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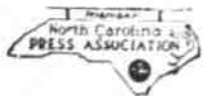
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### LEAVING HOME TO MARRY

We are inclined to think that when the next Legislature meets in Raleigh, there will be a lot of talk about the marriage law passed by the 1939 law making body.

It is a fine law regulating the sale of marriage licenses. It is in keeping with the progress which has carried the North Carolina Board of Health forward in health work of the nation.

But it is a case of giving your children good advice, and having them lead off by the neighbor's broods. For Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee have no such restrictions, and the couples are flocking over the line to take their vows.

We thought the record in Haywood was startling enough, but now comes the complaint from Ashe County, that while they sold 235 licenses in 1938 they sold only 45 in 1939, and they were in the spring before the law went into effect in April.

We would hate to see the law repealed so we hope that some smart legislator will know how to amend it so that the couples will have to get married at home. At least he would stand a good chance running for a state office afterward, for he would get the vote of one hundred register of deeds and their followers.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Plans are going forward for another celebration of the President's birthday with a ball and also collection of dimes for the fight against infantile paralysis.

No mother or father can refuse to contribute something to this great cause, for there are few diseases known to man that starts terror in the hearts of parents quicker than the thought of infantile paralysis and its far reaching results.

This year the need seems to have increased, and in recognition a larger per cent of the funds raised are to be kept in the communities—fifty per cent this year against smaller amounts of other years.

Infantile paralysis is no respecter of persons. It may attack the child that has been shielded by the love and care of all that home and loving parents can give. No family or community is free from the danger of an attack of this great destroyer of life and its crippling results.

In this county, the money that is kept, is used to buy braces and other supplies for the children who are brought to the crippled clinic, which is held each week at the Haywood County Hospital, with the doctor in charge giving his services free to those who need it.

The increase in the number of cases in this county is a distressing fact. Last year four times as many cases of infantile paralysis were reported during the summer of 1939 as there were during the same period of the preceding year.

Nearly 47,000 cases were recorded during the first 7 weeks of the year as against 1,700 for the whole country in 1938.

Organizations are being set up in the counties in this state, as throughout the nation. Included in the drive in this county will be various parties celebrating the President's birthday, a March of Dimes, a March of Sport, and birthday greetings to the president, with dimes attached, as well as the grand ball in Canton.

### WHERE OUR MONEY GOES

Americans must be "getting very soft" if how they spend their money is any indication. Recent reports show that less than one-half the money spent by Americans goes for the so-called necessities of life. Around 55 per cent is used to buy goods or services that are usually classed as luxuries, or at least not essential to health and life.

### SECRETS WILL BE OUT

Since New Year's Day, all foods, drugs, and cosmetics moving in interstate commerce have been required to bear labels listing all the ingredients they contain. They cannot be listed in Latin or technical language either, but in plain everyday English that the average American man and woman can understand.

It is the result of the years of insistence of women of the country who lobbied at the capitol for years against powerful manufacturers' groups. For years women's organizations have written and bombarded Congressmen and Senators in the interest of this information about what they were buying.

The local women's groups, the Woman's club have also had their share in the work. The National League of Women voters, the American Home Economic groups, and dozens of others have followed in the work.

Large numbers of women consumers have taken advantage of the invitation in the law to assist the secretary of agriculture in setting up certain food standards.

At a recent request women even brought their babies to a hearing called to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on what ice cream should "reasonably" consist of.

One of the results of the women's activities may be the disclosure of the ingredients of the popular Coca-Cola. Twice in the last 30 years the food and drug administration has seized and analyzed shipments of the drink to investigate the possibility of a drug content, but it has never found sufficient grounds for prosecution.

It is said that products whose labels are embossed or blown in the bottle have an extra six months to conform to the Food and Drug Law.

False bottoms in candy boxes, cans of peas and tomatoes that are not filled generously, cartons much too large for tiny bottles of vanilla they may contain, are all tabooed from now on.

In other words when you put cold cream on your face at night or powder your nose, you can know just what went into the stuff.

