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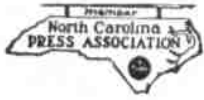
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Widened Road Unsafe

The addition of eighteen feet to the width of the highway through East Waynesville should be a distinct asset to the entire community, but we cannot get over-enthusied over the project, after seeing the abrupt ending just this side of the Ratcliff Cove road.

The widening project is unfinished. It should go beyond the Ratcliff Cove road and even past the long sweeping curve just beyond.

While we do not assume the role of a highway safety engineer, we can readily see the danger of the wide highway ending where it does.

Motorists, unfamiliar with what is ahead, will pick up speed at the top of the hill in front of the hospital and shoot down the curve by the MacFadden place, only a few seconds later to be confronted with a sudden narrowing of the road at a bad curve and at a side road entrance.

With the increased traffic on the Ratcliff Cove road, and certainly the faster driving on the wider highway, it will become a highway hazard the day the road is opened.

It would be inexpensive to carry the wide road on past these danger points. And even if it were expensive, what is the present highway program designed for, if it is not for more safety?

The abrupt ending of the new wide road is not in keeping with this safety program of the highway system.

Dangerous Motorcading

Last Friday afternoon, just as the late traffic was getting heavy on Main Street, it sounded as if all the fury of Hades had broken loose when another speeding motorcade was passing through.

Motorcades have become right popular in recent years, and it does not take much of a delegation of travelers to command the escort of a highway patrolman, with siren wide open and the throttle pushed to the floor board, to lead them dangerously through town and village to their destination.

The motorcade last Friday afternoon was no exception. Apparently every rule of common-sense safety for those in the motorcade and all pedestrians and motorists along the route were ignored. There is no legitimate reason for such dangerous speed.

We cannot understand the inconsistency of the whole thing. We have always looked upon highway patrolmen as symbols of safety and protectors to those who travel the highways, and not pilots of long strings of speeding and horn-blowing cars.

We feel that the safety division of the state highway department, which is almost daily flooding newspaper offices with propaganda on highway safety, would do well to take the matter in hand and cut out some of this useless highway parading.

Neither can we understand the business men who participate in such motorcades. Back home they rampant about highway safety. They put on campaigns and make a great to-do over it all, but the minute they get behind a screaming siren on a patrol car, here they go, like wild fire.

Truly the poet was right when he said: "O Consistency, thou art a jewel!"

About all the average daily paper contains any more are politics and the comic strips, and it's getting tougher all the time to tell where one leaves off and the other begins.

U. S. treasury has repaid Doris Duke Cromwell, the "world's richest girl," \$73,500 in income tax which the government says her trustees overpaid in 1929. How nice to have trustees who handled big enough finances to make mistakes like that.—Exchange.

Thirteen Entries

We congratulate the First National Bank on its rural home and grounds beautification contest and the thirteen home owners in Haywood County who have entered the contest.

It is gratifying to note as time goes on that the progress on the farms of the county is reflected in better homes and higher standards of living, with the result that people are getting more out of life.

We consider that the fifty dollars offered in prizes by the bank to be fifty dollars invested in rural progress in Haywood County. The farms will not be neglected, but will be improved, for as improvements are made on the home grounds, there must be more cash derived from the farm.

We understand that the prizes may become an annual offer, and that many more rural home owners are planning to enter the contest next year.

Recognition At Last

We have long resented the attitude of the city-bred person toward the small town and rural individual. Take, for instance, the average New Yorker—and more of them drift our way than you might imagine; some of them feel that the world is more or less located within their city's gates. They often feel that culture cannot exist outside their metropolis. We have all met the type.

They are surprised if we have heard of recent plays and books—in fact, sometimes surprised that we read. Whereas often the person living where life goes along more "complaisance ways" has more time for reading and cultural appreciation than the busy city individual.

Now, Miss Cornelia Otis Skinner, daughter of the actor, Otis Skinner, and famous as a one-woman theatrical troupe, in an article in the New York Times Magazine, gives from her wide experience of playing both the city and the small town audience, an idea different from that generally held by the cosmopolitan.

