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SOMETHING GONE

Something brutal, yet inspiring passed from educational life in the United States, when the hickory switch was outlawed, said the Charlotte News recently, when discussing strikes among school children.

We agree with The News, and even more heartily, after learning that seventh graders in Hendersonville recently staged a stand-up strike, demanding spring holidays, a dramatics club, and several other things that the teacher could not grant.

Down in Human, S. C., striking students staged a parade down Main Street, in protest to having to attend classes while a teachers convention was being held.

The News goes on to say: "Offhand, one would say that this is a problem for parents. Yet one cannot say that now. New days, new ways. Don't be silly. The little red schoolhouse has gone with the wind and in its place is the big red, brick consolidated schoolhouse with everything needed for education; modern equipment, modern pupils, yet alas—

"No hickory switches. But strikes."

THERE ARE DANGERS IN LEGISLATIVE INACTION—

Perhaps it is too early to estimate in general the good and evil that will result from the action and inaction of the 1937 General Assembly. It remains to be seen whether Governor Hoey was right when he said, "No legislature in North Carolina in the last 20 years has so marked the highway of progress with achievement as has this one."

But perhaps it is not too early to comment critically on the Legislature's attitude toward one vital problem. It does not seem reasonable that its inaction concerning needed reform in our system of holding primaries and elections will make things different and improved when the 1938 elections roll around, or when the time comes in 1940 to nominate and elect a successor to Governor Hoey.

The masses of people in North Carolina do not approve of the way elections have been held and unquestionably they want reform. And the Legislature did not respect the will of the majority when it failed to act toward correcting the evils of the absentee ballot and use of markers at the polls.

Our conclusion is that the Assembly's refusal to accede to the demands of the public for fairer elections, has endangered both democracy as a system of government in North Carolina and the Democratic party as the ruling faction in State politics.—The Smithfield Herald.

A GROWING PROBLEM

Waynesville rightly claims to have the best water west of the Rocky Mountains. This fact has been advertised by every known means of advertising. The citizens here are sold on the idea and believe in it.

There is one thing, however, in connection with our water supply that we cannot afford to shout from the house tops, and that is the storage facilities are inadequate. The water supply is sufficient, but getting the water from the top of the mountain to the reservoir is now a paramount problem.

During the summer months the reserve is used heavily, and should there be a series of fires, the water supply would be reduced to such a point that many spigots would have to be cut off.

We have the supply, and certainly the demand, it is now just a matter of providing the connecting link—and the link will probably have to be an 18-inch pipe line.

TOO MUCH TALK

If we ever have occasion to write a history of Western North Carolina, we will probably term the years from 1932 to 1937 as "a period of excessive talking, but with little accomplishment towards the opening of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

We are not pessimistic. Far from it, but facing facts square in the face, we, the citizens of Western North Carolina have sit down, folded our hands and talked ourselves "rich" about the opening of the Park.

The trouble is, we have done more talking, and less acting. Back in 1932 civic leaders were confident that the Park would be opened to the public that year. Congressmen made their regular monthly predictions on the same thing. Today they are still predicting the Park will be opened "this year."

Everytime we hear, or read of such a prediction we term it as that much thin air. Realizing that the people are vitally interested in the opening of the Park, every Congressman knows he can make headlines by renewing the time-worn prediction, "the Park will be opened this year."

Until we, the citizens of Western North Carolina stop believing such false predictions, and do more actual work, we shall never see the Park developed to the point where the Federal government will take it over.

We do not think that those who should lead the way have taken enough interest in seeing the Park developed. If they have done what they should, we were misled in the beginning to believe the opening was so near at hand.

After kidding ourselves for five, six or seven years, it seems that by now we should realize that it is time to rise up in arms and demand of those in charge of the activities that they show some progress towards completing the Park.

Only recently we had occasion to read a dry four-page letter from a Congressman regarding activities in the Park. We were convinced by that letter that very little is being done by he and others on the matter. Instead of writing long, dry letters back home in an effort to build up good-will for the Congressional election in 1940, this congressman should have been at work on pressing matters.

