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Candidates Cover Ground

It is interesting to note that the two gubernatorial candidates most frequently mentioned in Western North Carolina are the two that have taken time off and made the rounds of hand shaking in this area.

We do not believe for a moment that the handshaking candidates necessarily win, but in this instance, it appears that it will take more than a political bomb to dislodge the names of these two men from the minds of the voters in this section.

Before the primary in May, the other six candidates will do doubt put in good time here, but it will take a lot to over-come the lead which Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Broughton already have—especially in Haywood.

The Mountaineer has said before, that the west is too often forgotten, and this time it is those candidates who make themselves known in this section that will have high figures when the mountain county votes are counted.

Some politicians feel that so long as they can stay in Raleigh and mix and mingle with the big-wigs that their battle is won. For 1940, we feel that the here-to-fore ignored voter will cast the deciding votes.

Secy. Wallace Speaks

In discussing foreign markets for American goods and products, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace recently made the following remark which to our mind is food for thought.

He said, "The unfulfilled needs of our own people constitute the largest potential market for American Industry."

In these few words the secretary points out both a condition and a remedy. Undoubtedly there are millions of our own people whose standards of living should be raised and in the process of raising these standards immense quantities of commodities would be marketed and surplus products absorbed.

Replacement production would necessarily follow, which would mean employment and new buying power. A very happy solution to our economic distress, if it could be done.

A higher wage bracket, particularly in the South would seem to be the first step, and an intensive educational campaign for better standards of living, the second.

The idea is by no means the idle dream of an idealist, but is economically sound and worthy of serious thought and consideration.

Ten Per Cent

An increase in the number of drunken drivers involved in fatal accidents in North Carolina in 1940 is a matter which cannot be ignored by the public. Figures compiled by the State Highway Patrol show that more than 10 per cent of such drivers were intoxicated whereas the year before the percentage was only seven.

Since any increase in drunken driving is a matter connected directly with the laws designated to control the consumption of liquor in North Carolina it would be highly informative if the drunken driving figures were broken down into a division between wet and dry counties so the public could ascertain the effect, if any, of this unfortunate practice of the operation of A. B. C. stores.

It is noteworthy, however, that the most scientific means we have of probing into the cause of accidents still reveal intoxicated driving as a minor cause of them.

The biggest killer on North Carolina's roads remains the driver who has not had a drink in more than a week but who is intoxicated with the thirst for speed and who operates his machine faster than road and traffic conditions justify.—Fayetteville Observer.

Small Porkers Preferred

Hog-killing is about over, and like every other undertaking, farmers are looking around to see who had the biggest porker for the year.

While the honors might make a man's chest swell with pride, it is far from practical to raise big hogs. The cost is not justified for the quality of meat produced.

The farmer who goes into the business of raising hogs for a profit will kill them before they eat up the profit. And the buyer of pork prefers the tender juicy meats, rather than hams or other parts from an over-grown rooster.

Big hogs make a good show while alive, but are not so much to brag about when the meat gets to the table—and that's what counts.

More Industries

A recent report from the Labor Department of the state showed a total of 90 new industries established in North Carolina during the past year and 129 new sections added to already existing plants.

Hosiery mills for the second straight year led in gains, planting 23 new mills and adding to 38 existing plants.

With the general increase in building activity in other lines, we were surprised to learn that the 1939 report from the Division of Standards and Inspections of the Department of Labor, showed a decrease of 51 additions to mills over the preceding year.

The contracts for industrial construction in the state in 1939 totaled \$16,000,000 as compared to the \$18,000,000 of 1938.

In 1939 the 15,000 new workmen employed matched the number of the preceding year. The textile industry is responsible for the larger per cent of the additional employees.

An increase of \$1.27 over average weekly wage was noted in the report. The average weekly wage for 1939 was \$16.21, while in 1938 it was \$14.94.

Farmer Morrison

Former Governor Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, was recently paid a high tribute in an editorial in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Since new interest is being taken in the land and its care, agriculture has gained strides in the past few years undreamed of a few generations ago.

The Advocate points out that Governor Morrison, who has become a noted farmer and stock raiser, is not a "plain farmer, nor an ordinary herdsman, but a leader in his varied undertakings on his farm. May it not turn out that Governor Morrison in his present undertaking in making a contribution to a balanced agriculture will make a larger contribution to the state than he was able to make as chief executive of the commonwealth."

"Why should not men of prominence, with sufficient means, set the example and make a contribution to the industries so close to the life of a people? The papers are having much to say these days of the fine Jerseys that are going out to the people of the state and nation from the Morrison herds in Mecklenburg. Such business of distributing blooded stock to the farmers and herdsmen of the state is a quiet and almost unperceived process, but it is none the less effective. Far more effective in transforming the life of a people is this, than the noise of the hustings."

"Dr. Clarence Poe certainly could render no more valued service to his native state than in his present undertaking. Some are saying that this present time is the most useful period of ex-Governor Morrison's career. Be that as it may North Carolina is in need of many such men who can render this much needed service in their day and generation. Many lines of public service go far beyond holding public office."