If there is any drug of forming a habit nature in any food or drink warning will be printed on the package.

### "DEATH AFTER DARK"

According to the National Street and Highway Lighting Safety Bureau, night driving accounts for 60 per cent of highway fatalities.

In view of the fact that only one-quarter to one-third of the traffic is moving after dark, these figures hold an alarming warning to those who ride at night.

The Bureau claims that more could have been done to decrease the accidents after dark, if accident research and safety education had recognized the fatal handicap that inadequate visibility places on the motorist and pedestrian when night falls.

The Bureau points out that the inability to see in the dark is one thing that cannot be blamed on the motorist, the remedy lies in providing adequate visibility. Automobile manufacturers, in adopting the new "sealed beam" lighting system as standard equipment on almost all makes of cars, have contributed materially to safer night driving, it is claimed.

It is also pointed out that the majority of night accidents occur in main city thoroughfares and in the heavily traffic districts.

### TIME TO TAKE CENSUS

With the ushering in of 1940, will come the census taker. Already enumerators have started to take the census of business and manufacturing plants, which will be completed in about six months.

On April the first the census of population, agriculture and housing will start, and be completed in a surprisingly short time we are told, by those working for Uncle Sam in this department.

More than one city is impatiently waiting to crow over its rival in the matter of population, if it makes a better showing in 1940 than it did back in 1930. We recall how Charlotte and Winston-Salem came out in 1930—much to the surprise of the average North Carolinian.

The taking of the census which first recorded merely the ages and population has grown to an enormous survey of all phases of life and reflects many facts relative to the changing times.

For instance in Waynesville and Haywood County, as in other sections, back in 1900 there were livery stables and blacksmith shops instead of garages.

Manufacturing plants have sprung up and farming activities of 1940 belong to another world than those now practiced in Haywood County.

But time with its steady trend marches on in the lives of men and women, who are ten years older than the last census of 1930 which should make all persons feel like taking stock along with the nation as to the trend in their lives.

### Here and There

—By—  
 HILDA WAY GWYN

Judging from comments heard in Haywood County it would appear that had the wife of Willis Smith . . . generally accepted . . . candidate for governor, but as this is written still unannounced . . . had lived and gone to school in all the counties of North Carolina . . . Willis would simply take a walk to the Governor's mansion . . . without any signs of struggle . . . in fact merely drive over from his hospitable and gracious home in Raleigh to the mansion for a four year's residence . . . rather than travel the rough and uncertain political highway of N. C. . . . for from all the reports there will be more "traffic" than desired by most of the candidates . . . we have heard scores of persons say . . . in speaking of the gubernatorial race . . . "Well, you know I will have to vote for Dolly Lee's husband . . . I have always known Dolly" . . . we heard one county official say recently . . . "No, I don't know Willis Smith . . . but I went to school with his wife . . . and I will never forget how nice and friendly Dolly was . . . to me . . . and to everybody . . . Her husband has my vote regardless who runs."

We were reminded during the snow of how times were changed . . . since we were young . . . a sled was one of the most popular items in a Santa Claus letter in our day . . . and always there went the request . . . a silent prayer that snow would fall ere Christmas morning . . . but winters have grown milder . . . and children in these parts have not known much of the fun of coasting . . . one rarely sees a sled in the shops . . . nor many home made ones, which were really more substantially built . . . watching the sport on East street and other hill-sides . . . brought back memories . . . of the days when we trudged up hills . . . for a second's thrill of going down . . . more often to tumble in the snow at the end . . . and those cotton stockings . . . two pairs . . . they made us wear . . . one the regular pair and the other pulled over shoes and all . . . halfway above the knees . . . (you may remember them . . . if you ever had to wear them) . . . we notice that while there have been changes . . . the rising generation still has a lot in common with what we were then . . . for one thing . . . they never know when they are cold . . . though they are freezing and shivering . . . they will not admit it . . . in order to stay out of the "last minute" . . . we also had just that much "sense."

