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### BIBLE THOUGHT

*Heaven into my voice and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.—Jeremiah 7:23.*

### RECKLESS HIGHWAY PATROLMEN

During the past two years we have traveled the highways of North Carolina from one end of the state to the other, and have come in contact with a number of reckless drivers, but never have we seen any driver that took such uncalled for chances as did a highway patrolman last Friday afternoon near Clyde.

This patrolman, coming towards Waynesville, traveling at excessive speed, cut in front of a car on a curve, and missed an approaching car by inches. The drivers of both private cars had to handle their cars with skill to keep from being hit by the speeding and reckless driver of the state car, who is supposed to protect motorists on the state highways, instead of endangering their lives.

We do not know who the patrolman was—neither do we care. We do know that he is not qualified to urge safety on the highways, if Friday's driving is an example of his everyday traveling, and he is probably just as unfit to enforce traffic laws—if he knows any of them.

The highway patrol has a definite place in the state. There is much good they can do, but when they assume the attitude of bigotry, and recklessness, right then and there the state would do well to abolish the entire set-up.

This particular patrolman might have been on an urgent call, but we cannot believe that duty demands of him to break every law of the road and ignore common sense even if speed was necessary.

Too often, officers clothed with authority, take advantage of those whom they are paid to protect, and then these same officers lament the fact that the public does not respect them.

### OUR SHRINKING MAP

Speeds that astounded our forefathers have passed into the molding realms of history. The pony express, the stage coach, the first locomotives are but dim memories of a colorful past. The constant demands for greater speed, for better service have meant but one thing, "Progress."

Our modern, giant airliners carrying hundreds of pounds of mail, passengers, and express can cover distances in a few hours that would have taken the pony express, carrying only a few letters, weeks to cover.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of our most recent step towards greater speed and better service, the week of May 15th through May 21st has been officially set aside as National Air Mail Week.

Only two decades ago, on May 15, 1918, the first Air Mail Service was established—a short line between New York and Washington, a distance of 218 miles. It was necessary for the service to operate in two relays with planes having a speed of only 80 miles per hour. Today flights of 1000 miles with hundreds of pounds of mail are a common occurrence. The little 218 mile air mail system has expanded in these few years to a system covering 62,826 miles. And during the last fiscal year planes flew over seventy million miles along these air lanes.

The use of Air Mail Service has been growing by leaps and bounds. 6,476,919 pounds of mail were transported in 1934 and 19,000,000 pounds in 1937. This astounding increase shows that, more and more, people are recognizing the great value of speed and are turning to the service that makes neighbors of those even at great distances.—Ex.

### BREVARD BRINGS HOME THE BACON

The most jubilant community in Western North Carolina today is Brevard—and rightly so, because they are soon to see rise in their midst, a \$2,000,000 paper mill, employing from three to four hundred people.

Such an enterprise as that for a community the size of Brevard will mean a complete change in community life. It will instill a new era economically, and tend to create an atmosphere of progressiveness.

Brevard's citizens worked hard to get the plant. They worked untiringly in the face of what looked like certain defeat at times. They have been liberally awarded for their efforts, and are due more credit than the world is prone to give such loyal citizens.

While the plant will be located at Brevard, the benefits will be far reaching, because Transylvania County cannot produce all the flax and wood needed in the manufacture of the cigarette paper which the plant will make. Even if they could, the entire section would soon feel the result of the manufacturing plant.

We rejoice with Brevard and our neighboring county in getting this enterprise. We look forward to the day when every town in Western North Carolina can have a steady payroll to supplement the tourist business. The two work hand in hand, and are inseparable for a well balanced community in this particular area.

Right here at Hazelwood, we have manufacturing plants, and one of the major tourist developments in the entire state. The two are less than a mile apart, yet instead of being detrimental to each other, they are distinct assets.

### GETTING US TOLD—WE HOPE

Tomorrow night at the Hotel Gordon, the Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet, with the promise from the officials of the organization, that concrete plans, and objectives will be presented, and "hot air" speeches will be banned.

The Chamber of Commerce has been criticized because of inactivity in some phases of work which some members believe essential to the growth and development of the community. Constructive criticism usually brings about a betterment of a situation, and certainly all that has been said was meant as such.

And right along this line, The Mountaineer wishes to recommend to the citizens of this community, the speaker of the occasion—Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, he is a speaker who gives facts and does not mince his words, whether it be praise or condemnation. He is familiar with what Waynesville needs, and even though a guest speaker, we know enough of him to look forward to hearing some constructive criticism, such as we need, and not just a flowery speech about our climate, air and water, which is the usual chamber of commerce style.

Mr. Roberts is qualified to point out what a small community needs, and this newspaper trusts that he goes the limit in so doing.