What Is Life?

"Life is a race. Don't whimper if the track is rough and the goal is distant. One day you shall reach it.

"Life is a voyage. Don't complain if the storm batters the hull or the winds tatter the shreds the sails. One day you shall come to your haven.

"Life is a growth. Don't find fault if the seed lies smothered and submerged in the dark earth before it blooms and blossoms. One day you shall have your harvest.

"Life is a pilgrimage. Don't falter on the road through self-pity because the stones cut your feet and leave your blood on the trail. One day you shall come to Immanuel's land.

"The God who through the boundless sky guides the flight of the sparrow, who builds the blind bird's nest, will see to it that in His good time you shall arrive."—Selected.

Here and There

—By— HILDA WAY GWYN

During the week-end we were discussing the writing of themes with a young college student... a freshman... he was speaking of recent subjects on which he had been required to write... His own obituary... at first, the subject struck us as being rather morbid... then the light came... for it is not morbid at all to a young person in his teens... just the opposite... for in the space of the allotted "three score years and ten"... three-fourths of it lies ahead of him... he would naturally, in writing his obituary, not be filled with sadness of leaving... but with the joy ahead... the accounts must have revealed the ambitions... the hopes... of the writers... who wrote of the persons they would like to be... I asked the young student when he placed his death... and he said... after midnight in the year 2,000... for he wanted to live to see the 21st century ushered in... and then knowing his great ambition... I asked if he had written of himself as an imminent physician... and he grinned and said "Yes"... and the thought came... what a good thing it might be if very early in life... we all had to write our obituaries... they might serve as standards to live up to...

"No, with all the hard times back yonder... even in the Civil War days, times were never as hard as they are now"... was the startling remark Mrs. Martha White, 92-year-old widow of a Confederate veteran made to us last Saturday... when we talked to her... and we were curious as to her reason for such... and she said... "Why then, folks didn't want so much... and now they are never satisfied"... the remark has come back to us often... since then... for there is perhaps more truth in it than we realize... in 91 years one has had time to watch a lot of changes... today we speak of "hard times"... but in the light of other generations what do we, living in a land of plenty and prosperity, know as a people generally speaking, of the privations of the 60's... we have grown so soft about luxuries... that have become such a definite part of our existence that we have forgotten that they are luxuries... they make life so much easier and more attractive that we feel that we could not live without them... they have become necessities... new clothes... new cars... new radios... and so on... an unlimited list of things that we might be able to live without... Mrs. White may be right... times may be harder for us with our cultivated tastes... than for our grandparents... since it takes more to make us happy... and at that, are we any happier?...

The following contribution was sent us by Mrs. Mary Moore, of Lake Junaluska... we saw a poor under fed horse being urged to the limit recently by its driver... and the following was brought keenly home to us... perhaps in this day of motor cars we forget that a horse is not a machine... excerpts from "A prayer of a Horse"... "To Thee, My master, I offer this prayer... Feed me, water and care for me, and when my day's work is done provide me with a shelter, a clean dry bed and a stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort... Talk to me, your voice often means as much to me as the rains... Pet me, sometimes... that I may serve you gladly, and learn to love you... Do not jerk the reins, and do not whip me when going up hill... and finally O, My master, when youthful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve and freeze... or sell me to some cruel owner to be slowly tortured and starved to death... but do, thou master take my life in the kindest way... and you will not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him who was born in a stable..."

Heard at a fire insurance banquet... a gentleman asked to respond to a toast... "To the Ladies"... came back with this... "Here's to the Ladies... whose eyes kindle the only flame against which there is no insurance..."

THE LITTLE SWEDISH MATCH GIRL



Voice of The People

Do you think that "Comic Strips" and "funny papers" are harmful to children? Miss Bessie Boyd—Member High School faculty—"I am not prejudiced against funny papers, and am not convinced that they are especially harmful to children, but I think they can devote too much time to them." Prof. E. J. Robeson—Retired teacher—"I don't think they are harmful to children, and I feel they furnish entertainment." Mrs. Ernest K. Herman—Kindergarten, St. John's Catholic School—"I think that the 'funny papers' help to develop a sense of humor in children, as well as entertain them." Mrs. Carleton E. Weatherby—Teacher in Junior High School—"I don't think they are harmful, as they often teach good lessons and the hero always comes out ahead. But I would not advocate too much reading of them." Miss Annie Dee Kirkpatrick—Teacher, First Grade, Central Elementary School—"I don't think that generally speaking they are harmful, though I think that often the ideas they give are misleading." Rev. J. S. Hopkins—Pastor of the First Baptist Church—"No, I don't think they are harmful, though I don't read them. But I feel that they should be selected for children to read as movie pictures should be chosen for them." Frank Ferguson—Teacher Junior High School—"Some types are harmful while others are not. On the whole I do not consider them harmful." Mrs. Graden C. Ferguson—Teacher Central Elementary School—"No, I do not think they are harmful. Sometimes children learn to read by means of the 'funny papers.' But I don't approve of too much of this type of reading." Jack Messer—County Superintendent of Education—"I would not say that the 'funny paper' as a general thing was harmful, though I have seen some that I would consider so." Mrs. Ben Colkitt—Third Vice President Woman's Club—"No, Funny papers are as much a part of childhood, as skates, footballs, sleds, and are not nearly so dangerous."

