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Looking After Our Own

We noticed during the week that out of eighteen members of the freshman class in the Women's College of Duke University, elected to membership in Ivy, honorary freshmen scholastic order, there was only one name from North Carolina.

We like to have people from other sections visit North Carolina, and come here to reside permanently. We spend as a state, and as citizens of communities, thousands of dollars annually to attract visitors. But we feel that our colleges have been almost too successful along this line. Hundreds of students from the North and other sections attend Duke University each year.

And yet we feel that the Duke's started giving their millions to Duke University for the boys and girls of the Carolinas, as we recall some such sentiment was published from time to time as donations were made.

What is true of Duke is true of the State owned colleges and universities. Large numbers of these students have come from out the state. They have come from sections where they have had educational advantages not given to the average child in North Carolina. They have had nine and ten months of school with 12 grades. They come to our fine and high standing colleges to complete their education.

While except, in special instances of local taxation, our children have had only eight months and 11 grades.

Without intending to be ungracious to the "stranger within our gates" does it seem fair for these outsiders to come into our state and get the cream of our educational advantages, when our own high school students and their tax paying parents are carrying the burden?

Is there not some way to give first chances to pupils in our own state? Could there not be some limit, more than has been in previous years put on the number of out of the state students?

These students from other sections are recognizing the standards of our colleges, and they have found that they can get more for their money here in the way of higher education than in many other colleges. But in attracting this type of student, which is no doubt good for the college, and their superior preparation a stimulus to the less prepared North Carolina student, are we being fair to our own students, who are no doubt being pushed aside for the "stranger?"

State's Revenue

According to last reports from the Department of Revenue, state tax receipts during February totaled \$5,461,730.34, an increase of \$319,883.07 over revenue of February of 1939.

Since July 1, better business conditions during the current fiscal year have resulted in collections of \$46,817,406.10 as compared with \$43,287,341.07 during the same period in 1938-39, the department claims.

The sales tax has grown from \$792,160.06 in February of 1938, to \$865,896.25 during last month.

Other general fund collections in February were \$3,165,272.51 compared with \$2,939,324.34 in February of 1939.

People must be traveling the highways, for the largest single item of the month was the gasoline tax, which totaled \$1,850,126.38. The franchise tax was second, with \$1,362,043.06, and the sales tax was third with \$365,986.25.

With evidence of increased business on every hand prospects for a good 1940 seem to be a safe prediction.

Out Of Mud

One of the most far reaching programs of the Works Project Administration on the future of this country, is giving the farmer of the main highways a good road on which to bring his produce to market.

There will in all probability be spent during the next year more than \$300,000 of Federal funds on the farm to market roads in Haywood County. Of this amount \$163,000 in projects are underway and other appropriations now pending, with favorable action expected.

Good roads have brought the far places of this country nearer, but they have, perhaps, been more significant to the development of the isolated mountain areas than to other sections.

Less than forty years ago Main Street in Waynesville was a "sea of mud" when it rained and the country roads were still worse.

Time was not so long ago when the farmer might grow market stuff as good as the fellow, "on the other side of the ridge," but he was confronted with the problem of getting his produce to the spot where it could be sold for a profit.

Gradually the program, lead by the Good Roads Association, not much over twenty years ago, was started and North Carolina launched her magnificent road building period.

Naturally this covered only the main thoroughfares and the farmer in the rural sections off the highways was still unable to reach the market place, at a profit. As a result there was little encouragement to grow produce worthy of competition in trade. In other words, good roads have not only hindered travel, but have held back the development of agricultural interests in many sections.

In most counties it has been impossible to build the farm to market roads even after the state has built the main highways, so the Federal aid now being given the isolated rural sections will result in a new impetus to agriculture.

It will have other reactions. People may work in town and live in the country in a way of comfort and accessibility heretofore not known in this county.

What the improvement of farm to market roads will mean to Haywood County, is too far reaching to estimate in mere dollars and cents. But the next few years will tell the story in rural development never dreamed of by the first farmers of the county who cleared the land for a "patch of corn."

First Jobs

The statistician of Swift and Company has recently made an interesting report to the Chicago Chamber of Commerce on the reason why 90 per cent of the boys and girls of the United States lose their first jobs.

There were five major reasons given and the report shows that nine out of ten lose their positions for the five reasons, namely: lack of sense of responsibility, unwillingness to work hard, lack of thoroughness, false notions about salaries and promotions, and lack of principle.

The report continues in detail: "Lack of a sense of responsibility is shown by neglect of work, failure to put the most important things first and the expression of a general 'I should worry attitude'."

"Unwillingness to work hard, is shown by being late to work, stretching the lunch hour, and stealing a few minutes at the end of the day, watching the clock, wasting time by social conversations, and telephone calls during the business hours."

"Lack of thoroughness is indicated most frequently by unwillingness to begin at the bottom and to go through the drudgery of mastering each step before going ahead."

