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HAYWOOD'S APPROVED HOSPITAL

Announcement by the American College of Surgeons that the Haywood County Hospital is on its 1937 Approved List of hospitals focuses attention upon an institution relatively inconspicuous in the community, considering the importance of its function.

Whereas in times past the hospital in most cases could do no more than mend or patch seriously diseased and broken bodies, today in constantly increasing proportions it is returning them to society in a state of complete or practically complete restoration.

The hospital is constantly making known its records of experience and discovery, to the end that the public may be educated in health preservation. Prevention is the modern health gospel, and the hospital, though it is thought of as being dedicated to caring for the sick, is preaching that gospel, and practicing it.

Hospital service has been immeasurably improved through organized effort such as the Hospital Standardization movement originated by the American College of Surgeons with the aim of assuring as nearly perfect an environment as possible for the practice of surgery.

Surgeons grant that no matter how great the skill of the operator, deficient after-care may convert a successful operation into an eventual fatality or a less degree of recovery than should have been attained.

The hospital standardization movement has provided a convenient and reliable gauge whereby communities and individuals may judge how well the interests of the sick and injured in their hospitals are being protected, and whether those hospitals are fitted to function as health centers, leading, as they logically should, in better health education.

Haywood County is most fortunate in having an approved hospital. It is and will be increasingly vital, since medical knowledge is constantly growing, in assuring maximum health protection for its citizens.

If women's skirts become much shorter, the leaves won't be the only thing to turn red this fall.

One secret of success, is making hay with the grass that grows under other people's feet.

It is said that there are some utterly useless articles on the market. Oh, well, people must have something to buy for wedding presents.

LACK OF APPRECIATION

Every year we find ourselves saying that the foliage is the prettiest of all time. This year was no exception to our annual remarks. However, we feel that scenes like last Friday and Saturday, with snow falling thick and fast on the colorful forest is something that we shall long remember.

The scene resembled a make-believe production from Hollywood, yet no artist would ever be able to reproduce accurately such views. Yet, our every day contacts with such beauty has a tendency to deaden our fullest appreciation for the real beauty of nature.

NORTH CAROLINA PAYING ITS DEBTS

It will probably analyze as an indisputable fact that of all the states of the union which have been trying to get their debts paid since the onset of the depression, North Carolina has made the most creditable showing.

As a matter of fact, of the entire 48 states, only six have reduced their indebtedness at all since 1932, and North Carolina is one of these.

It has paid off twenty-one millions of obligations, reducing the outstanding liabilities from \$164,543,000 to \$143,183,000.

According to a study made of The Analyst by Dr. B. U. Ratchford, of Duke university, North Carolina has risen above Arkansas, West Virginia, Louisiana, South Dakota, and Oregon in state debt per capita.

North Carolina's debt now averages \$41.42 for each inhabitant. The national average is \$20.03.

North Carolina's service on its debt, that is, annual interest plus contract amortization, requires \$3.87 a year from each inhabitant.

The Atlanta Journal takes its hat off to us for such a remarkably fine showing.

It is enough, indeed, to justify North Carolinians in taking theirs off to themselves.

Of course, we are a long way yet to go before the state is decently clean, and the burden upon our taxpayers is heavy and greivous, but they have their lucky stars to thank that the high taxes they are paying are not being wasted in profligate and riotous fiscal living.

It is not a similar case with the federal government which not only exacts heavy taxes, but keeps on piling up expenditures and adding to the national indebtedness.

We are at least deserving of the credit in North Carolina of heading toward the daylight instead of rushing into darker and more dismal blackness.—Charlotte Observer.

REAL SOCIAL SECURITY

With all the talk about "security" which is finding expression in new laws and in the efforts of the trade unions to obtain for their members the exclusive right to work in many industries, we hear very little about the only way in which a man can insure his own security in his employment and for old age.

The one way in which any young man can insure his own future security is to master some trade, craft or profession so completely that his services will always be in demand. The highly-skilled worker is seldom out of a job except by his own choice.

Too much attention and effort has been directed toward getting more pay for less work for the less competent, and not enough to training young men in the arts and crafts to become really skilled workers.

Piano manufacturers report that the piano is coming back, which is another good sign of recovery. It is when it's going back to the dealers that things are bad.

The latest type trailers are said to be built along Pullman lines. Are the windows sealed?

It has been several weeks now since there has been "sidewalk preaching" in front of the court house on Saturday afternoons. This can be added to the list of recent improvements in Waynesville.

At this time of the year, we are reminded of the pun pulled sometime back, when it was said that the leaves are just blushing after thinking how green they have been all summer.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES By W. CURTIS RUSS

At five o'clock last Thursday afternoon, Carl Goerch, editor of The State, Raleigh, was praising the people of Waynesville for taking him on a trip through the park. He was using all kinds of flowery words describing the foliage he had seen en route to Black Camp Gap and Heintooga.

Just at 5:15 o'clock, Mr. Goerch finished his speech, and bid the party of Waynesville people who had taken him through the park good-bye.

At 5:16 his broad smile left his face. His eyes blinked and he looked again. Sure enough, it was gone—his car. He had parked it earlier that morning in front of the court house, but failed to lock it.

But after having looked at so much colorful foliage, he would not trust his memory—nor eyes, so he called back to his Waynesville friends and told of his plight. They in turn began a search. A careful check failed to show any signs of his car.

Charles Ray inquired at the Puroil Service Station, while Frank Miller sought the aid of the police. And all the while Mr. Goerch was pacing Main street, and I am positive his thoughts were not the same adjectives he had used just a few minutes before.