IN LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

General Haywood

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

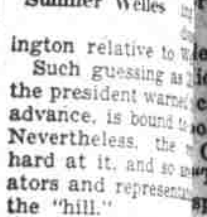
J. W. Killian, President, Chamber of Commerce, Dear Mr. President:— I understand that you and the board of directors are now formulating the 1940 program for the Chamber of Commerce. As one of those progressive old-timers, I have observed several things in the past, and pass them along to you for what they might be worth. First of all, there is no definite aim or goal for this community. Every year has been unto itself. There has been but little, if any, continuity in following through on any one set program. This is to be regretted. Second, the community has never been sold on any one program. As you know, there are three primary sources of income for this section—agriculture, industry and tourist. It is my honest belief, that there is room for all three. I also believe that the Chamber of Commerce that is worthy of its existence will foster and encourage all three, equal to their importance, AND NOT GO hog wild on any one, but keep a balance. The entire county must be sold on one definite program, before any great good can be accomplished. The county is large, yet too small to ignore or forget any part. If the organization did not do any more this year, than to "take stock" of what we have, and be honest with ourselves in taking this stock, I feel the organization would have accomplished much. Chambers of Commerce sometimes create an air of make-believe, and after so long a time, actually act as if it were real. Too often in the past the Chamber of Commerce has taken the line offering the least resistance. Unfortunately, we have right here in the community citizens who turn a deaf ear to any mention, or plan that is for the promotion of anything except what interests them. This should, and can be overcome, I feel, if a definite program extending over a period of years is undertaken. There's no use trying to kid ourselves any longer. Let's face facts. Let's get something definite to work on, and determine now that for forty it's forward. GENERAL HAYWOOD.

Letter to General Haywood

General Haywood, Waynesville, N. C. Dear General:— The thought I have in mind to prompt this letter is the fact that I along with some three hundred other people attended the initial band concert last night (Friday). The concert was, as I am sure you will agree, above all expectations. That, however, is not the reason for this letter. The reason is the lack of responsiveness of the Waynesville people. When Mr. Bowles read the telegrams congratulating the band, there was only a scattered bit of applause and the most of that from the members of the band themselves. Then after each number the result was the same. Another thing was the utter disregard of etiquette by a group of boys who sat near the front of the auditorium. They made it almost impossible for the drummers to play and for Mr. New to direct by their constant barrage of "spit balls." The behavior of these young "gentlemen" was absolutely disgraceful. Not long ago I was in Canton to a program somewhat similar to the one in question, and the support given the performers was something any person could be proud of. It seems to me that when a group of our own folks are up trying their level best, we should be showing them our appreciation for their efforts. If you are as kind as you are forgiving, I should like to see the coldness with which Waynesville people receive the efforts of Mr. New. This was positively shameful. I do not think that we have any place for me to do. New is doing a wonderful work with the music of our school, both in choral groups, and in band. I commend. My only hope was that we could not have one like him when I was in school.

Stewart S...

Summer Welles To Undertake Ticklish Job



By CHARLES P... Central Press... DESPITE President's advice to newspapermen not to draw conclusions of their own... ington relative to... Such guessing... the president was... advance, is bound to... Nevertheless, the... hard at it, and so... ators and representa... the "hill". Most of the legis... think the expedie... harm even if it does... there's an undercu... ment to the effect... ment is unpleasant... "monkeying with a... lationists' pessimis... that, in the early... war, President Wilson... ing ambassador' in... in the person of G... and their contentio... colonel had a good... getting the United S... conflict.

Third Term P...

Another theory of anti-third term... White House was... promising looking... activities wagging... progresses, with W... aging it, the idea be... of people will oppo... terred with by a... ministrations; that... mand for F. D.'s ne... become overweighing... These guessers' the... "Woodrow Wilson wa... largely on the sloug... us out of war." New... Roosevelt is trying... "one better" by mak... that he's about to... altogether."

Neutrals Versus...

It's quite widely... Welles will have... with the neutrals. It also is conjectured that Hitler will grab Portugal is containing again—But substantial terms. It's supposed to begin to realize that off more than he can make small concessions to escape from a... man situation. But... that he'll consent to own fuhrer-ship. As to the British... however?— London and Paris... ready show their... Welles visits. Their... they've told specta... only peace conditio... tion of Hitler and... "Naturally that's... possums". It looks, then... as between Germany and France. It's hard that scrap can go to a knockout—no more Italy's different... granted that Benito... as pacific in this... stance as could be... has everything to... difficult to understand... cluded among the... countries" Summer... uled to visit. It isn... And there's Russia... reckoned with. Sum... to call at Moscow. A... outfit's deemed too... tiate with.

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