"The real secret of promotion lies in constantly doing more than you are paid to do. Keep yourself underpaid. As soon as you are overpaid you are bound to go backward."

"Lack of principle is shown by concealment of mistakes, untruthfulness, and the constant making of excuses."

Gold

"Reports have it now that the influx of gold into this country during the last year was almost double the import of 1938.

"One of these days those who are forcing us to corner the gold market will discard the metal as a basis for wealth and we'll be holding the sack."

"But, between the writings of Marco Polo and present political promises, we may actually bring to reality their presented dreams and pave our street with what we've buried in Kentucky Hills, according to the "Dixie Guide."

We beg to take exception, we feel sure that gold will always be of value, regardless of how the U. S. Government or another country tries to "corner it." There is little chance that gold which, for centuries has been sought after, will ever be a "common material."

Here and There

—By—
HILDA WAY GWYN

There has always been, to us, some kind of magic about Spring. . . . She seems to embody nature's most dramatic gesture. . . . there is something uplifting about the season. . . . maybe it is the contrast with the dull gray tones of winter. . . . at any rate when the world suddenly comes to life. . . . one must, indeed be bored with existence. . . . not to feel the pulsing thrill of it all. . . . this year Spring will be more welcome than usual. . . . after winter has turned "her cold shoulder" to us. . . . Yet we are not approaching the season with our customary gladness. . . . but what we lack in joy. . . . we are making up in sheer gratitude for the good things of this earth. . . . and of America. . . .

As we look forward to Spring. . . . the song of birds coming North after a winter in the tropics. . . . and watch the first buds unfold. . . . our mind races across space to the nations at war. . . . and we think of the women and the children. . . . for them the song of the birds will be drowned out by the roar of the cannon from the trenches. . . . the deadly planes from the sky. . . . the flowers trying to lift their heads to proclaim that Spring is here again. . . . will be trampled under marching feet. . . . the people will not be reading the war news with casual glances as we in America. . . . but will persevere with trembling hands and aching hearts. . . . the lists of the dead. . . . and yet in the midst of it all, Easter has come again. . . . and we observe the supreme sacrifice made for mankind. . . . that the world might have eternal life. . . . and yet after nearly two thousand years we know not its meaning. . . .

In his sermon on Sunday morning at the Methodist church Bishop Clare Purcell made a powerful plea for the church. . . . he quoted from a column of Edgar Guest. . . . we do not recall the exact words. . . . but to this effect. . . . the writer was trying to show what the church meant in his own life. . . . when his father died, he needed the church. . . . when he was married, he needed the church. . . . when his child died, he needed the church. . . . someday. . . . when he would "go the way of all flesh," he would need the church again. . . . and what kind of a man would he be to seek the church only when he was in trouble?

To our list of pleasant people to meet. . . . we would like to add that of Sarah Thomas Campbell. . . . Did you ever see Sarah when she was tired? . . . no matter how strenuous the day or circumstances, she is ever smiling. . . . and uncomplaining. . . . She is always gracious. . . . she passes up "dirty digs." . . . and keeps silent if she can't say a good word. . . . and she has the faculty of turning any situation inside out and upside down until she gets the happy side. . . . it's a gift. . . . and yet more of us have the "latent talent," for such an outlook, if we took the trouble to cultivate the happier slant on things. . . .

Shades of Confucius. . . . Poor fellow. . . . it seems that if you want to take a shot at your mother-in-law. . . . or get smart with someone. . . . all you have to do is to make some remark and preface it with "So says Confucius." . . . Peace to his dust. . . . for we are sure that the modern wise cracks attributed to this Chinese philosopher are calculated to make him turn in his grave. . . . one writer has pointed out that it is disgraceful for the American people to make sport of the great philosopher of another country. . . . a man whose teachings have been an inspiration to his people. . . . he brings the matter home. . . . and asks how Americans would like to have one of their founders, referred to in slang and comics of another nation. . . . but we believe that he is taking the Americans entirely too seriously. . . . for a lot of people who "quote" Confucius have no idea who he was. . . . but are merely following the fad. . . . but on the other hand we saw recently where a number of people have been hunting libraries to find out something about him. . . . incidentally he was the son of one Shu-lian Heh, a mighty fighter whom historians say was ten feet tall, and Chantassi, youngest daughter of a great leader. . . . Confucius' father was 70 and his mother less than 20 when he was born in 552 B. C.

There were 8,170 traffic accidents in North Carolina last year, against 7,495 during 1938.

At least one person was injured in 78.4 per cent of the 8,170 reported traffic accidents in North Carolina last year.

An average of 1.12 per cent persons were killed in each of the 839 fatal accidents last year in North Carolina.



Voice of The People

Would you approve of a revision of the personal questions made out for the 1940 census taker?

