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#### MORE ROADS FOR HAYWOOD

Highway Commissioner E. L. McKee told The Mountaineer last week, that he plans to "do considerable work on the Crabtree Road."

This will be welcomed news to every citizen of the county. Not only the residents of the Crabtree and Fines Creek section, but in every section. The improvement of this road would give a nearer northern route from Haywood County, and also give an excellent route into the county, to say nothing of serving the people along the route with better road facilities.

Work is well underway on Highway No. 284, from Brevard, and additional funds have been set up in their year's budget, according to Commissioner McKee to carry this project a long ways towards completion.

In all, Haywood is slated to get more money for new roads than any of the fourteen counties in the tenth highway district. This is encouraging from every angle. Haywood is badly in need of many miles of roads, because there are fewer counties as large that have less road mileage than Haywood. Even Jackson has many more miles of roads than Haywood.

Now that Haywood is getting newer and latest type roads, we will be out of the mud in many sections for years to come. It was hard to stand by and see neighboring counties get more roads than Haywood, but now that we are getting better roads, we have been well paid for waiting.

#### FESTIVALS PAY OTHER COMMUNITIES

Last spring we called attention to the fact that Winchester, Va., was staging their 14th annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. A few weeks later the festival was given and thousands upon thousands attended.

It was not until this week, however, that we saw complete details of the festival, such as programs, routings, maps of the parade and such. These were brought to us through the kindness of Mrs. S. J. Schulhofer, who read our editorial and attended the festival in Virginia. From the description of the event as given by Mrs. Schulhofer and the printed matter she brought back, we do not wonder at the event attracting many thousands.

This community is well suited for a similar event.

In the past we have suggested apple blossoms; and others have come forth with the timely suggestion that a festival when the leaves are turning in the fall would bring the largest crowds. It certainly would extend our short season, and give those coming here something to long remember.

We do not feel that it would be hard to find something around which to build a festival. The biggest problem is finding someone to take the lead in promoting such an event. We have everything that nature can provide—this just needs to be supplemented by work and ideas on the part of those who have a broad vision for such things.

#### A DEPLORABLE RECORD

North Carolina has one record written which it will need none of the state's \$250,000 publicity fund in order to publicize.

And that is that it sent almost as many people to prison for homicide in 1934 and 1935 as the states of New York and Pennsylvania combined, according to figures compiled by the Department of Rural Social-Economics of the University of North Carolina.

North Carolina's homicide rate, based on the number of persons sent to prison and the population of the state, is 9.13 per 100,000.

Only two states are reported as having a higher homicide rate, Florida and Kentucky, but figures from three states were missing, and it is possible that they have a higher rate. They are Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi.—Charlotte Observer.

#### RULES FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW

Some prominent physician recently took the time to jot down ten health hints for hot weather that can easily be followed by both young and old. His list is as follows:

- Take it easy—don't rush around.
- Wear a hat out in the sun.
- Wear cool, loose fitting clothes.
- Get plenty of rest and sleep.
- Eat moderately of easily digested foods.
- Drink plenty of cool (not ice cold) liquids.
- Exercise moderately.
- Take frequent tepid (not cold) baths.
- Do not stay in direct sunshine for long periods.

Avoid large meetings in poorly ventilated auditoriums.

The physician went on to explain that "If all of us would observe these rules, our general physical condition would be vastly improved and we would be able to withstand hot weather with much less difficulty."

We can readily see where the ten hints would make life easier during the summer months, but too many of us like to think of such rules being made for the other person and not for ourselves.

#### THE PUBLIC WANTS THE TRUTH

Every two or three weeks, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce sends out press releases, on subjects centering around tourist activities.

Most all Chamber of Commerce publicity is usually overdone, regardless of the town from which it is sent, but that cannot be said of the recent July releases from Asheville. The person who wrote these releases is to be commended for their fairness and for leaving out the "hot air" which is considered a part of such work.