As the group began to get desperate, up walked Policeman Patton. He was told the sad news. He took it calmly. Showed very little interest in the details, and when he was asked to help look for the stolen car, his answer caused no little concern, as he said: "The car ain't stolen, I have it. This man parked by a no parking sign early this morning and stayed there all day, so I carried the car to the city garage. It is up there now and he can get it for \$10.60."

Mr. Goerch swore he did not see the sign. In fact, he thought he had parked farther down the street, but this was futile as Policeman Patton pointed to a large sign on the sidewalk right where the Goerch car had been parked.

Nothing but \$10.60 seemed to be on Policeman Patton's mind, so the Raleigh visitor suggested that the matter be settled as he had to be on his way.

In the meantime Frank Miller introduced Mr. Goerch to Policeman Patton, but I'll always believe that the Raleigh man just grunted, anyway, he was relieved to know that his car was not stolen, yet \$10.60 seemed like a big price for overtime parking on Waynesville's Main street.

As a last resort, Charles Ray, offered to take Mr. Goerch to the city garage to get the car—and also generously pulled 60 cents from his pocket to apply on the fine—making it even money.

Just as Charles started off to the city garage with his down-hearted Mr. Goerch, the stern-faced policeman "spilled the beans."

"Your car is in the service station there," he pointed. "We're just having some fun."

Mr. Goerch looked at the laughing policeman. He looked at Charles Ray, and then at the service station—still no car, and then an assistant to R. E. O'Farrell, manager of the station, rolled up the door to the wash rack and there was the Goerch car, all washed and shinning.

The Raleigh editor got out. He

LETTERS to the Editor

Editor The Mountaineer: John Bragaw and I certainly appreciated the hospitality of you folks up there, and as a slight return for the favors shown us, I am going to boost Waynesville and the adjacent territory in every way I can. You can depend upon that.

The trip you folks gave us was the most wonderful I've even taken in the state. I enjoyed every minute of it, including the contact with your people and even the big fat policeman by the name of Patton.

CARL GOERCH, Raleigh.

PARK MUSEUM HELPED

Editor The Mountaineer: Mrs. John N. Shoobred has recently donated a collection of several hundred specimens of rocks and minerals to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Museum. This is a valuable addition to our collection of the minerals of Western North Carolina, and I wish to acknowledge, through your paper, the donation and to thank Mrs. Shoobred in behalf of the National Park Service for this material.

I wish to say also at this time, that something like a year prior to his death, Mr. Shoobred called me up to his office, and gave to me, for the museum, several valuable government reports pertaining to the Great Smokies area. These reports have long out of print, and I had been unable to secure them from any other source.

In making the donation, Mr. Shoobred, in a very magnanimous way, said to me that he had been opposed to the establishment of the park on broke into a laugh, and demanded to know who was at the bottom of it all, but before finding out, he shook his fist at Policeman Patton, promising to get even.

Then, he went on to say that he dared a one of those who framed the joke to ever come to Raleigh.

I had to admit that it was all my scheme, and that Harry Hall approved it while R. E. O'Farrell carried out the washing details, and Policeman Patton played his part as veteran actor.

I was in Raleigh Saturday, but took special care not to run into Mr. Goerch.

Along the POLITICAL FRONTS

Continued from page 1 condition that Reynolds reappeared in 1940 when it will attempt to elect governor. Reynolds will, and he will be the big shot in the election. He will be the coordinator of the smoother-down, the pacifier as Senator Simmons was in the year democratic regime.

Other dope: With the state steadily growing for nearly ten years the liberal group is due to come through to a majority almost any time now. By working with Reynolds 1938 their combined strength elect him, they think, and by with Reynolds' strength with them they can elect a governor and state organization. That would be the crashing point of the present machine.

The real dope: All perhaps could not happen, nothing more than the personalities of the candidates and the necessities of the machines at stake. But the issue will be Roosevelt, and the will be for or against the new deal. Both candidates will be lining up in importance beside the they are destined to raise. It is the first time the people of the state had a fair shot at that question.

Reynolds will be for the new in every known language. Hancock will be partly for it, partly against—he will have to take a clear stand on it and be reasonably against it he wishes to corral the anti-Roosevelt vote, which he does.

HANCOCK'S SUPPORT

Hancock will have the support of the democratic machine, the state conservative democrats, and almost those factions that elected Clyde Hoy as governor. However, parts of the machine will be looking toward him until it begins to appear that they must fight Reynolds to serve their control of state politics.

Reynolds will have his personal following, the federal democratic pointees in the state and their supporters which is more than is generally expected, and he will have the liberal new deal democratic support. Whether Hancock is nominated Reynolds the politicians see the possibility of an extreme shake-up party affairs in North Carolina.

By next spring, it was argued, liberal group in this state will be stronger men in its make-up than the past. The movement has been well organized, it has never been well organized, it has never been well organized, it has never been well organized, it has never been well organized.

Because the issue of party control is so involved in the next senate primary race, it was believed that campaign will be one of terrific nature. The grounds that it would tie up all the natural resources, timber products as well as timber products, the area included. On the other hand he had favored a national forest reserve, because from it both timber and minerals may be taken under government supervision. But, that the park idea had prevailed, hoped that I would accept his donation as an offset to any impediment the might have placed in the way of establishment of the park.

Other donations have been made from time to time, and it is through such generous interest-cooperation that sufficient material may be brought together to adequately set up the natural resources human history phases of the area our Great Smokies Museum. Yours very truly, H. C. WILBUR

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