She says the "provincial audience has characteristics which would seem strange to Broadway. It arrives on time instead of coming late and stepping on the toes of the punctual. It is interested in the show, because it doesn't see many shows. It isn't gaping for celebrities, or trying to look for them. It sits through to the final curtain, and if it has enjoyed itself it is generous enough to let the actors know about it."

She says it is time for the New Yorker to "revise any notions that American culture begins and ends in New York City, as it is simply not true. The back country, the provinces, the sticks, the woods, and the tank towns are coming along. Main Street has ideas worth listening to, including some that have not occurred to Broadway," contends Miss Skinner.

Rotarians Step Out

One out of forty-four is the ratio of the Waynesville Rotary Club and the 190th district of Rotary International. In the district, one club is adjudged the best, and three others get honorable mention.

The Waynesville Club recently was accorded honorable mention, along with Asheville and Fountain Inn, for accomplishments during the past year. Such distinctions are worthy of more than mere passing notice, and the club here is due hearty congratulations for making a niche in the Rotary world.

Modern Bean Shelling

Maybe we are just behind the times, but it was not until last week that we saw one of the new type automatic pea and bean shellers.

It was a small contraption, resembling a midget meat grinder. The lima bean or pea pods were fed in one at a time, and the hulls went one way and the peas or beans the other. A great time saver, and certainly easier on the grocery clerk's thumb nails.

But with all these modern and new fangled things, are not we losing something? How well we remember sitting around on a summer's night with the whole family, shelling peas or beans, discussing the events of the day, or listening to a good yarn spinner relate some fantastic story.

Now this busy world has passed all that up. It is in too big a hurry to get nowhere to do nothing.

Register And Vote

We wish to call to the attention of our readers that Saturday will be the last day on which to register for voting in the coming primary and election.

The members of the election board have been most diligent in their effort to get the people to register. If anyone has failed to do so, it is no fault of theirs.

Here and There

—By— HILDA WAY GWYN

Mother's Day has come again. To some it will be a day of sadness. . . . To some it will be a day of thankfulness because she is still here. . . . It is the one day in the year when we wear "our feelings on our sleeves," so to speak. . . . for we are proud of the tender love of our mothers. . . . and we want to broadcast our sentiments. . . . and her sterling qualities. . . . no language is too endearing. . . . or extravagant. . . . for the occasion. . . . when we think of the sacrifices of our mothers. . . . we become humble. . . . when we think of their steady and unchanging affection. . . . we are filled with gratitude. . . . when we remember how in all our joys and sorrows. . . . they have been with us in spirit and understanding. . . . the innermost shrines of our hearts are touched. . . . To the very young. . . . Mother is taken for granted. . . . but as the years pass and maturity comes. . . . and we leave them to make homes of our own. . . . we begin to know how great. . . . how good. . . . and how much they have meant in our lives. . . .

We want to introduce you to some of our mothers about town. . . . allow us to present Mrs. E. J. Robeson. . . . who has a superior rating in motherhood. . . . She says. . . . "I think I had less trouble with discipline than most mothers. . . . because my husband was a teacher and a disciplinarian. . . . and assumed this responsibility. . . . I was an old fashioned mother. . . . and my home and my family were my chief interests in life. . . . one big factor we cannot get away from is that we must require certain duties of our children in developing them, even though at the time they do not enjoy them. . . . for it teaches them character. . . . and the lessons of life. . . . that the years and the outside world will teach them in time. . . . a child must have ideals to guide him. . . ."