We have never been able to understand why a Chamber of Commerce had to resort to such exaggerated figures and statements in order to get across their points. Frank, truthful, straight-forward facts are appreciated by the public far more than the usual "hot air."

#### MONEY IS NOT EVERYTHING

Those who are not familiar with the business offices of a newspaper or publication are sometimes prone to believe that publishers will print anything for money. Of course this is not true. There might be some publishers who will accept any kind of advertising, but that is not a general practice.

Since Wake County went wet The State has announced that they are turning down \$10,000 worth of liquor advertising for the coming year. Other publications are doing the same thing.

Only last week we turned down a page advertisement—\$36 cash, because we felt it our duty to refuse it. It was not because we could not use the revenue, but we considered our first duty was to our readers.

Two weeks ago we mailed back a check and some advertising because we believe in a clean newspaper and have no desire to have our advertising columns cluttered up with such ads as are usually found in cheap sex magazines.

Before saying that a publisher will print anything for money, it might be better to check up a little on the paper's policies.

#### THE TRAILER COMES OF AGE

Some infants have a way of being born, doing a bit of crying, eating, growing, and going to school, then suddenly appearing in long trousers or skirts—completely grown up.

So it is with the trailer. Hardly had we become aware of it before this prodigious and precocious infant has come of age. A discussion of its problem of orientation to us—or ours to it—is, indeed, timely. What will happen if a considerable portion of the country's population turns gypsy? How can their equitable share of taxes be collected? How can their children be educated? Should communities provide trailer camps? What control should there be over the sanitation and social relations of camps, whether private or public?

Here is a community problem . . . one that is acute in some communities and inevitable in others. Citizens might give thought to it.—Rotarian Magazine.

Several weeks ago, just before Mecklenburg county voted on liquor stores, the dry leaders promised that the law would be enforced if the county would vote against the establishment of the stores in their county.

Apparently the voters took the dry leaders at their word, and voted down the measure. Now the voters are asking when the enforcement will start, and the answer to their query is that the man who made the promise is on a vacation on the west coast. He said, however, before leaving, that "something would be done before long."

Makers of such radical promises, unless absolutely positive that the promises can be fulfilled, should be dealt with the same as buyers of votes in elections.

#### THE OLD HOME TOWN



### Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

The World's original twin auctioneers, Penny Brothers, are scheduled to hold one of their famous land sales in the Crabtree section of Haywood county on Saturday. As long as I live I'll never forget the first time I saw these two men put on an auction sale.

It was in the boom days of 1924, and with their special red band truck and brass band, they attracted a large crowd, and ever more sold residential lots.

I had occasion to talk to one of the brothers the other day, and just to head his voice brought back fond memories of the good old days when following an auction sale was a favorite pastime of mine—NO, I was not loafing—but worked on a morning paper and worked at night and enjoyed my auction sales by day.

Harry Hall, the new weather man here, is curious to know just how much trash is put in the trash cans on Main street. His question, however, was brought on when he saw me thoughtlessly toss a scrap of paper about the size of two postage stamps into the gutter. I entered a plea of guilty to him and promised never to do so again.

I've been thinking of making a trip up Main street and inspect each can to find out just how much trash is in each one, but am afraid that some fun maker would accuse me of looking for news—but even at that—there has been many a good piece of news thrown in the trash can. . . .

Felix Stovall has taken on the title of "Bureau of Information." He finds that answering questions takes about one-fourth of his time—but he seemingly enjoys it. Only recently a crossword puzzle fan called to get the proper spelling of certain fruits—thinking he should know since he sold them . . . he gave the information . . . and the word completed the puzzle.

Have you ever witnessed an eating contest? I imagine it would be almost as sickening for the spectators as for the contestants.

The other day the subject came up at the W. W. N. C. Cafe, and Christopher, related the following story (plus dialect):

"While I was working in a large hotel in New York in 1921, a banquet was held for 1,200 bankers. That morning the chef prepared over 600 broiled chickens. Each plate was to get a half chicken. While I was admiring the long trays of broiled chickens, the manager of the hotel asked me if I liked chicken.

