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TEXT FOR TODAY

"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all." Proverbs, xxii, 2.

WHAT IS A BOY?

Today marks the beginning of the drive for funds for the local Boy Scout organization.

The development of Boy Scout troops in the country has been most encouraging, and the interest that has been created among young boys in the country clearly shows that they are hungry for Scout training and development.

Ever since the editor of this paper was 12 years old, he has been closely associated with Scout work, and because of that close contact with the work, and watching boys that have been more or less on their own out in the world, we are frank to say that we do not know of any organization that does as much for boys as the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouting does something for boys that the church, school or home can't do—or at least, doesn't do. Every time you help the scouting program, or encourage a boy to become a scout, you have contributed to a better citizenship.

Scouting deals with boys, and it might interest our readers to know what is a boy. The following editorial taken from the Rotarian Magazine answers the question thoroughly:

"The person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is to sit where you are sitting and attend to things which you think are so important, when you are gone. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends upon him. Even if you make leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them. He will take your seat in Congress, assume control of your cities, States, and empires. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, corporations, councils, and prisons. All your work is going to be judged and praised and condemned by him. The future and destiny of humanity are in his hands, so it might be well to pay a little attention to him now."

THE ONLY DRAWBACK

Probably no section of the country has profited more by the establishment of the CCC camps than has Western North Carolina. Right here in this immediate community, the membership of the camps have opened up trails and roads into sections that afforded the most natural scenic beauty of our mountains.

The Charlotte News, however, takes a different viewpoint on the matter, when they said: "The reason for the almost unanimous acceptance of the Civilian Conservation Corps are not hard to find. It combines a number of features that Americans respect wherever they encounter them. One is hard work. Another is usefulness. A third is the moral and physical training of boys and young men and a fourth is the assistance they render to their own needy families. They are required to send home \$25 of the \$30 they draw monthly.

"Hence, the President's recommendation to Congress that the CCC be made a permanent institution with a maximum of 300,000 members will meet, we believe, with immediate approval. But there is no denying that the CCC, desirable as its continuance may be, is expensive. The cost comes to about \$1,000 per man per year, and \$300,000,000 is a lot of money even in these New Dealing days. It is more than we spent on the Army in 1934 and 1935, as much as the average cost of the Navy in those two years.

Of course, if the CCC represented the one extravagance the New Deal had permitted itself, or one of the few extravagances, the country could probably afford the \$300,000,000 annual appropriation. Undoubtedly the CCC is paying dividends, but it should not be forgotten that it is doing so on borrowed money."

500TH ANNIVERSARY

This year is believed to mark the five hundredth anniversary of the use of movable metal type.

In other words, the art of printing as we know it today, saw its beginning about the year 1437 through the ingenuity of Johannes Gutenberg, German pioneer in this business which has grown to mean so much to civilization.

Incidentally, in this connection it is important to note that a New York University professor has also satisfactorily settled another problem which has worried modern men of the craft about as much as how Gutenberg happened to originate the use of movable type. Heretofore, it has always been assumed that in keeping with the custom of his time this patriarch must have worn a long, flowing beard. Consequently, much debate has been raised as to how Gutenberg succeeded in preventing his beard from getting caught in the press with which he experimented.

The learned New Yorker now assures us that Gutenberg being a member of a patrician family was smooth-shaven, inasmuch as men of the aristocracy in Rhenish cities did not wear beards in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. —Hickory Record.

HOW MUCH BETTER IS A MAN THAN A SPITTOON?

Ransacking the offices of the social security set-up in Raleigh, presided over by Charles Powell, The News and Observer makes the discovery that every facility in the place bears a number.

The chairs are numbered; the desks are numbered; the pencils and pens, we take it, are also numbered; all manner of documents are numbered; even the spittoons bear a number, like "UC48" or "UC201."

Verily, it would seem that we have come into what might be called the Generations, or a new Book of Numbers.

