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TRAFFIC LAWS WILL BE ENFORCED

Waynesville's city fathers have adopted an ordinance, and employed a competent traffic officer to enforce this ordinance regarding traffic on Main Street.

To elaborate on the needs of better traffic conditions in Waynesville would be a repetition of articles and editorials already published in this paper.

The board of aldermen and mayor are to be congratulated for their forward movement, and any person failing to obey the ordinance should be given the full penalty of the law.

Public sentiment favors better traffic conditions on Main Street, but as individuals the citizens of Waynesville, want to do as they please when under the wheel. The average citizen is prone to give advice on the subject, but seldom heeds the same advice.

Not so long ago one substantial citizen made a talk before a group on the need of better traffic law enforcement. Within an hour this person had broken two of the laws, and got mad as could be when an officer kindly called it to his attention and asked him to park on the right side of Main Street. That is a typical example of Waynesville's respect for the law.

Few public meetings are held in Waynesville but what the subject of traffic violations comes up. The officers are always blamed for not enforcing the law.

The city officials have ordered that arrests be made for violations of traffic laws in Waynesville. Those arrested will be hauled into Mayor's Court, where fines will be imposed.

The citizens of Waynesville have asked for this kind of law enforcement. They will get it, and should have no grounds for complaint.

City officials do not want to make a hardship on the citizens, but something had to be done, or there would have been several people killed and many others injured at the reckless rate drivers were taking Waynesville's Main Street. The officials' actions are in the interest of human life and property, and any person not obeying the laws which after all are simple, and just common sense, will be forced to face the mayor for trial.

This newspaper heartily endorses the move on the part of the city officials, and will delight in publishing the record of the Mayor's court docket each week.

FLAG DAY

During times of war, the American people are most loyal to their flag, but in times of peace, the flag is practically forgotten, and only on special occasions is one mindful that this nation has a flag.

On next Monday, this nation will observe flag day, because that will mark the 160th year that the American Flag has been in use. Congress authorized the flag on June 14, 1777. At that time the flag rose over three million people in the thirteen states. Today over one hundred thirty millions owe allegiance to this flag.

The history of the flag reads almost like fiction, but is a story that never grows old, and for that reason, we are today, publishing elsewhere in this paper, the history of the flag.

As we observe flag day in this country next Monday, the war clouds of Europe will be hanging lower than they have hung in many months. What the next hour will bring no one knows. Our only hope is, however, that "Old Glory" will be kept on this side of the Atlantic, and that no American soldier will have to follow it to foreign soil to protect the love of freedom for which it stands.

The new trash cans on Main Street were not placed there for an added attraction to the town, but to be used. Too many folks are afraid to use them, it seems.

HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS

On June 16th, the state highway commission is scheduled to meet and make appropriations for the coming year. This will be the most important meeting of the new commission, and certainly one that every citizen of the state will look to with keen interest.

Haywood County, like all others, has several roads which we feel need completing, or constructing. Just how much money will be allocated to each county is not known, and regardless of the amount it would never be sufficient to build roads enough to satisfy every one.

In looking over the county as a whole, it would seem that Highway 209 to Fines Creek and No. 284 to Brevard would come in for first consideration. The Fines Creek road serving a rich farming community, and opening a direct route into the best section of Madison County. The road to Brevard comes under the old state set-up made years ago of a paved road connecting every county seat in the state. And in this same connection, there are some who feel that the highway from Cove Creek to the Tennessee line should be completed in order to give a better route to Newport.

This newspaper feels that Haywood's best interest will be well taken care of by Commissioner E. L. McKee, of Sylva. As we have said before, he is familiar with the road needs in this county. However, he has said repeatedly that he will be glad to discuss with any one or any group, problems regarding highways in the tenth district, which comprises the 14 most western counties in the state.

TRAFFIC OFFICER CALDWELL

Few men are better qualified to direct traffic on Main Street in Waynesville than Norman Caldwell, who has assumed this duty here.

For many years Mr. Caldwell has operated a taxi in Waynesville, and knows from experience the traffic problems in this community.

He has tact enough to please those whom he has to confront, yet he is stern enough to make arrests when violations are made. This newspaper feels that the traffic problem in Waynesville is in competent hands.

GREAT TRAGEDY

Step by step there was developed the use of language, the art of writing, and the consequent recording of history, law, knowledge and religion.

None of these things were achieved in a day; back of each are centuries of effort, of toil, of watchfulness—here a little and there a little, eliminations as well as additions.

The wrist watch was unknown to former generations; is an outgrowth.

And so it is with this American government of ours, with respect for history, law, knowledge, and religion.

A child can take the wrist watch to pieces, but he can not put it together again.

The amateur statesman can take the government to pieces; can scatter history, law knowledge, and religion, making a mess of the whole, but he can't put it together again—there's the great tragedy.—Houston Post.

SO THAT'S WHY THEY CUSS?

What makes people cuss? Well, according to The Progressive Farmer, here is a scientific explanation, which may or may not explain, as given by Dr. George W. Crane, noted psychologist:

"People who have inferiority complexes and are afraid are likely to adopt profanity. Those who use profanity are often people who are afraid of themselves. They adopt loud and violent language to kid themselves along, so to speak, and delude themselves into thinking they are bold, virile men. They are trying to compensate for an inferiority complex. They are like the boy who whistles on a dark night to keep up his courage. They don't feel the equals of those with whom they associate, so they try to impress their friends with their foul language. Chronic users of oaths are usually childlike or immature in their emotional development, even though they may be grown men. The strong man or well-adjusted child doesn't have to rely on such artificial means for impressing his associates."