It might be interesting to certain Congressmen to know that the best way to get votes in 1940 is to accomplish in 1937 what the people were told would be done at the time of the 1936 election.

NORTH CAROLINA TELLS THE WORLD

Western North Carolina rejoices in the quarter million dollar appropriation by the general assembly to advertise the state's resources and attractions.

The passage of the bill denotes the growing consciousness on the part of people throughout the state of the value of advertising a section so rich in resources and natural beauty. Both the eastern and western resort sections should benefit greatly.

Neighboring states are likewise planning extensive advertising campaigns. The traveling public for many years has been informed through every channel of high pressure publicity of resort attractions of other states as well as Canada, Mexico, the West Indies, and even South America. North Carolina is due to join the procession.

Prosperity is returning, and thousands on wheels are asking "Whither for a vacation?" Surely they deserve to receive intelligent information of the rare beauty and glorious climate of our section.

The people living in North Carolina's mountains have been pointed one road to prosperity by no less a personage than Mrs. Eleanor Patterson, editor of the Washington Herald, with her urgent admonition "Sell Your Scenery!"

As for our Nantahalas, very few outside the state even know of their existence. Many travelers report that they "just happened to come this way," and, amazed by the wealth of beauty, ask, "Why haven't we heard about this wonderful country?"

Each community would do well to follow up the state's general invitation with information concerning advantages for rest, recreation and amusement. For a community will benefit in proportion to local effort to make its attractions better known.

It is hoped that there may be provision to welcome and make comfortable an increased number of summer visitors, so that coming, they may tarry, and come again. Above all, may a spirit of friendly hospitality to the "stranger within our gates" be extended from a desire to share our God-given wealth of beauty with others.—The Franklip Press.

Ben Franklin said that nothing was sure but death and taxes. Some people now wonder why the two don't come in the order Ben named them.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES
By W. CURTIS RUSS

- Are you a close observer?
- Sometimes it is very profitable to be a close observer—and seldom does it cost anything.
- Just for the fun of it, see how many of these questions on close observation you can answer—
- How many large windows are there in front of the court house?
- Is the court house three or four stories high on the front?
- What is the tallest building on Main street?
- Is the First National Bank built of red brick or gray stone?
- Is the flag on the post office flown during a rainy day? Is it flown on Sundays?
- Are the red lights in the traffic lights on top or the bottom?
- Is the large cross at the Lake lighted every night or just on Sundays?
- How many stories high is the Masonic Temple?
- How far apart are the city limits of Waynesville and Hazelwood?
- Of what material is the Hotel LeFaine built?
- Is the old Kenmore Hotel brick, stone or wood?
- Is there a sign in front of the Waynesville Library?
- Are the words "North Carolina" on the top or bottom of the license tags?
- What is the monument in the corner of the court house yard?
- Of what material is the sign at the Green Hill cemetery?
- What is the wording on the trash cans on Main street?
- Is the sign on the window of the Chamber of Commerce in a straight line, or arched?
- What words are on the sign across Main street?
- How many drinking fountains are there on Main street?
- How many tracks are there at the Depot street crossing?
- Which is correct: The depot is covered with black tile; The depot is covered with red tile?
- What is the largest neon sign on Main street?
- What is the color of the new town garbage truck?
- What is the floor of the porch of court house made of?
- Are benches in front of the court house painted red, green, blue, white, gray, or brown?
- POPE WARNS HITLER**
Pope Plus in the second encyclical message in a week, which was read Sunday in all German Catholic churches warned the Third Reich, that anyone who attempts to replace God as the supreme being should be regarded as "a senseless prophet of absurdity." The reference was interpreted at the Vatican as directed "unmistakably at Adolf Hitler."
- SOUTHERN BUYING CARS**
Southern Railway headquarters in Washington, disclosed last week that the company was planning to purchase 500 new automobile cars, 1,000 hopper cars, 1,500 gondolas, and 2,500 new box cars. Bids had been invited on new rolling stock to cost about \$14,000,000 for which the company planned to pay cash.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate
(As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week.)