Not only are the chairs and desks and pencils and pads and pictures on the wall and the rugs and the \$6,500 addressographs and every facility and material in the social security offices numbered, and even, ah! even the spittoons numbered, but we are numbered our own selves under and by virtue of the same Federal auspices—employers are numbered, employees are numbered and everything pretty much is now numbered unless, perchance, it be the number of cats and dogs on the premises or the hair of one's head or the number of molars in the false-teeth set, if any of either!

And, come to think of it, if human beings are being numbered like that, why make any racket in the event that Uncle Sam wants to keep track of every spittoon he provides his tobacco-chewing bureaucrats?

How much better is a man than a spittoon? —Charlotte Observer.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

The Sanford Herald raises a question that we have frequently heard asked but for which we do not know whether or not we have known the correct answer. Presumably somebody pays the printing bill (if not the postage bill) when some leaflet or pamphlet issued from the Government Printing Office is marked "Not printed at Government expense." At any rate that's the explanation we have been giving. The editorial in the Sanford paper makes interesting reading. Here it is:

"Every time a controversy starts among the lawmakers up in Washington and the Hon. senators and Hon. representatives commence making speeches from the Senate floors, over the radio or any other way there can be heard, then the bulk of our daily mail is suddenly swelled by dark, officious looking envelopes, bearing no stamp save the stamped name of some Senator. This is known as 'franked' mail.

"Today we found two of these envelopes lying in the mail box, one docilely lying over the other. We use the word 'docilely' for a purpose; for it rather surprised us when we discovered the contents, to think these two envelopes could have remained side by side without scrapping each other. You see, one contained a speech of 'Hon. Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee in the Senate of the United States,' greatly praising President's court revision proposal and the other held a 'Radio Address by Hon. Josiah W. Bailey, United States Senator from North Carolina,' damning with no praise, not even faint, the same proposal.

"Incidentally, in each corner of both envelopes was printed a large square revealing, really advertising, the contents.

"What fascinated us about these pamphlets, of which probably thousands were sent to all parts of the country free of charge, was the little parenthetical sentence in the middle of the front cover saying, (Not printed at Government expense), and right below this phrase were these words: 'United States, Government Printing Office, 1937.'—Morganton News Herald.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

For the past two weeks this column has had to do with observation. This week, a slight change is being made, and a memory test is being given.

The questions are ones that you have known or read during the past few years. And for the convenience of those who have forgotten, I am giving the answers on another page in the paper.

- 1. What was the cost of building the new court house?
2. When was the court house completed, month and year?
3. What is the population of Haywood County, the 1930 census?
4. What is the area of Haywood County, in square miles?
5. How many incorporated towns in Haywood?
6. What is 1930 census population of each?
7. Are there more men or women in Haywood County?
8. What is the official elevation of Waynesville?
9. What is the approximate annual payroll in Haywood County?
10. What company pays the largest tax bill in Haywood County?
11. How many voting precincts in Haywood County?
12. How many townships in the county?
13. How many counties compose the Eleventh Congressional District?
14. What is the width of Main Street in front of the court house?
15. What firm in Waynesville uses the most water?
16. How many different brands of gasoline are sold in Waynesville?
17. What is the difference in the elevation of Main Street at the post office and the court house?
18. When did the first train come to Waynesville?
19. What is the assessed valuation of the county?
20. What year was Haywood County organized?

Now before looking up the answers, check back and see how many of your answers you are positive are correct. Give yourself five points for each question. What is your grade?

Maybe a good name is better than riches, but it's often hard to pass a good name off for the rent.

A man will never be content with his surroundings as long as they make travel literature so alluring.

Well, if things continue to go like they are going, the meek will be the only ones to whom you can pan off the earth.

There's a world demand for scrap iron for munitions. Maybe the nations intend to iron out their differences.

Women auto drivers are being advised to carry pistols. But aren't they dangerous enough just as ordinary drivers?

A Florida man paid \$2,500 for a dead horse. But many people have been known to bet on a nag which turned out to be half-dead.