The 400 vocational teachers and their wives who met here last week for the annual conference, have returned to their homes praising this section for its scenic beauty, and paying the citizens of this community compliments for the hospitality shown them while here.

The teachers seemed to have a genuine good time, and certainly the community enjoyed entertaining them. Both groups profited by the meeting being held in our section of the state.

One of the best indications that economic conditions are better in Haywood County is the fact that 83% of 1936 taxes have been collected.



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

It is not often that I talk shop in this column, but this week I'm giving in—

I seldom miss a press meeting. Regardless of how small the gathering, I always find my time well spent in mingling with others who are also getting gray and stooped caused by the same problems of newspaper publishing.

Last week-end I managed to slip away and attend a press meeting in Charlotte. The group had a splendid meeting, and the program was in the form of school, with the president asking about forty questions about newspaper work.

The president—B. Arp Lowrance, editor of The Mecklenburg Times—took the role of teacher, and shot some questions to his "students" that made our eyes cлик. Fortunately, I answered the first one, but some others I had to pass up.

After all, it was an interesting meeting, and one well worth while. Of course, being down there for a newspaper meeting we could not resist visiting the two large daily papers.

The plant of The Charlotte Observer is one of the most modern in the South. Their new 86-page press is the very latest built, and is a wonder in the printing industry.

Through the hospitality of Scott Coble, a former Waynesville man, but for the past 19 years in the composing room of The Observer, and now foreman of that large department, took a group of three from top to bottom of the five-story building.

I knew several members of the editorial staff, and had a profitable hour waiting for the paper to go to press.

Any newspaper that goes to press on schedule must fight for time. Speed and accuracy are the two by-words in any newspaper plant. The average person watching a paper being made-up can't understand why such speed is necessary.

The Observer had extra pages last Sunday, and the men were working at top speed to make the press deadline.

When the press started we went down to see the master-piece of presses run. Because of the heavy paper, the speed was cut to about three-fourths Sunday, but even at that, the press turned out 45,000 papers an hour. The switchboard which controls the press, is about 12 feet square, and the press is two stories high.

After bidding Mr. Coble good-night, we decided to look up an old friend on The Charlotte News, but found he was covering the police station for a possible piece of news. Thinking it would be worthwhile to look him up, we went to the police station, and he was getting a story about a negro fight.

We were given the opportunity of seeing the negro's slashed back sewed up, but declined. Later we were shown the police radio station, and the detective headquarters.

Realizing that we had been awake for exactly 22 hours, we had a cup of black coffee and off to bed for three hour's sleep before departing for the hills.

Between the constant swish of passing cars, rounding curves, the bright glare of the highway and the whirl of the events of the night before still in my mind, I was dizzy as could be when reaching here at noon.

In a later column I will attempt to give in a more interesting way, the mechanical side of a newspaper.

A youth asks an annulment on a plea that he was married while in a trance. His progress will be watched by reminiscent millions.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A left-handed West Virginia girl writes backward and upside down. Just the very person to balance our national budget.

American women spent \$375,000,000 on cosmetics last year, we are informed. Well, that's improving the face value of things.

Sooner or later almost every sort of fad finds representation in congress. The latest rumor is that an economy bloc has been formed there.

A New Jersey school teacher took his pupils fishing as a part of their school work. Proving again that most of us were born about 25 years too soon.

A lot of fellows have tried to borrow their way into prosperity and have gone broke—but the government has not finished its experiment yet.

The lawyer's best friend is the fellow who thinks he can make out his own will.

An optimist is one who expects to hear a radio comedian crack a new joke some day.

We read that coming fashions will be full of eccentricities. Like all other fashions.

The term "political economy" should be abolished. Nothing political is ever economical.

HEADLINES of The PAST

(From the files of June 10, 1936) Forty women enrolled in a class of gical dressings.

Sunday will open the big Waynesville drive.

First returned soldier from Europe to die in local Government hospital.

Interesting letter from a soldier.

The plant of this paper moved to new building owned by H. Smathers.

Miss Harriet Christy joins Navy.

(From the files of June 10, 1935) Vocational class to be held Friday over W.W.N.C.

Good tobacco crop seen in to date.

Second primary called for tax office.

S. A. Jones residence being down.

Harmony prevails at Democratic convention here Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Morgan to head W. of Asheville district.

(From the files of June 10, 1934) Four Waynesville boys have escape in wreck.

73 veterans had \$41,000 certified here Wednesday.

Plans completed to get FHA in section on homes.

Hikers plan to go to Waynesville.

Byers member of State Democratic board.

Committee are at work containing N. C. Press.

(From the files of June 10, 1933) Many animals laugh, declared scientist. If they observe him closely they can hardly help it.

Sign in an Idaho cemetery: sons are prohibited from flowers from any but their graves."

It must be grand to be rich—the investigation starts.

Add similes: As futile as getting a dirigible explosion.

The idea that the fittest do not doubt originated with a sure.

It is tough for a girl to marry love and then find out that it's money.

An Iowa professor says that five kinds of dumbness. He must have been associating with five economists.

A New York truck driver, after for bigamy, refuses to sell his supported two households on a week. Personally we don't think gicians should be compelled to their secrets.

CREDIT HIM WITH HEALTHY NERVE

MARSHALL WAYNE, High-Diving Champion and Olympic Winner, Gives His View on Smoking

"HEALTHY nerves are a diver's mainstay," says Marshall. "Mine are healthy and I try to keep them healthy. I never hesitate to enjoy a Camel whenever and wherever I want. For mildness, tastiness, and downright pleasure, Camels are 'way out in front.'"

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