"I told him that I did, and he wanted to know about how many I could eat of the broiled ones. I told him five halves.

"He laughed, and said if I ate five halves that he would give me five dollars. I took him up, and we went into a private room, and I started in.

"I won the five dollars, but did not want to see or hear of chicken again for a long time. In exactly four months I ate another piece of chicken. Eating a lot of one thing at one time ain't so much fun after its all over."

And Christopher should know. Some of the men who shape public opinion are bum sculptors.

As a usual rule, when you see a man who doesn't want any more money he's holding a lily in his hand.

Pedestrians have plenty of rights in the courts. Now if they could get a few on the streets and highways everything would be all right.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Clipped: "A lot of people take up prayer when they find they can't thumb their way into heaven."

Unasked for advice is as welcome as is the notice that our bank account is overdrawn.

If you like to work out problems that really try the wits, then try making both ends meet.

Here's a fresh thought from the St. Louis Star-Times: "You are born in a hospital; you marry in a church and die in a car. What do you want a home for?"

The end of the world will be here the day money talks and nobody listens.

It is easier to provoke indignation than to arouse enthusiasm.

All the rest of us know how a rich man should spend his money.

Quite often when a man thinks his mind is getting broader it is only his conscience stretching.

What has become of the old-fashioned congress that used to adjourn when the notion struck it?

The devil has many helpers, including those who say: "Let's not talk about such unpleasant things."

A gentleman is a husband who suffers in silence rather than tell his wife she snores.

Quite a few men don't care whether they are sitting on top of the world or not—just so they are sitting.

Few men are deliberately wicked. When the worst decide to do wrong, they first convince themselves that it is right.

Most people are annoyed by an unnecessarily loud tone of voice unless it happens to be coming out of their radio.

These fellows who can take a drink or let it alone are back again and so is hardening of the liver.

Scientists say it has taken a million years to make man what he is today. And the average woman can make him over in six months.

Day after day we read the obituaries of wealthy men and never discover anything about them getting their start playing the races or slot machines.

### HEADLINES of The PAST

(From the files of July 21, 1934) Reasons for the existing night Army captain court-martialed here. Canton water shed case. Junaluska Inn to be replaced. Student nurses wanted here. Army Hospital.

(From the files of July 21, 1934) Sidewalks at court house are finished. Quilt show plans are being made in county. Health officer finds that garden club at Asheville is profitable. Verdict of not guilty returned in Kinsland. Ram Sale will be held at Asheville.

(From the files of July 21, 1934) Cannery will begin work on extension last of this week. Mill race destroyed by fire. Florida man makes "industrial" local golf course. Real estate moving fast at Asheville Club. Editorial comments on Press Convention. Business here far above last year.

When you come to a hot day, it's a relief to get a cool one.

Ignorance usually hinders the knowledge of things we know.

Time is one of the best things on earth. Get more of it and spend it lavishly.

You can tell when your life decay begins. You learn how noisy the world is.

A brigadier general attended 90 year span of life in women's penders. It is wonderful to hold a man together.

A historian announces that there are no women dictators. All we can say is that the historian isn't observing.

Quite a few citizens can back in horse-and-buggy days horse had advantage. He could home at night without running a lot of telephone poles.

### TRAGIC

There is nothing more tragic than to see savings in the form of home, furniture and other personal possessions destroyed in a few minutes.

It is tragic even though insurance is to reimburse the owner financially, far more tragic if it is a total loss.

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### THE PILOT

The master of an ocean liner is probably one of the most efficient of experts. However in unknown waters he trusts to the highly specialized guidance of a pilot.

No matter how beautiful or efficient a man or woman may be, when it comes to diagnosing some illness or ailment and prescribing for it, they turn over the old Ship of Health to their pilot, the DOCTOR, if they are wise. For he is the ONLY one that is qualified to navigate through these waters.

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