Mrs. Humes Harte—"Yes, I would approve such a revision. I don't see any reason for the Government knowing your private affairs."

Walter Crawford—"No. I do not favor a revision, because the Government, in order to serve the people, must know the needs of the individual. We are living through a critical period, and the Government should get at the root of the economic situation."

A. W. Collins—"If they are too personal, I think there should be a revision. I feel people are entitled to a little privacy."

Miss Evonia Howell—"I don't think the Government would ask us any question without some reason. So I do not approve of a revision."

Mrs. G. F. Boston—"No, I wouldn't have a question changed. The

government has a reason, I feel sure for each one."

Mrs. W. B. Jones—"I haven't given the matter any consideration, and not having seen the questions I could not say. But I feel that the questions will be confidential and will not be considered as individual matters, but as community situations, and we should not feel that they are personal."

Mrs. F. E. Alley, Jr.—"I certainly approve of leaving some of the questions off."

Mrs. E. T. Duckett—"I feel sure the government has worked out the questions and know just why they are asking them."

Fred Martin—"I feel that the questions should be revised."

J. C. Patrick—"I have not read the questions, but I feel that the government is not exceeding its right, and that the heads of the department have worked out the questions."

IN LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

General Haywood

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

Mr. Edwin Potate,
Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Potate:—
I appreciate your letter of last week. The situation that continues to exist at the high school auditorium at almost every public gathering is apparently growing worse, rather than better.

You perhaps recall that I called attention to the fact at the Lions Club minstrel three some months ago. At that time some of the younger boys were actually smoking right in the packed auditorium. The only solution I have for curbing this misbehavior is for the school authorities to place sufficient plain clothesmen vested with proper authority, throughout the audience, and probably in that way, some progress can be made in getting folks to act like they should.

In your letter, you seemed surprised at the "luke warm" attitude of the audience in welcoming the band, and the congratulatory messages. That is a strong characteristic of the mountain people. They are enthusiastic, but they are not emotional to the point of showing their feelings.

If they had not been interested in the band they would not have been present. So, I am not so concerned with that part, although I

heartily agree with you that more response should have been made. I appreciate your letter, and I cannot see why the school authorities do not take the situation over and rule with a firm hand.

Yours sincerely,
GENERAL HAYWOOD.

Captain Alden Howell,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Captain:—
Your philosophy of life, as quoted in The Mountaineer last week: "Never get mad, never have the blues, never use cuss words, and never complain," hit me as being ideal; especially since it came from one who has just observed his 99th birthday.

A great many years of my life, I did exactly opposite to the rules you have set out. Later, I found the folly of it all, and now, I am coming pretty near living up to your rules, and do I feel better? Here's my best wishes and hopes that you will enjoy many more birthdays. Thank you again for bringing out so forcefully, the need of never getting blue, never getting mad, never complaining, and the folly of cursing.

Yours truly,
GENERAL HAYWOOD.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

—By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

MONEY travels fast, says the man at the next desk, save when it's coming toward you.

First caterpillar reported seen on Canadian street. Swell, now all we need wait for is the early bird that will get it.

Pajamas with hoods is latest fashion stunt. Good idea—prevents you from hearing yourself talk in your sleep.

Hitler, we read, has gone in for snappy looking uniforms. All dressed up and—as long as the

Maginot line holds—no place to go.

Now we know the name of the fellow who really wrote Joe Miller's Joke Book. It was Confucius.

Most actors hope some day to be able to give their version of Hamlet. Unfortunately, too many stop with the first syllable.

A veteran congressman, says Zadok Dumbkopf, is one who can remember when all a constituent wanted was an annual package of seeds.

Stewart S.

Farley, Make Claims on

By CHARLES Central Press



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choose Chicago strictly up-to-munificative and He can prove to that the Democ walk-over at the He doesn't seem whom they'll ticularly doesn't absolutely solid whereas the Rep wide open so he You leave after ley, with your up.

Spanish Auxiliary Be Formed

As a result of here Saturday ish-American War are underway for auxiliary companies and daughters of Mrs. Will A. Bred chairman to be J. R. Boyd, Jr., feasibility of section, to work with A. Love Camp American War section.

Special guests at the meeting were J. R. Strain state commander American War Lily B. Neal, of ident of the Nat ment of the United States Neal, a National

Brevard Choir Will Concert

The Brevard give a concert on March the 17th church.

John Hawkins, famous Westminister is director of the gram of unusual given.

The Brevard choren to represent Carolina in the of Federated Meas will be held in April the 2nd.

The choir is singing the city auditorium for the big spring There will be charges, but a shou be taken to help pensens of the ch through Eastern

Fines Creek Boys Study Improvement

Home improveme wide range of sth theme of the meetin Creek chapter of the ers of America, last Friday in the the Fines Creek w Those taking gram, making Teague, Paul Lov bone, James Cracken, Charles McElroy, Sykes James, Jr.