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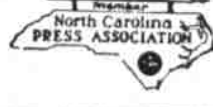
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CHILD MARRIAGES
 Ever so often, the world seems to go just a little daffy on some new craze or fad. Once it was crossword puzzles, then miniature golf, and soon afterwards the yo-yo was the go, and shortly thereafter, the jig-saw puzzle came into being.

Just what the national pastime is right now is hard to say, unless it is "viewing with alarm" the number of child marriages that are being brought to our attention by the press—both in words and pictures.

This newspaper, like the average, has no doubt published too much of this degrading type of news—that, of course, is debatable. However, Dorothy Knox, special writer on The Charlotte News thinks too much has been said on the subject, and in a recent column said, in part:

"Personally I cannot use any more child bride news stories. What is very obvious to me but apparently hasn't occurred to the press yet, is the fact that these United States are full of child marriages and will be more so. That's no more news than a dog biting a man. Don't all of you realize that little gals are maturing about five years earlier in this day and time than they did in the gay nineties? Girl children are sophisticated at six, blase at twelve and bored with life at fourteen. They figure there is nothing left to do but to get married. They are teased about their sweethearts from the time they can talk, their mothers start worrying about whether they will make a hit with the boys from the time the poor brats attend their first party, they are greeted with howls of applause from the grown-ups when at the age of four or five they roll their eyes and lips "Come up and see me some time" or dance with a baby imitation of suggestive wiggles, they cut their second teeth on sex literature from the more lurid pulp magazines and the pictures in "Esquire" and they are nursed at the movies whose theme song is, and ever will be "Boy Meets Girl!"

"And don't give me any back talk about the child marriages being the products of the backwoods and the mountains. I'll bet there are more child brides in the cities per population than there ever were in the hills. A 12-year-old city gal-child can pass for 20 any day."

"The 'brides' are bad enough, but the pictures of the child-mamas make me want to howl like a dog. How about the future? Think of what their families will have to live through. If a gal is married at 14 by the time she's 24 she will be perfectly sure she's been done wrong by. She'll be swamped in the mire of self-pity for the rest of her life. I never had any fun, my life has been nothing but work and babies from the time I was a child myself. Other girls had their good times, went to dances, had a fling, dated with lots of boys, but I've missed all that. And now that I want to step out I have to mind the children, she'll wail from morning to night."

"And by the time she's 34 she'll be trying to be a sister to her daughter. She'll tell everybody that she and her child have so few years between them that they are just pals. She'll be eying daughter's boy friends and double-dating with her. I've seen these kittenish women who married young in action, and if there is anything on God's little footstool that cramps a girl's style, it's to have mama try to be a sister to her."

ENCOURAGING CROPS

An encouraging agricultural note, is the statement of County Agent Smithwick, in reporting that corn prospects in Haywood County are unusually bright, and that crops are far ahead of those last year.

As we have said time and time again, "As the farmers prosper, so does the county."

ACCIDENTS DUE TO DRINKING INCREASING

The number of persons killed or injured in the United States in automobile accidents involving drivers who had been drinking, doubled between 1933 and 1936, according to facts gathered by The United States News.

In the same period, the number of pedestrians under the influence of liquor who were killed or injured in traffic accidents, also more than doubled, it was found.

These figures, traffic experts explain, mean that proportionately there were nine times as large an increase in the number of traffic fatalities and injuries involving pedestrians and motorists, who had been drinking as in the casualties involving pedestrians and motorists who did not drink.

The News made an extensive survey and found that in most instances, states are staging educational campaigns to prevent driving under the influence of liquor. A drive is also being waged to insure the maximum number of convictions of drivers guilty of drinking offenses.

A slogan has been adopted: "If you drink don't drive. If you drive don't drink."

This seems to be a timely slogan, when it is learned that an automobile traveling at 40 miles an hour moves about 12 feet every fifty seconds, and one drink of whiskey or one pint of beer will increase the lapsed time from the eye to the wheel or brakes up to as much as four-fifths of a second.

