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### HAYWOOD APPLES

The 1937 apple crop in Haywood County will perhaps be larger than any year on record. Naturally with a bumper crop, prices fall to almost give-away figures.

When a surplus farm commodity is experienced, it is the natural trend of thought to try and devise some plan of conserving the crop for future consumption. Thousands of bushels of apples in Haywood are not suitable for storage, even if storage were available.

Someone has suggested that the surplus crop be converted into applesauce and a market created for the distinctive type which Haywood apples make. That sounds feasible, but is not practical, according to those who are authorities on the subject.

It seems that every type apple cannot be successfully canned in commercial canneries, and in the second place special expensive canning machinery is necessary in order to prevent spoilage.

Furthermore, every year's apple crop would not justify the expenditure necessary for apple canning equipment.

With all the facts in mind, it seems that Haywood apples will have to be sold on an open market, and housewives avail themselves of them for home canning, making sauce, jelly, preserves, and applebutter.

### WOULD COST \$100 TO SAVE \$1

The "undeclared war" in the Far East is becoming the source of much concern to America. This is evidenced by the fact that people in every walk of life, and every age, are discussing the possibilities of America taking a hand "to protect American-owned business" in China.

We Americans have a habit of figuring everything out on a dollar and cents basis, rather than on moral issues or the value of life.

So, in keeping with our habits, let's figure this matter out on a dollar and cents basis, using the figures given by Boake Carter in The Charlotte News.

Our total trade with Asia is \$500,000,000. Something like half of that is with the nations involved in the "undeclared war."—China and Japan.

It cost America something like \$25,000,000,000 to participate in the World War for 18 months.

Now assuming, that if we went to war in China that we would be at the same expense as in the World War, we would spend \$100 at war to save \$1 in trade, according to our way of working the large sums down to understandable figures.

Spending \$100 to save \$1 in trade is nothing short of insanity, if just cold cash were involved, but when thousands of lives are at stake, the money part is not to be even considered.

In 1917 America's young manhood rose to the call to arms and responded to battle "to make the world safe for Democracy." Until the United States is actually invaded by a foreign country, we do not feel that there will ever be such a free-will response again.

Certainly not to protect a measly "\$1" foreign trade as shown about.

### WILD TIGERS VS. DRIVERS

Frank Buck, noted wild animal hunter in the jungles of Africa, makes a large annual income bringing back man-eating tigers to this country. Last week he was in an automobile wreck in New York, and after alighting from the crumpled taxi in which he was riding, he made the statement that he'd rather face tigers than some approaching drivers.

We have never cherished the idea of facing a wild tiger in a jungle, but even at that, some of these drunken drivers are beyond what the word wild means.

### THE CONSTITUTION

One hundred and fifty years ago tomorrow, the Constitution of the United States was adopted.

Up until the past few years the average citizen gave little or no thought to the constitution except when amendments were voted on.

Now that the Supreme Court has held certain phases of the new deal were unconstitutional, we have become somewhat "constitutionally-minded."

We often hear people argue on whether they think certain proposed legislation is constitutional, and vice versa, and for that reason, and because tomorrow is the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, we are printing, at considerable expense, the full text and amendments of the Constitution of The United States.

### THE NATIONAL EMBLEM

We heartily agree with the Rock Hill, S. C., Herald on its comment on the recurring effort to change the American national emblem from the eagle to the turkey. Says the Herald:

Somebody in New York has revived the 150-year-old effort to make the turkey, rather than the eagle, the United States' national emblem.

It was Benjamin Franklin, back in 1784, who fought the eagle, tooth and nail, with charges of bad moral character, cowardice and other highly objectionable characteristics.

Now Representative Celler of New York has announced that he may introduce a bill in congress next year to make this particular change.

He thinks with Franklin that the turkey is a much more respectable bird, an original native of America, and a biped of great physical courage.

Fortunately, however, the average American doesn't know much about the eagle, almost nothing, in fact, except what he learns by looking at his picture on a silver quarter, or some other such place.

And while the turkey is a perfectly acceptable emblem for the Thanksgiving Day feast, he goes the barnyard chicken only one better as a national emblem.

Suppose, when patriotically excited, we desire to make some oratorical remark like, "Let the eagle scream!"

