. What that signifies we have no idea, unless it is that both automobiles and children are expensive."

WHO KIDDED THE PRESIDENT?

In asking Congress to lay a tax of at least three-quarters of a cent a pound on sugar, President Roosevelt said he had been advised definitely the tax would not increase the average cost of sugar to consumers.

Sugar sells for about 6 cents a pound, sometimes as a "special" at 5 cents. Growers and refiners of cane sugar and beet sugar compete with each other in addition to the competition between the two main kinds of sugar. Grocers handle sugar practically at cost, sometimes at a loss.

And there won't be a higher price to the consumer if a tax of three-fourths of a cent—or more—is put on sugar? It looks to us as if somebody had been kidding Mr. Roosevelt.—Goldsboro News-Argus.

If you please—the question of a liquor store is not a "wet and dry" issue, but a question of control. Yes, we know that this complicates the question at stake, but it is true, nevertheless.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

Random SIDE GLANCES
By W. CURTIS RUSS

Just on hand I would say that there are fewer people who know how the date of Easter is determined than any other popular question.

I have read it, and heard it discussed numbers of times, but for some reason I cannot get it firmly fixed in my mind.

Turning back to a copy of "Encyclopedia Britannica" I found out these facts about Easter:

"A religious festival of great antiquity observed among Christians, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ occurring about the time of the vernal equinox.

"When Christianity was introduced, some dependent way of fixing a date for Easter upon which many other festivals of the church depended, became necessary.

"There was much difference of opinion as to the date. The Eastern churches commemorated our Lord's death on the 14th day of the moon after the spring equinox, and kept Easter two days later.

"The Western Churches kept Easter on the Sunday following the 14th day of the moon.

"It was not until A. D. 325 that the council of Nicaea was held and there it was settled that Easter should be held on the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the moon that occurred next after the vernal equinox, and that should the fourteenth day of the moon fall on the day of the equinox, the following Sunday was to be Easter Sunday.

"It was also decided at this time that in finding Easter, the vernal equinox should be considered to fall every year on March 21. It was later decided that the calculations be made according to tables of Victorius of Aquitaine, which he introduced in A. D. 457.

So much for that.

Easter is a time of joy and gladness, for it comes in the spring, when according to pagan belief, nature awakes from the winter death sleep and everything breathed life and hope.

Russia puts more emphasis on Easter than any other country. The citizens there arise early in the morning, and spend the day going about the towns extending to each other Easter greetings.

On their rounds of visits, each guest presents the hostess with a colored egg, and gets one in return, with refreshments thrown in.

It is said that Portuguese sailors, regardless of what port they are in, will on Good Friday, commit Judas to the waves, and sing the Angelus.

In Hungary, the boys sprinkle their girl friends with rosewater and in return receive gifts of eggs.

The French children, following an old custom, make rounds in the rural districts begging for red eggs.

While in Russia, the children will, for every gift of a red egg, set free a caged canary.

The Easter Bunny is another custom borrowed from the Pagan times, as the hare was associated with the moon and new life.

It is the firm belief of small Germans, that a white hare steals into the house on Easter eve and hides beautiful colored eggs.

Today, American children feel that their Easter celebration is incomplete without a basket, and candy eggs and bunny, and several fluffy cotton chicks.

19 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of March 22, 1918.)

Mr. Henry Davis spent Sunday in Asheville.

Miss Helen Wyche was a recent visitor in Durham. She is now visiting Mrs. C. C. McDonald in Raleigh.

Governor Bickett was entertained on Monday at luncheon at the home of Corporation Commissioners W. T. Lee.

A dispatch from Washington yesterday stated that Lester Burgin had been appointed postmaster at Sunburst.

Again there is no coal in town and Hyatt & Co. say they have been unable to buy any lately. Their last shipment came from Virginia and sold for \$6.50 a ton.

Rufus Siler of the Bank of Waynesville, went to Knoxville last week. He was relieved of his duties by J. P. Knox, who is not only a good book keeper, but a good telegrapher.

How's your war garden coming and? The Waynesville Red Cross Chapter takes pleasure in acknowledging the very generous response to the plea for children of the Belgian and French refugees.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning they will vote on a location for the new church to be erected sometime in the near future.

Mrs. J. K. Boone is not only one of the best women in town, but one of the most industrious. She has been knitting for the soldiers, from wool shear-

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"M. D."

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LETTERS to the Editor

Editor The Mountaineer—
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I am on a two year tour of duty in the Hawaiian Islands, and I must please more than all the other letters you print in your paper, on some day expect you will print a paper instead of weekly.
I am looking forward to seeing your fine paper.
Sincerely,
R. L. ARRINGTON
U. S. S. Oglala Pearl Harbor
T. H., via San Francisco, Cal.

ed from her own sheep, washed, ed, carded and spun by herself. For more the needles are made from wood from her own farm.
The following young men left yesterday to join the navy: Art Green, Paul Rhinehart, Van Smathers, M. T. McCracken, Jim Jones, and Cline Bramlett.
Dr. McCracken's car played a frog with the gas pipe rattling at Logan garage on Saturday. His colored driver was taking his car to the garage and the steering wheel went southwest on him. Only a car can put on a stunt like that and through it.

GARLIC...

In ancient Egypt they had a belief that garlic made men strong. Along with onions, it was felt to pyramid builders.

We have our doubts about the value of garlic, but do know that there is nothing like a good insurance policy to bolster up morale and give you strength of self-confidence assurance.

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