NO CLAIM HERE

The Charlotte News, always seeking something different, this past week made mention of Senator Reynolds in their editorial columns, and instead of saying "Our Bob" as most papers do, The News had it: "Their Bob" Reynolds.

The Charlotte paper is frank enough, it seems, to admit that they do not lay claim to North Carolina's junior senator.

And right along this line, it is interesting to note that every possible candidate to oppose "Bob" Reynolds next June has decided not to run. As far as political observers can now tell, the "globe trotting" senator from Asheville, will not have any opposition.

THE NAMELESS COURT HOUSE

Even The State, Raleigh, devoted several inches of comment on the fact that Haywood County's court house does not have the name of the building inscribed on it.

The State went on to mention that nowadays with modern filling stations going up, that every public building has to be marked in order that strangers won't drive up to a court house or post office for gas, oil and free air.

Now that the new budget is being made out, it seems logical that a few dollars be set aside for putting the name on the building.

A PROGRESSIVE GROUP

It is interesting to note how many Haywood young people make good in state-wide agricultural events.

They are called upon for programs, elected officers of state organizations, win state contests, and stand out in front in whatever comes up that has an honor.

This one fact alone, should be convincing proof that Haywood County is specially adapted to farming, to make no mention at all of the good soil and ideal climate.

EXPENSIVE SLEEP INDUCER

A publisher of a chain of newspapers refers to the Congressional Record as his "sleep-inducer." He is about right at that, although it costs the taxpayers exactly \$55 a page to publish the congressional proceedings that easily brings on sleep to those who dare attempt to read the contents.

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

In her interview with Hilda Way Gwyn, Dorothy Dix said: "A woman who will wear pants in public must possess superhuman vanity." Now if Miss Dix had witnessed the 300-pound female visitor parade Main Street in shorts, what she might have said would probably never made a headline.

The Jackson County Journal fails to understand why some newspapers played up Governor Hoey's visit into The Park. As far as we can learn, Governor Hoey is the only Governor to take time off and visit this section. Of course, all others came by at election time when they were beating the bushes for votes.

Encouraging news is the price of Georgia tobacco. The market has started off averaging a little above 25 cents a pound. With a good crop of burley again this year, and high prices, Haywood farmers will have considerable cash on hand again this fall.

The list of delinquent taxes that will appear next week for the county will be the smallest in years—call it what you may. That proves times are better.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



LES NOYES, LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR SEEMS TO BE GETTING SOME THRILLS

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Several weeks ago, it was decided that several new parts should be replaced on the two linotype machines that cast all the type which is used in this newspaper. Replacing linotype parts sometimes brings on grief—not only when it comes to paying for them, but in getting the new parts to fit perfectly where the old parts had worn.

Arrangements were made to have a special linotype machinist to come and make sure everything was in top shape before the machines were put back into use.

Sometimes one of the 5,051 screws in a linotype machine gets out of adjustment and causes the entire machine to stall. Now some of these 5,051 screws in the linotype machine are as small as the ones in a watch, so it is easy to get them out of adjustment.

Without going too far into the mechanical features of the linotype, it might interest you to know that a good linotype machinist finds that a can of high grade oil and a fine-haired paint brush (and common sense) can keep one of the complicated machines running longer than 40 chests of tools.

Keeping dust out, and the parts well lubricated, and every screw tight, keeps linotype operators from turning gray before their time.

In case you would like to buy a linotype machine to play with, they are now priced at \$5,800 f. o. b. New York, and a machinist won't charge over \$30 a day to erect it and see that it runs smoothly.

Well do I remember, the time when a machine refused to work. The operator failed to find anything wrong. He had checked every part. As a last resort, a mechanic was called in.

In due time he arrived. Listened for a minute, jerked out a screw driver, tightened one screw, turned on the switch, and the machine worked like new.

While putting on his hat, he remarked the bill was \$45. Not that he had put in that much time, but he wasn't charging for what he did, but for what he knew.