What could we say, if the turkey was the national emblem, that would not sound silly?

No, indeed! Much as we admire the turkey in its proper place, we do not think he would fit in at all well as an emblem of the soaring ambition of the American people.

The eagle has been the national emblem for a hundred and fifty years, and the national emblem it will continue to be until national emblems are no more.

### UNSOLICITED ADVERTISING

North Carolina is getting into full swing in a program to advertise the state as a playground and vacationland, and at the same time it is endeavoring to induce outside industries to look over the industrial opportunities of the state. One thing it hasn't asked for in the way of publicity, however, is a release of figures from the department of justice which, it appears, is in grave need for correction. Look over the following story:

"A Justice Department crime report showed today that an average of 11.1 murders per 100,000 population occurred in North Carolina during the first six months of this year.

"Only Georgia, with an average of 14.4 murders per 100,000, and Florida, with an average of 11.6 exceeded the North Carolina figure among the South Atlantic States. Maryland was low with 3.6."

"North Carolina also ranked high among the South Atlantic States in other crimes listed in the report, compiled by the Bureau of Investigation.

"There was an average of 4.4 rape cases, second only to Virginia's 4.9; 36.9 robbery cases, a medium between South Carolina's 7.8 and Florida's 69.3; 225.00 aggravated assault cases, highest among the South Atlantic States; 243.1 burglary cases, third highest in the group; 405.5 larceny cases, a medium between Maryland's 229.8 and Florida's 864.2, and 121 auto thefts, highest among South Atlantic States." —Sanford Herald.

### DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

Two New Yorkers promptly took issue with the editorial in last week's issue of The Mountaineer, captioned: "Poor Mountain Whites."

One congratulated the editor for the stand taken, while the other, in a letter which is published today, thought we went to the extreme in our views.

Using the two examples as an average, it would look as though we were at least "half right"—yet we are not convinced but what we were 100 per cent right, although continue to respect the opinions of those who disagree with us.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



THE EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY CLARION DELAYED THE PAPER TWO DAYS WHILE TRYING OUT A NEW PIECE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT

### Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Thirty-five years ago, one of the principal entertainment features in Waynesville during the summer was the "Richardson Brothers Minstrel."

For several years they came here and played to packed houses. Their type of entertainment was clean, and wholesome. It is said that even the ministers of the town turned out to see their performances—all the family attended.

The minstrel had ten men—all musicians—not a woman in the group.

They made a success of their entertainment. Their jokes were clean, their music was played on brass instruments, and was mostly marches and military airs.

One outstanding number that always "took the house down" was the feat pulled by the trombone player. While playing a solo he began taking his instrument apart, and continued by blowing through his hands, and at the same time carried on the tune while assembling the trombone and concluded the solo.

All this we learned from "Bob" Richardson, one of the brothers and owner of the minstrel, who spent part of his vacation in this community this summer.

It so happened that Mr. Richardson was in town the day the tent show arrived for a one-night performance, in which they advertised "A bevy of beautiful girls, dancing in scanty costumes." Their advertising posters in the windows left the impression that the girls had on but little more than a smile and cosmetics

Just to what extreme the girls would have gone had the cloud burst not rained them out is not known—your guess is as good as mine.

Anyway, it brought up this thought, in which I made a mental comparison of the minstrel of 35 years ago and the entertainment given under the same names today.

Back in 1902, the audiences were content to listen for two hours to clean wholesome, humorous jokes, and hear real music. TODAY, that type of entertainment is unheard of—even in "Home-talent shows."

### WHY?

It is because the public is demanding the almost-nude girls and suggestive jokes, or is that just the opinion of show operators?

Would the public today patronize a minstrel composed of ten talented musicians, and black-faced comedians who told only jokes that every member of the family should hear?

I'm frank to say, I don't know.

Today, instead of pulling a stunt like the trombone player, some little shapely female, half-starved from dieting to "keep in shape" would take the stage, wiggle, twist, jump, turn, shake and squirm at a tuneless noise (called music) and conclude with suggestive movements, and be rated as an "art" dancer.

A special appeal is made today to get men to attend the shows, and perhaps that is why the semi-nude (??) girls are featured.