We were a "bit" down . . . at this season it seems such a long stretch until skies are blue and the sun warm in these hills . . . and ahead lies March . . . which happens to be our most unwelcome month . . . we had finished reading the vacation section of the New York Times . . . with the alluring descriptions of cruises . . . luxurious . . . in balmy climates . . . of sunny beaches . . . we could almost feel the warm sand between our toes . . . of tropical nights . . . and yet we knew full well that it would not be necessary for us to leave a forwarding address with Major Howell at the Waynesville post office . . . so we tossed the New York Times aside in utter disgust . . . as bad influence for a spot of "restlessness" . . . and we were in perfect mood to react to the following which appeared on the editorial page of the Reidsville Review . . . which we chanced to pick up . . .

"Need a vacation? . . . Certainly . . . and not next month or next summer. . . . But now . . . What's more you don't need a vacation that the boss gives you (which was just what we thought we needed) . . . but one that you take yourself . . . Everyone ought to have a vacation every day . . . and with planning and wit he can put into short intervals all the essentials of a protracted holiday . . . so reasons Dr. William Moulton Marston . . . a distinguished psychologist in the current Rotarian magazine . . . too many of us dwell in the grip of routine and preoccupation . . . Dr. Marston admonishes, "but with a bit of scheming we can change the scene, the pace, and the habit of our daily lives without breaking appointments, being late or loafing . . . mere cessation of work, aimless relaxation aren't enough . . . author says . . . because vacations include seeing new faces . . . getting new viewpoints . . . doing different and exciting things . . . rekindling that

### THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



### Voice of The People

What aid, if any, do you think the United States should give Finland at this time?  
 Dr. Dudley W. Smith—"I think that the United States should give both material and moral aid to Finland at this time."  
 J. E. Barr—"I think the United States should give Finland moral and some financial support, if not in violation of our Neutrality Act. I do not think the United States should do anything that might involve us in war."  
 Ralph Prevost—"I am in sympathy with the cause of Finland, but if we want to help them, I am in favor of giving them aid instead of making them a loan, that might not be paid back."  
 Dan Watkins—"The country has my deepest sympathy, but whether or not the government should give them aid at this time, I hesitate to say."  
 Mary Ashworth Barber—"I am in favor of giving them aid in the form of food supplies and some financial support, and if possible munitions, if we can do so without breaking the provisions of the Neutrality Act."  
 Chas. D. Ketner—"I think there should be some aid given the Finns, but I would prefer that it be donated by individuals through relief funds, rather than through a government loan."  
 Dr. R. Stuart Roberson—"I feel that we should give Finland as much as possible without harming our neutrality."  
 Dr. I. B. Funke—"I think it alright to give them aid, with the exception of munitions."  
 L. M. Richeson—"I am in favor of helping Finland only to the extent of what our Neutrality permits. I am absolutely opposed to interfering in European affairs. We sent our men over there in 1917 to help make the world safe for Democracy, yet today these same nations are at war again. And this present war will not make the world safe for Democracy unless the victors treat more fairly with the vanquished, than they did at the treaty of Versailles, which treaty, in my opinion is the cause which has led up to the present conflict."  
 Rev. J. S. Hopkins—"I think the American people should do their best in gifts to the Finnish relief, but I do not think it right for our government to levy additional taxes in order to loan money to a foreign nation to fight a foreign war."