So, it is with life—just like a linotype. It is keeping the little things adjusted that makes everything run smoothly.

The proper application of common sense goes a long ways.

As a photographer, it seems that I have lost the art. From the time I caught a flash of lightning in a perfect picture, I thought I was good, until recently my time exposures have been rotten.

However, after seeing a mountain scene taken by Dr. Robinson at midnight, I am all tuned up to try again. He gave it 45 minutes exposure, and it could pass for a noon picture any day.

At the suggestion of Joe Shipley, I read the interesting article "Too Many College Graduates" in the current issue of The Commentator. It is worth your while to read it.

And in the event you are interested in knowing how millionaires spend their money, read "The Worse Show On Earth" in last week's Saturday Evening Post.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

In China a wife is never seen by her husband before marriage. In this country husbands seldom see them afterwards.

The Spanish civil war is in its second year and it begins to look as if they might as well prepare for the third year.

A woman in Poland, 100 years old, is preparing to marry her third husband, but perhaps someone will say three husbands isn't bad in a hundred years.

Between rich men who evade their taxes and foreign countries who won't pay their war debts, our poor old government is having a financial time.

A western stock-raiser says that cattle in his section are exceedingly restless this year. They have been moved around so often in search of feed that every time they hear a train whistle they want to take a ride.

One thing to be said for Mae West—she managed to stay married to one man for 26 years, probably a near record for Hollywood, though she has not been actually living with him all that time, which may invalidate the record.

The man who knows more than the boss usually get to be boss. If he merely thinks he knows more, he gets fired.

In summer we all wonder how a sheet can get so cold in winter.

Why is it that the fish always seem to go for a vacation just about the same time you do?

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It is doubtful if any of us ever outgrow a childish tendency to rebel against doing anything we are commanded to do. And so when the doctor orders a rest cure, more exercise, strikes certain foods off our menus, or prescribes some medicine, the execution of his instructions become distasteful and we are apt to disregard them. Of course this isn't fair either to the doctor or ourselves. If we ever have to consult a physician again, lets be good soldiers and obey his orders to the letter.

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HEADLINES of The PAST

(From the files of August 5, 1937)
 Haywood short \$500,000 of \$462,000 War Savings Bonds.
 W. T. Lee made chairman of Corporation Commission.
 73 men leave here for Camp, worth.
 Inspiring patriotic service at Episcopal church.
 Hospital Notes—by Claudia H. bard, superintendent.
 Good-bye to summer, and hello fall.

(From the files of July 25, 1937)
 James Atkins named permanent ceiver of Lake Junaluska Assembly.
 Great Smoky Mountains National Park allotted \$50,000 to make improvements.
 Corn stalks grow 18 feet tall.
 First official hearing is heard court house last Saturday.
 Crime crusade organized at Junaluska.
 56 4-H club boys return from Farm.

(From the files of August 6, 1937)
 Two gypsies get money from Balsam.
 Over \$21,000 paid in taxes month.
 Illustrated lecture on Passaic to be given at Lake Junaluska.
 First farm tour to be held at Fines Creek to be held.
 Proposed addition to hospital give 40 per cent more room.
 Cars from 25 states counted in

A widow in Ontario, 70 years refuses to accept relief unless she is permitted to work it out, putting shame some men who are too to work for what they receive.

A Parish novelist and marriage pert who is doing some investigating in this country, announces the opinion that American men "appear to superb husbands." Its too bad, this expert announced such a decision may swell the heads of some American husbands and make it harder than ever to get along with

In spite of the lesson learned by country in the last war we are wont to wager that those who control currencies of all the large countries will see to it that a way is found the United States to again play Claus to the foreign powers so they can put on another war to the people's minds off their real troubles.

No matter how certain you may it is usually wise to have the elementary evidence before starting argument.

The man who rocks the boat is same fellow who never slows down for a grade crossing.

The public seems to be right enough to keep its critics guessing.

Political candidates say they to attend so many ice cream suppers they get turned against ice cream. In our opinion no office would be so that great calamity.