Cure for Cold When circus elephants catch cold, the attendants treat them with boiling vinegar. By means of a large bag that slips over the trunk, the animals are made to inhale the vinegar, which is said to be very effective as a cure.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

"Home Sweet Home" is touching but there should be one verso about the garage.

Most of the midnight oil burned by this younger generation is gasoline.

Things may be pretty slack in some industries but the bee-keeping industry is always humming.

Maybe they call it the sea of matrimony because most married couples are always sailing into each other.

Drive as though you had good sense, even if you haven't.

Anybody can give advice, but only the wise ones can sell it.

You needn't hope to be economical and escape the charge of being stingy.

Some make hay while the sun shines; others live on the harvest of their ancestors.

The person who has his car stolen, opines "Squire Mitchell, at least doesn't have to hunt a parking space any longer.

When you see two men in the front seat and two women in the back seat you can rest assured that it is a married couple's outing.

A baseball umpire was marooned by a sitdown in a Detroit hotel. It was an opportunity to learn how an ump likes to have a strike called on him.

Twin lambs, born on a Sullivan, (Ind.) farm, had crimson wool. Possibly nature's effort to speed the revival of red flannels.

Some people throw their junk in an alley and other people buy a tag for it and put it in the garage.

A man is usually well done after a woman rakes him over the coals.

"The only thing slim about some girls," asserts a bachelor at our elbow, "is their chance of landing a husband."

A judge says every man should tell his wife where he has been when he comes home late. But all the judges on the supreme court bench couldn't make her believe him.

The average citizen is a man who insists on having the very best government obtainable in this imperfect world—and at the lowest tax rate.

The reason reformers have blue noses is because they are always given a cold reception.

The world may be going to the dogs as some old-timers say, but these same ones don't seem to be in any hurry to get out of it.

HEADLINES Of The Past

NINETEEN YEARS AGO

(From the files of April 15, 1918) Government wood factory established here. Apples not killed. Short-horn breeders. Raided two stills. Col. H. B. Ferguson. Regiment. Haywood Institute.

FIVE YEARS AGO

(From the files of April 15, 1932) J. M. Long says now best buy real estate. Thirty-one candidates nomination for county offices. The Bonus question. Cars in Haywood show over last year, report shows. Chicken thieves heed warning farmers. Land values are returning.

ONE YEAR AGO

(From the files of April 15, 1936) Women heard at safety meeting. \$250 sent to Red Cross from Hiking Club will organize Saturday. Abel building a show place of business. Clark is visited by almost 200000 in March. Call issued for skilled workers.

A Texas evangelist has published list of 723 sins. Some of them tempted to send for a copy if you fear we may be missing something.

April Fool comes but once a year. The other kind come every day.

"It is now possible," says a statement, "to cool the atmosphere of an entire house by a simple mechanical apparatus." Another goal men, is to try to sneak in quietly at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Why get out of debt and small minority?

Smile: As welcome as a grin in the head of a 30-year-old man.

There's one thing about the business: There's always a buzz.

Some people never worry where their money goes until it's coming in.

Many nations are armed to the teeth, and the trouble is they are wisdom teeth.

38,500 DEATHS BY AUTOMOBILE IN 1936....

400,000 INJURED....

10,000,000 DISABLED....

With 25,000,000 cars licensed in the United States, accidents are on the increase. When driving you cannot tell what moment someone may come over on your side of the road.

Today, good automobile insurance is a necessity

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STRANGE SYMBOLS

You can't read the strange symbols and Latin phrases on the doctor's prescription order and yet each one of them has a tremendously important meaning—for you or for the member of your family who is sick. Neither can you stand at the druggist's elbow and check his compounding of the prescription upon which the recovery of health or even life itself may depend.

Too important an assignment to intrust to any but the most experienced and skilled druggist you can find, isn't it! Yes and hundreds of other Waynesville people agree with you.

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