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THE SENTELLE PAROLE

A proud Irish mother, watching a troop of soldiers swing down the street, strained her eyes for her marching son. Soon she spotted him, and after close observation, exclaimed: "Look, they are all out of step except my Mike."

That story can be well applied to the recent editorial published by The Mountaineer, under the caption: "Governor Hoey Is Not Consistent."

It seems that some other papers have found reason to differ with our "general" views. An editorial on the subject expressed from a different angle is being reprinted below, and was taken from The State, Raleigh.

The Mountaineer editorial had to do with the manner in which the governor commuted the jail sentence of R. E. Sentelle, who was charged with driving while drunk in Montgomery County. While our remarks did not tend to deal with Mr. Sentelle personally, and to that point we tried to make ourselves plain, we find that some people did not take our views in that light.

The editor of this paper does not believe that Mr. Sentelle was drunk. Every report on Mr. Sentelle is that he is now and always has been as dry as a powder keg. Needless to say, he was a victim of circumstances, and stood trial when his principal witnesses were absent.

Many of those who know Mr. Sentelle, and his sober habits, did everything possible to get the sentence commuted. The sentence was a fine of \$225 and 30 days in jail. His friends were positive that there was an error in the charges.

The State Magazine, in their editorial, under the heading, "The Sentelle Parole", had the following to say:

"Some months ago, R. E. Sentelle, former member of the legislature from Brunswick County, was arrested in Montgomery County on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated.

He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and the costs, but he gave notice of appeal and the case came up before Judge J. A. Rousseau in superior court.

The Judge immediately increased the fine to \$225, ordered suspension of Mr. Sentelle's driver's license for a year and, on top of all that, said that the Brunswick County man would have to go to jail for thirty days.

"We think that Judge Rousseau's action was unwarranted. In his zeal to uphold the law he went entirely too far. If the defendant had been a lowly Negro or cotton-mill worker, the chances are that the Judge would have let the sentence of the lower court stand. But it so happened that Mr. Sentelle had served in the legislature, that he had been ordained as a minister, that he was also a lawyer and well known throughout the State. So the Judge felt duty-bound to make a horrible example of him! In other words, Mr. Sentelle was being penalized for having been a prominent citizen.

"That wasn't justice: it was rank injustice. "We are glad that Governor Hoey recognized it as such and that Mr. Sentelle was not made to serve his jail sentence."

A JOB WELL DONE

The streets in the shopping districts of Waynesville present a cheerful, and colorful atmosphere. The holiday spirit has been increased many fold since the members of the town force decorated the streets with colored lights and many yards of evergreen rope.

After seeing the way in which some other towns have gone about preparing for the Christmas season, we should have renewed faith and pride in what our town officials have done for Waynesville.

EGGS, EGGS AND MORE EGGS

Western North Carolina imports forty per cent of all the eggs consumed. This statement comes from Paul A. Raper, newly named director of the poultry department of the Farmers Federation.

With eggs at only 20 cents a dozen, Mr. Raper points out that the farmers of this area are losing a good cash income, by letting something like four million dozen eggs be shipped into this territory.

A recent farm census showed that almost five million dozen eggs were produced in Western North Carolina, while about nine million dozen were consumed.

In getting down to single units, Mr. Raper figures that something like 100,000,000 eggs will be required each year for Western North Carolina to become self-sustaining from the standpoint of eggs and poultry.

The value of the eggs produced in 18 counties in this end of the state, in 1935, was \$1,000,000, the poultry expert said. This amount could have been increased forty per cent if sufficient eggs had been produced.

The fact that there is a ready market for eggs in this area is proven. While on the other hand, he says that the climate and other conditions in this section are favorable for poultry raising and egg production. The poultryman has a home market, and can easily compete with foreign markets.

With all these facts in mind, it seems only practical that there is a real opportunity for farm incomes to be increased by more egg production. Feeding poultry on grain, should bring in more revenue than selling the grain direct on the market.

AN EXPERIMENT FOR HAYWOOD

Seldom is there a term of civil court in Haywood County, but what there is a lawsuit pending for trial that is an outgrowth of a dispute over a boundary line. In recent years, there have been several suits that have been more than passing interest to the general public. And because Haywood is somewhat well versed in suits over land lines, we are reprinting a recent editorial from The Rotarian Magazine:

The story has been going the rounds of a city man who bought a farm. While examining the line fence which had been a source of much quarreling in the past, the neighboring farmer said:

"That fence is a full foot over on my land." "Very well," said the newcomer, "we shall set the fence over two feet on my side."

"Oh! But that is more than I claim," stammered the surprised farmer.

"Never mind; I would rather have peace with my neighbor than two feet of earth."

"That's sure fine of you," replied the farmer retractably, "but I couldn't let you do a thing like that. Let's not move the fence at all."

It is suggested that the next time you have a dispute about "rights," you try surprising the other fellow by giving him more than he claims, and then see what happens.

THE FIREWORKS LAW

It might be well to remind our readers at this time of one of the best pieces of local legislation ever made into a law—that particular law sponsored by Representative J. F. Cabe in the last session of the legislature which prohibits the sale of fireworks in Haywood County.

Not only is the sale of fireworks prohibited, but it is also against the law to shoot them in the County, unless special permission is granted by law enforcing officers and this last clause was inserted for the benefit of public celebrations such as Labor Day and Fourth of July.

No doubt there will be attempts made to bootleg fireworks into the county, and of course, once here, they will be shot.

Ample warning has been given, and the law should be followed to the letter to see that it is enforced.

WAYNESVILLE'S NEW ALDERMAN

The naming of J. W. Ray as a member of the board of aldermen of the town of Waynesville did not come as a complete surprise. It was apparent that Mr. Ray would likely get the place soon after it was learned that there would be a vacancy on the board.

Mr. Ray is not only a successful business man, and a community builder, but he has also had experience in serving on the county board of commissioners.

This is the second public office which Mr. Ray has held, and neither time was he elected by the people—both by appointment. That, in itself, speaks well for the new alderman.

He served on the board of commissioners about 18 months, and his record while a member of the Haywood governing group, no doubt, had much to do with his being named as a town alderman.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES By W. CURTIS RUSS

While hovering over a radiator trying to thaw out, in walked R. V. Erk, whistling like a bird in the spring, and after making some sarcastic remark about my chilly appearance, presented me with a beautiful framed picture of a summer mountain scene.

The picture was in one of his latest novelty woodwork ventures, and needless to say it made the picture show up more than ever. I have hung the picture near my desk and have been gazing at it for the last ten minutes trying to forget that there are snow flakes hitting the window on the other side of the desk.

After all, half of our ailments, and discomforts are more or less mental. Take for instance Monday afternoon. One of the members of the staff came in and reported the mercury down to 14. And immediately everyone began to shiver and get a long face about the cold. Up to that time, the weather had been given little thought.

During the remodeling of the plant, we were forced to erect a temporary stove in the office until the boiler could be replaced. Because of lack of time, the stove remains where we put it, but is not in use. To date, I do not recall a visitor that has come into the office but what made straight for the stove and stood near it, although not one bit of fire has been in the stove for over a week.

Perhaps that could be termed "from force of habit," or just imagination—which?

To say that Jim Massie is on his toes in the theatre business is putting it mildly. Have you ever stopped to check on the number of pictures that he gets here before near-by larger places?

In the past few months he has been booking so close to the release dates, that on several occasions he has had to make substitutions of pictures because the studios failed to get the pictures ready for release in time.

It is often the case of a small town, to get pictures many months after they have been released. Of course, to be able to get early releases over large towns means "being there on the job."

Regardless of the fact that E. K. Herman is an accountant, he is interested in machinery, particularly complicated machines like adding machines, linotypes and the like.

Not many people that are good accountants, care a hoot about machinery but he delights in discussing it, and more than that, he knows enough about it that he could pose as a machinist and get by with it.

Besides being interested in machinery, he is a student of football, and an authority on new rules and regulations. He is considered one of the best referees in Western North Carolina.

The toughest job a politician has is to find some way to correct a mistake without admitting he made one.

Two dictators could be called Hit and Miss.

These people who say you cannot make a million dollars honestly have evidently overlooked the Dionne quintuplets.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate (As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week)

- Beaverdam Township
J. L. Johnson, et ux, to H. C. Miller, et ux.
Jesse Wood, et ux, to C. L. Fish, et ux.
C. F. Worley, et ux, to George K. Worley, et ux.
M. J. Smathers, Girwood Smathers, et ux, to Claude E. Harkins, et ux.
- Catalochee Township
J. M. Caldwell, et ux, to Burn Leatherwood.
- Clyde Township
G. C. Varner, et ux, et al, to Carl Thompson.
R. B. Varner, et ux, et al, to Carl Thompson.
- Crabtree Township
J. R. Morgan, Tr., to Fannie Noland.
- East Fork Township
J. C. Sharp, et ux, to George R. Sharp.
- Pigeon Township
J. P. Blaylock, et ux, to Ed Thompson, et ux.
- Waynesville Township
J. R. Marcus to Will Smith, et ux.
J. A. Prevost, et ux, to Hester Anne Withers.
Lelia M. and Ray S. Cline to Hettie M. Massie.
J. R. Morgan, et ux, et al, to J. A. Prevost, et ux.
First Morse Realty Corp., to Lelia Gibson.
Haywood Home Building and Loan Assn., to J. P. Truitt, et ux.

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HEADLINES of The PAST

NINETEEN YEARS AGO
(From the files of December 5, 1918)
Local Government Hospital to be made permanent.
How county officers take notes.
Clyde Cullings of interest.
President and Mrs. W. C. Hoey leave for Peace Conference.
Camp Bragg wants 7,000 carpenters for construction work.
Letter from Corporal John Carter.

FIVE YEARS AGO
(From the files of December 1, 1932)
Red Cross drive nets \$159,991 for school costs are cut \$97,000 in the county.
Unagusta Manufacturing Co. increases force to 75.
Col. Robins was here before going to Balsam.
"Lord's Acre plan to be discussed at meeting."

ONE YEAR AGO
(From the files of November 26, 1936)
Library group holds district meeting.
Benefit ball will be staged Wednesday in junior high.
28 men wanted for naval service.
Try At Home Campaign continuing by Bethel students.
Mountaineers take Black Bears in Thrilling game.
Noted food expert to give demonstration.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The primary qualification of a diplomat is to be disarming, but don't get this confused with disarmament.

A wealthy society lady had engaged a new maid and was instructing her in the duties of waiting on the table.
"At dinner, Mary," she explained, "you must remember always to serve from the left and take the plate from the right. Is that clear?"
"Yes, Ma'am," answered the girl condescendingly. "What's the matter, superstitious or something?"

Insurance may provide a widow's living, but rarely so well as a living husband.

Somebody used to say that many a good hanging had prevented a bad marriage.

Two wrongs do not make a right when a drunken driver meets up with a drunken pedestrian.

Not everything appreciates like cars and Spring hats. Manhattan Island sold for \$24 and is probably still worth it.

Paying taxes is unpleasant enough, but living in a trailer to escape them isn't a painless way of doing it.

A married man is defined as one who uses two hands to steer the car. Usually two hands and two heads.

Someone is reported to have invented a silent radio. Now, he's got something there.

The thief who stole two swarms of bees in Charlotte, must have been a Japanese. He certainly likes to hang up trouble.

A GRAND FEELING

We met a friend on the street recently who was all smiles. He had just visited his doctor for a physical examination and had received an A-plus grade. He had good reason to be happy. It's a grand and glorious feeling to know there's nothing wrong with the old machine. But it's extremely important that we discover any unsuspected defect before it causes trouble. The only way to do this is by periodic health examination. Go to your doctor for a thorough examination at least once a year.

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