### NATIONAL HOSPITAL DAY

Today is national Hospital Day, the one day in the year designated to present the significance of the institutions to the people they serve.

The observance of Hospital Day, affords an opportunity for the citizens to realize the importance of caring for sick and injured patients that could not be adequately served at home or the office of physicians.

In the United States, more than 700,000 patients are cared for daily in the hospitals. Practically every hospital in the country is filled to capacity every day in the year.

What better proof do we need that Hospitals are vital to our every-day lives?

### TWO MINUTE SERMON

BY THOMAS HASTWELL

#### IF WE BUT HAVE FAITH

In Palm Sunday Christ entered Jerusalem a conqueror, hailed as a king. The crowds greeted him with songs and honored him and strewed palms in his pathway. The procession was indeed a regal one. A point we often overlook in our study of the triumphal entry, I think, is that Christ knew at the time that within less than a week he would be crucified, and that many who then sung hosannas would be shouting, "crucify him," "crucify him." A short time before he stood on the hills overlooking Jerusalem and wept because of her indifference, because of her blindness, and her inability to see and understand. Before the triumphal entry he had made his decision that he would go all the way to the cross, and though the triumphal entry, with its pagan splendor, was the sign of an earthly conqueror and king, the real battle had been fought in his heart and the real victory won in his soul. In the very shadow of the cross he had conquered defeat and was prepared to go to his death triumphantly and gloriously. We need today, in these strenuous times, more of this spirit to conquer temporary defeat and the courage to look ahead to the victory tomorrow. Christ still lives undefeated, and we too, can look ahead undefeated by any discouragement or difficulty, or hardship, and emerge victorious—if we have faith.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN



## Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. Curtis Russ

The world seems to have gone publicity crazy. No one knows this better than an editor, because their desks are piled high after every mail with every type of publicity matter ever heard of.

I was away from the office over the week-end, and I was so surprised to find so much propaganda awaiting my attention, that instead of shoving it in the wastebasket, I stacked it aside to take inventory and just see what two day's mail had brought, and here is what I found:

- 1—Twenty pages of Congressional Record from Congressman Walter George, on cottonseed oil, oleomargarine and butter.
- 2—Three page letter from National Underwriters.
- 3—Long story of World's Fair exhibits, praising work of one man.
- 4—Buick Motor Company's regular heavily padded envelope of free advertising.
- 5—Two other motor company's claims of car records.
- 6—Two sets of speeches from Senator Reynolds—yes, two of each speech.
- 7—TVA's daily news letter, about a Mississippi power sale—long and dry.
- 8—N. C. Employment list of weekly accomplishments.
- 9—Behind the scenes of American business, a regular propaganda letter.
- 10—A disgruntled politician sends in his views from Washington on a Pacific Coast project.
- 11—A speech from national Democratic headquarters.
- 12—More world's fair publicity.
- 13—A fertilizer company to crash the columns with a picture of their plant, although they don't sell in this county.
- 14—A speech on traffic by a bank president—over 29 printed pages.
- 15—Letters from United Council for civilian relief in China asking for editorial support.
- 16—Listing of dates of clinics in eastern part of state from health department.
- 17—News article from a nearby Chamber of Commerce, setting forth their water, climate and air as unsurpassed in Eastern America.
- 18—Another congressional speech.
- 19—A money-making organization exploiting the good they are doing in North Carolina, giving permission to use publicity story.
- 20—Propaganda from one of many commissions in Raleigh.
- 21—Two more letters from state agencies in Raleigh—no news in either, but it keeps someone a job, and helps Uncle Sam in postage.
- 22—Tax Research Institute sends in story of their work.
- 23—Distillers Research praise their work.

All of these, to say nothing of the usual amount of mail, circulars, etc.

### Your Horoscope

May 7, 8, 9—You would make a good horticulturist as you have very artistic ideas along this line. You are crafty, obstinate, with much doggedness when it comes to things that pertain to your own interest. Though you can show much affection you are very hard to please. You like sports of all kinds, are sociable and like to attend public gatherings.

May 10, 11—The beautiful and artistic appeal to you and you work to make your home beautiful. You read a great deal and get all the information you can on different subjects, as you like to know what is going on in

the world about you, giving your opinion on subjects and getting other people's views. You love art, poetry and music. You would make a good florist.

May 12, 13, 14—You would make a good lawyer as you have a keen intellect and absorb the things you learn. What people say or think should not bother you—just set your goal and go after it and things will come your way. You are always looking to better conditions though you do not always succeed in doing so. You should learn to stay at one thing and your venture would prove more successful.

### MARRIAGES

Sam Wright to Wanda Anders.

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## Friday The 13th!

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