Back in 1902, the joke-cracker found that if they could make the women laugh, that the men would almost roll in the aisles. Women, it seems, do not laugh as readily at jokes as do men, and for that reason the jokers used the response of the wom-

### LETTERS to the Editor

#### DISAGREES WITH EDITORIAL

Editor: Waynesville Mountaineer.

As a former resident of the Slum-fested City of New York, who has come here to live in the Southern Mountains of a free nation, I am writing this as a retaliation on the relentless remark in the Editorial of the Waynesville Mountaineer, on the Poor Mountain Whites.

There certainly was nothing grossly exaggerated in Mrs. Jesse M. Bader's letter. She most assuredly depicted a true picture of the human sufferings in this mountain region. It is difficult to understand how anyone living here, can be so blind to such human distress, and resent an honest statement, besides unjustly criticizing her efforts to seek foreign help for the poverty stricken people.

One should feel the very deepest appreciation and gratitude for her benevolence, also for the appeal she is making to the outside world for the necessary help, when, people in the mountain districts are not financially able to entirely alleviate such a deplorable situation.

No one denies the ignominy of the Slum section of the Great Metropolis. The people there are big enough and broad in their views not to resent any comment made by the outside world. They gratefully receive any assistance one wishes to give the poor of the Slums. They also exert every means to improve the conditions for those less fortunate in life, to make the harshness of such circumstances seem less degrading.

There are the Settlement Houses, Community Houses and other Social Centers in the Slums of New York, all these organizations are diligently working for the betterment of the people's living conditions. They do

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as a barometer to tell how the show was going over.

According to newspaper reports, the minstrel of 1902 was even put on in a church. The only other public building in town would not accommodate the crowd, and the officers of the church knowing the show was clean consented to have the minstrel there for a small sum.

While I am not in the show business, and know absolutely nothing about it, I am of the opinion that a good ten-men minstrel conducted along ethical and moral lines, could today make money.

### "SHE'S BETTER TODAY"

When a loved one has been ill, what a joy these words bring to you, and to us, too. For not only is a friend recovering, but often we have helped in that recovery by rushing medicines and supplies to the sick room, filling prescriptions for the doctor.

"Better today". How glad we are that we had all the drugs needed, and that they were of the highest quality obtainable.

The privilege of filling such prescriptions is very sacred to us.

### ASK YOUR DOCTOR

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### HEADLINES of The PAST

(From the files of September 1918.)

A big freight wreck here. Got 30 sacks of fish which were out of Sloan dam. Men from 18 to 45 float here on Thursday—Government ders.

Jewish relief fund being raised. A reception at Grace church soldiers of Army Hospital. More soldiers must get to the

(From the files of September 1912.)

Thousands celebrate Labor Day Lake Junaluska.

New Ford agency is established here on Thursday—Government ders. Park Commission withdraws application to purchase property in pledge suits.

Haywood county's \$240,000 house to be dedicated September 15. Daniels heard by large crowd Lake.

Premium list for shabbily pronounced.

(From the files of September 1912.)

Extra—The Waynesville Mountaineer.

The President due in Waynesville about 4 p. m. Highlights of today's program. Record breaking crowd expected greet President's party here.

Come to Waynesville today greet President Roosevelt.

The fire siren will be sounded 15 times when the Presidential train leaves Sylva.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A Chicago convention of pianists warns householders that the damage pianos. Well, well! Here the time we had been blaming the funny noises on the pianos.

Amos' Andy are married again, new wife, Alyce McLaughlin, is a particular about the "y" instead of "i" in Alyce; but will she remember that in the future it should be "y" instead of "i"?

To know what to do is one thing, to know how to do it is skill, to do the thing as it should be done, service.

A little experience often makes a lot of theory.

The way to get ahead is to work now!

One swallow won't make a summer, but it can send you to jail if you're driving a car.

Widow, writing a testimonial for a life insurance company—"On 8th my husband took out a policy, less than a month he was dead. I consider insurance a good investment."

Breathing through the mouth said to be harmful. Talking through the mouth also has very serious results at times.

Most antiques, too, remind us that the world has moved forward.

It never pays to worry about what other people are thinking about for they are probably wondering what you are thinking about them.

The Spanish people are having a hard time. In some respects they have it harder when the war is on. Building up is harder than tearing down.

It seems that the American rich spend about as little time at home as the ordinary citizen.