- Beaverdam Township
T. A. Clark, et ux. to R. K. Collins, et ux.
J. N. Brookshire, et ux. to B. M. Stuart.
C. V. Bell, et ux. to W. G. West.
M. L. West, et ux. to V. Sorell, et ux., et al.
Metropolitan Realty Company to Albert J. Reno, et ux.
Metropolitan Realty Company to Ethel Reno.
Trs. Wesley Methodist church to Harney Vaughn Palmer.
D. G. Wilson, et ux. to C. B. Medford, et ux.
Elixa Mann, et ux. (Com.) to Joe Frank Mann, et al.
Catawbee Township
E. A. Wood, et ux. to State of North Carolina.
Cyde Township
Fred Davis, et ux. to Hugh Rogers.
H. L. Haynes to H. C. Cook, et ux.
Carl Snyder, et ux. to Carl Thompson, et ux.
W. R. Thompson, et ux. to Carl Thompson, et ux.
Ceell Township
E. F. Burnett, et ux. to Laranzo Haney.
East Fork Township
W. M. Trull, et ux. to E. M. Henson.
Ivy Hill Township
W. H. Cagle, et ux. to Ernest Moody, et ux.
Jonathan Township
J. T. Bailey, et ux. to J. F. Justice, et ux.
J. A. Medford, et ux. to Harb. Cathey.
Waynesville Township
T. W. Ferguson, et ux. to M. M. Nolan.
George H. Ward, et ux. et al. to Haywood County.
Graham B. Barefoot, et ux. to William Medford.
William Medford to Meta J. Dine.
Sarah L. Mehaffey to T. A. Creaman, et ux.
Sarah L. Mehaffey, et al. to T. A. Creaman.
Edith Mehaffey Gardner to R. G. Coffey.
W. R. Francis, Tr. to David, Jack and Fannie Pearl Feimet.

HEADLINES Of The Past

NINETEEN YEARS AGO
(From the files of April 4, 1918)
Sulphur Springs Hotel, property of United States Army General Hospital, Good sale of Real Estate.
Young girl has six brothers and fathers in Haywood county.
\$50 reward for Deserter.
Sevier.
Hyatt & Company buy wood Lumber & Supply Company.
Order for vaccination set by board of aldermen.

FIVE YEARS AGO
(From the files of April 2, 1932)
Chamber of Commerce plans for new members.
R. L. Prevost says now is the time to buy and build homes.
Republicans of Haywood endorse Hoover at Canton meeting.
Beef cattle promise better pay 1932.
Park entrance a thing of the past.
One man's chickens and another man's garden.

ONE YEAR AGO
(From the files of April 2, 1936)
Lake Junaluska has un...
15th to raise debt fund.
County game and fire warden service outstanding.
Booster Club has 11 years of successful activity.
Mercenaries decided on closing date.
Clean up campaign by town fire to get underway.
Many models will take part in fashion show tonight.

8 PERFECT MURDERS
Discussing the mystery of a little who swept off his victim's head with a sweep of his knife through the back of the neck and leaves no trace. An astonishing story in the April issue of the American Weekly, the magazine published regularly each week. Get your copy from your favorite newsdealer.

Champion Bicycle Sprinter says: "ME FOR CAMELS!"

WILLIE HONEMAN adds: "I'll say Camels are mild! They don't upset my nerves. And smoking Camels helps keep my digestion ticking along smoothly."



"AFTER RUSH DAYS, Camels help me pull myself together," says Helen Nolan, newspaper reporter. "I enjoy Camels often for their mildness and their rich, delicate flavor!"

CAMELS COSTLIER TOBACCOS

Constantly In Danger, But He Rarely Thinks Of It

Doctors are constantly running risk of infection and contagion that they dare not give it a thought. They do the necessary operation, treatment, or make the necessary visit, regardless of risk. That is part of their job, and accepted as such.

Every precaution is taken and every aseptic, sterilizing and preventative measure is employed for the safety of each individual patient, but the Doctor must in many cases, take a chance on personal safety. Friends and loved ones may fear and avoid contagion, but the Doctor must carry on—and does as a matter of routine duty.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR

ALEXANDER'S DRUG STORE

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Opposite Post Office

TWO REGISTERED PHARMACISTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION