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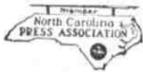
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Pigeon Road

While there has been quite a difference of opinion and still is, as to the advisability of making Highway No. 284 a WPA project, we think that there will be a feeling of relief over the fact that the matter is at last definitely settled and that the county and Waynesville in particular, will be getting the benefits very much earlier than has seemed possible over a much improved highway.

Many were of the opinion that funds spent on the old road, were a waste of money and that a new location, and a highway of standard specification was necessary to carry the traffic over this route and that a project such as has been let on the road would block permanently any better type of road construction.

It was definitely pointed out that it would be years before funds would be available to complete such a road from Woodrow into Waynesville and from Cruso to Wagon Road Gap to the intersection with the Parkway—there being only a limited amount of money that could be allocated to this road each year.

In view of these facts, others thought it the wiser policy to accept the present allotment in order that the town and county might be getting the benefit of the improved highway.

According to the present survey, many dangerous curves will be eliminated, and a 20-foot surface of crushed stone and asphalt top surface will be put down which will undoubtedly make a very serviceable and satisfactory road.

Regardless of these two different lines of thought, we feel sure that a great majority of the people will be gratified to know that this debated question is at last settled and the work definitely underway.

Another Slogan

Frankly, we do not like the new slogan, "Fighting Funds For Finland." Not that we do not have the greatest sympathy and admiration for the Finnish people, who are engaged in a death struggle with a nation so vastly superior in man power, wealth and natural resources that no matter how valiantly they fight there is only one final result possible, that of ultimate disaster and total destruction.

We wonder whether or not it is the humane thing to do to provide funds to carry on a hopeless struggle that takes its daily toll of life or to conserve these funds that we gladly give to a heroic people to rehabilitate their recovery when Russian wrath has spent its fury. We are not sure, but what the original Finnish Relief Fund is the better slogan of the two.

Birthdays

On January the 30th, two world famous figures observed their birthday anniversaries. They were miles removed from each other, not only in the location of their residents, but also in their sentiments.

One was Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States. The other was Adolf Hitler, of Germany. They both held celebrations.

As one writer aptly expressed it: "From the White House, came a kindly firm plea for a renewed attack on infantile paralysis, a disease that once brought death to many."

"From Berlin came another kind of message for another kind of battle—a bitter hateful sordid promise of a bigger and better war, with more deaths, more cruelty."

"We in Germany," said Hitler, "have seen enough of democratic ideals."

"And we in America have seen altogether too much of Nazi methods. We still like our kind of war better—war against death and disease."

Now The Telephone

Now that it seems more than probable that the greater part of the county will soon be serviced by a system of Rural Electric lines, bringing electricity even into some of the most remote sections, the next great step forward in our opinion would be a rural telephone system.

To what extent, if any the electric light poles may be used for this purpose, we cannot say, but it would seem possible for some cooperative arrangement to be worked out between the light co-operatives and the telephone company.

The fact that electric service will more than likely soon be available, makes it all the more important that telephone service be rendered also.

Any trouble on the lines, storms or accidents could be immediately reported, while with no telephone service it might take several hours to report. This is merely a consideration.

The many other advantages of a rural telephone system are too numerous to mention and familiar to everyone. We hope this question will be given due consideration when, and if, contracts are let for the construction of the proposed electric lines.

Another Good Sign

Among the reports of activities over the state during the past year, that of the 163 building and loan associations seems to hold deep significance, of the true state of affairs, and reflects a substantial background of general conditions.

The total loans amounted to \$20,826,554 during the year, with which 12,726 homes were built, purchased or reconditioned. Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney, reported last week. It was the largest amount loaned any year since 1930.

"Cash on hand and in banks together with government and state Bonds amounted to approximately \$3,700,000, or nearly four and a half per cent of total assets, which is regarded as very satisfactory," Commissioner Boney reports.

"These annual statements on the basis of which the consolidated report is compiled are received from associations located in all sections of North Carolina. The information reflected indicates very clearly a decided increase in the sale of real estate and the building and purchase of homes. The continued satisfactory growth of these local home financing and thrift institutions is very pleasing and is the result of the public's recognition of the services and facilities available through the building and loan associations," according to Mr. Boney.

The local Haywood Building and Loan Association also came in for some of the increase noted in the state. It had a net earning of 7 1/4 per cent for the year 1939 and made \$86,811 in loans, while \$23,369 was paid in matured stock, showing a net gain of \$63,000.

Simple English

One thing most of us in the United States may be thankful for in this difficult world is that we do not have to learn English. It sounds simple enough as we speak it, but The Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger presents a sample of conversation which indicates in a rough way what difficulties boys and girls, and men and women trying to learn this language must face. Here it is:

"I begin to understand your language better," said my French friend, "but your verbs trouble me still. You mix them up so with the prepositions.

"I saw your friend, Mrs. Berky, just now," he continued. "She says she intends to break down her school earlier than usual. Am I right there?"

"Break up her school,' she must have said."

"Oh, yes, break up her school."

"Why does she do that?" I asked.

"Her health is broken away."

"Broken down?"

"Oh yes. And indeed, since fever has broken in in her town?"

"Broken out."

"She thinks she will leave it for a few weeks."

"Will she leave her house alone?"

"No, she is afraid it will be broken—broken—how do I say that?"

"Broken into. . . Is her son to be married soon?"

"No, that engagement is broken—broken—how do I say that?"

"Broken off."

"She is very sorry about it. Her son only broke the news forth to her last week. Am I right? I am anxious to speak English well!"

"He merely broke the news; no preposition this time."

"It is hard to understand. That young man, her son, is a fine young fellow—a broker, I think?"

"A broker, and a fine one. Good day."

The next boy or girl who says anything about French being a hard language to learn ought to be ashamed of himself.

Here and There

—By—
 HILDA WAY GWYN

We have always been on the defensive for youth . . . we have not forgotten the dreams and restlessness of this age . . . we have taken this position by word of mouth and in print . . . and we have often admitted the many mistakes made by the elder generation for the oncoming one to correct . . . and undo, if they can . . . but after the accounts of the Congress . . . we find our position weakening somewhat . . . if reports are true . . . the deliberations of the congress were mostly echoes of bad manners and growing pains . . . immature . . . and short sighted . . . this may be a free country . . . but youth must always travel the road of discipline . . . and go through the process of character foundation building . . . before it has earned the right to sit in the seats of the critic . . . a steady foundation is very important to character . . . all through life . . . it will have more than one knock . . . even earthquakes . . . and it can be shaken so easily . . . and once out of position . . . is hard to get back in line . . . and no one knows better than the adult that it takes eternal vigilance to keep . . . character steady . . .

The youth of today is free . . . so free, that they know not the meaning of the word . . . their ambition . . . judging from the congress . . . is to cut loose from all old safe moorings . . . only maturity and its responsibilities will teach youth that they failed to enjoy freedom . . . when it was theirs in abundance . . . Youth will also have to learn that to wrest from life its riches and desirable things . . . one must fight not only with words, but with deeds . . . and the last can rarely be obtained by running rough shod over everything in sight . . . with tolerance to no man . . . at least what is obtained by this method will never be of satisfying value . . .

Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home agent, has a very interesting office . . . naturally it breathes a domestic air . . . and in our rounds for news . . . it is very restful and pleasant to encounter a feminine note . . . not so long ago we were waiting to get a story . . . and our eyes fell on the following clipping . . . which we copied while we waited . . . it offers a tip not only to the new bride . . . but to the seasoned wife of long standing . . . who should know its wisdom . . . but who sometimes fails to put it into practice . . .

"HOW TO COOK A HUSBAND"
 . . . A good many husbands are entirely spoiled by mismanagement in cooking and so are not tender and good . . . some women keep them too constantly in hot water . . . others freeze them . . . others put them in a stew . . . others keep them constantly in a pickle
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IN LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

General Haywood

GETS A FEW THINGS OF COUNTY-WIDE INTEREST OFF HIS MIND WITH LETTERS

Waynesville Board of Aldermen:—
 When you adopted the schedule of license and franchise taxes on June 13, of last year, there was included a \$10 fee on all sound trucks operating on the streets.

Since that time, the attorney general has ruled that such licenses are invalid and cannot be collected. Of course, I agree that this is debatable, but nevertheless, his ruling stands.

Through the press, the citizens of the state have been warned that some gubernatorial candidates are going to resort to the extensive use of sound trucks during the coming campaign.

I am sure you will remember in 1938 when a congressional candidate in this district used the same method of campaigning, and how the nerves of those who could not get away from the harsh mechanical bellowing were almost frazzled after a "speech."

In recent months, some traveling preachers have stopped here long enough to use this method of

preaching on the streets, and the last one could be heard from the court house to the post office—but mind you, not distinctly, but just a blurred nerve-racking, penetrating noise.

I suggest, that for the peace, and quiet of the community, that you pass at once, an ordinance prohibiting the use of sound trucks on the streets of Waynesville, and thereby eliminate all this useless noise.

Such an ordinance would be a simple thing to enact, and would mean so much to the citizens who enjoy the peace and quiet of this town.

Those who would care to listen to the campaigners would much prefer to sit comfortably in the court room and listen, rather than stand on the street and have their attention diverted by traffic.

I believe I can speak for the community at large, that all would welcome such a move on your part.

Yours for quiet,
 GENERAL HAYWOOD.

Voice of The People

Who in your opinion is the outstanding citizen in North Carolina today?

Robt. V. Welch—"I would say Congressman Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the ways and means committee in the United State Congress."

James S. Queen—"Governor Clyde R. Hoey. The reasons why I consider him such are obvious."

Chas. E. Ray, Jr.—"Immediately comes to my mind Josephus Daniels, Quickly also Governor Clyde Hoey. But if you mean that citizen who constructively in a quiet way is contributing most to the welfare of North Carolina, I nominate Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer. For a lifetime he has struggled in a private capacity, and effectively, that farm life should be sufficiently prosperous and happy that every farmer should be a substantial creditable citizen. Just now with more than a reasonable chance to become Governor he has chosen to continue working for the South as a private citizen."

Mrs. Will A. Hyatt—"Congress-

man Robt. L. Doughton."

M. M. Noland—"I would say Governor Clyde R. Hoey."

"J. Harden Howell—Josephus Daniels, United State Ambassador to Mexico."

Dr. Sam L. Stringfield—"Josephus Daniels, editor and present United States Ambassador to Mexico."

Alvin Ward—"My thoughts fail to center on any one outstanding North Carolinian at the moment, but Senator Bailey is perhaps the outstanding man in public affairs."

Captain George Plott—"The outstanding citizen in the state to me, is Brigadier General Don Scott, both soldier and citizen."

Dr. W. H. Limer—"Josephus Daniels."

Claude Rogers—"I think of a good many, but I will settle on Clyde R. Hoey."

W. C. Allen—"Josephus Daniels is the most outstanding citizen today, in my opinion."

Rubbing is hard on fabrics, so when you wash let soap rather than friction, do the work. You will thus spare yourself and the garment in the washthb. Also remember that the longer soiled clothes or household linens go unwashed, the harder they will be to get clean.

Paste a map in the middle of an old window shade, on the inside. Roll up the shade and put it in the children's room, on the wall or inside a closet door. When the children are studying they can pull down the shade and there is their map—just like the big roller maps at school.

ALL THE NEWS FROM THE BASEBALL FRONT!