### UNCLE JOE HAS A BLUE MONDAY

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 "Uncle Joe and Aunt Judy had a good time over at the home of Uncle Joe's mother. She hadn't seen them in a long time, and she was so glad to have them visit her that she fixed up more good things to eat than you ever heard of. It took them a long time to get through with their supper, but after a while they finished and went into the sitting room for a good talk.  
 "Now, son," said Mammy, (that's what Uncle Joe called his mother), "I reckon that you have done lots of things since you were here, and I want you to tell me all about them. The last time you were here, you told me about having lots of trouble with a bear and a coon and some other wild animals that would eat up your chickens and pigs and things. Do they keep on bothering you?"  
 "Well, they did give me lots of trouble till a while ago," said Uncle Joe. "I used to sleep with my gun by my head every night, because I didn't ever know when Blackie Bear would come and get a chicken or a goose or a pig; but then I haven't had any more trouble. And I have a mighty good dog, and now I can sleep good every night. Nobody in the world could come in my yard when Howler is there."  
 The next day was Sunday, and Mammy had just the best dinner she could fix, and they all had a good time. Uncle Joe would keep talking about his good dog at home, and how he knew he was looking after his things while the master was away. Early Monday, Mammy was up and had them a good breakfast, and they were soon on the way back home.  
 It was away along toward dinner time when they got in sight of home. Howler, who was shut up in the back porch, heard them coming, and he began to howl like somebody was beating him to death.  
 "I wonder why Howler isn't out at the gate," said Uncle Joe. "He sounds like he is under the house. Mighty funny for him to howl like that and not come out here to meet us." By this time they had come to the gate, and he saw the note that Blackie had tacked up there.  
 "What's that?" Uncle Joe said, as he went to open the gate. "It looks like somebody has been fooling around here while we were gone."  
 He went up to the gate and read the note, "Compliments of Blackie Bear," and the rest of it. And here he called, "Here, Howler, Here, Here!"  
 But Howler only howled the louder, and he didn't come.  
 Then Uncle Joe opened the gate, and Aunt Judy drove the donkey into the yard. He told her to drive on over to the barn, and he would go and see what was the matter with Howler.  
 Some people might say that Uncle Joe opened the for Aunt Judy to drive the donkey through,

### LETTER to the Editor

Editor The Mountaineer  
 In the article about the spider appearing in the issue of The Mountaineer, S. Brimley, nationally known entomologist, is quoted as saying that the Black Widow has a red mark on its back according to the National Geographic, on her stomach there is any marking at all back Prof. Brimley and graphic have not been the same kind of Black Widow. MILDRED COMYN CRAWFORD  
 Jan. 18, 1940.

### General Haywood

In Looking Over The  
 GETS A FEW THINGS OF A WIDE INTEREST OFF HIS WITH LETTERS  
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 nesville who do not know is a tourist community before name. Neither do they wonderful climate which tion enjoys, nor do they slightest idea of the below scenic points of interest to be reached within a few drive from Waynesville. of no other community situated so far as climate and roads to the points as is Waynesville.  
 Our Chamber of Commerce, as in years past, is a fine group of public men who are going to spend hours of their time during 1940 to make Waynesville more desirable place to visit and play. They are going forth every effort to make tourist travel in this section one of our largest industries.  
 Now, Mr. Business Manager you are one of our merchants or operating a professional man, should with our new C. of C. office, freely of your time and of the financial support can possibly give.  
 In the past we have some have criticized the of the C. of C. and those with it. Those connected management of this organization in the past have had and this will be true as human beings are at the your C. of C., so, why these little faults and in for the C. of C. and no it? If each of you will feel sure that by the end you will be referring to C. and not "their C. of C. have in the past. Also cash register will have more tourist dollars that year just past.  
 GENERAL HAYWOOD

### Letter To General Haywood

Dear General Haywood—  
 I read with a great deal of interest your comments in Jan. 18th Mountaineer regarding the trip to Florida to boost Carolina. Whether or not as pointed out in your is the proper spot for I will not attempt to say ever, I do want to point encouraging point, the stated by you, this is in many years that the of Western N. C. have on one program to sell to any prospective tourist I feel, is most encouraging will probably recall that a group of energetic young men held several meetings in Asheville and one in Bryson to bring together communities of W. N. C. in active publicity program hope that the Florida tour the beginning of such a campaign.  
 A LOYAL SUPPORTER

but Jay Bird says he nearly open, and that he nearly down, as he really growled pliments of Blackie Bear thought he was dead and Aunt Judy drove on the yard, and Uncle Joe slam gate and hurried around the door.  
 (To be continued)

LICENSE REVOKED  
 The drivers' license of D. Haney, of Route one, was recently revoked after was convicted in Canton court of driving while drunk.