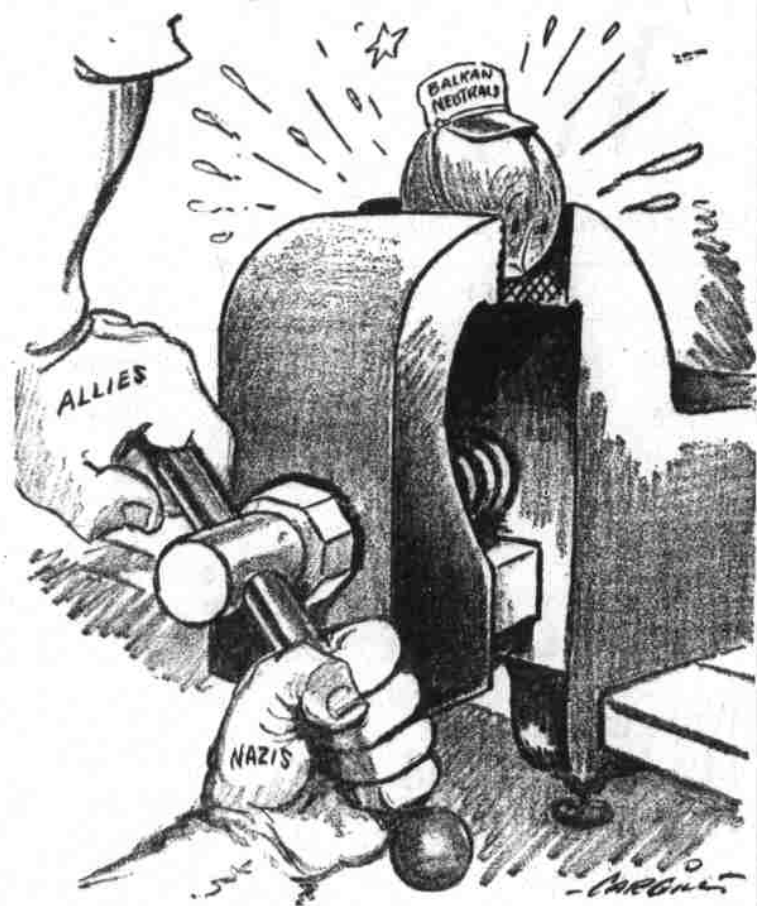
May we now present Mrs. Jerry Colkitt. . . . mother of a more modern school. . . . who takes her job of mothering pretty seriously. . . . and who had the following to say. . . . "One of the big problems of today from the standpoint of the mothers, seems to me to have their children take advantage of the many opportunities that are offered, yet keep the fundamental principles of character. . . . Too many people are inclined to 'follow the crowd.' Today as never before it seems to me that a child must be taught to do his or her own thinking—and yet back of it all must be the guiding spirit of the parents. . . ."

We would like to introduce to you a mother who has known both the glory of a career and the joys of motherhood. . . . Mrs. Clyde H. Ray, Jr., known to the literary world as Carolyn Miller, author of "Lamb in His Bosom," a Pulitzer prize winning novel. . . . Mrs. Ray puts motherhood above everything else for a woman. . . . She says. . . . "A career is a fine thing for a woman, but it does not give the complete satisfaction that comes with motherhood. . . . from experience I have learned as the years go by that the responsibilities of a mother increase with the growth and development of the child. To me one of the biggest things in motherhood is patience. . . . Most of the problems of childhood can be adjusted if the mother stays patient. . . . If she keeps calm. . . . everything in the home has a way of subsiding about her. . . . and life returns to normal. . . ."

A mother known for her good hard common sense and her native wit. . . . who, we are sure has untied many a problem of discipline and mothering. . . . as well as made life pleasant for those about her. . . . let us present to you Mrs. P. L. Turbyfill. . . . mother of eight children. . . . who has also reared two grandchildren. . . . She says. . . . "The job of being a mother is 'up and down.' You have pleasures and the natural sorrows that Providence brings to everybody. . . . Children are all different. . . . Some have one kind of a disposition and some another. . . . You have to study your job to know how to handle your own, and then make plenty of mistakes, that you didn't mean to make. . . . But being a mother is worth every bit of the trouble it takes. . . ."

We want to introduce to you a mother. . . . who has held steadfast. . . . to her principles of life through all her eighty odd years with an extraordinary fortitude. . . . she has met pain and pleasure, with equal grace. . . . and poise. . . . Mother of thirteen children. . . . she should know. . . . if anyone does what it takes to make a "go" of the big job of mothering. . . . Allow us to present to you Mrs. John K. Boone. . . . who says. . . . "A mother is always anxious about her children. . . . there is always

"HIGH PRESSURE STUFF"



Voice of The People

The 1930 census gave Waynesville a population of 2,414 and Hazelwood 1,168; what is your guess for the approximate figures of the 1940 census for both towns?

Judge F. E. Alley—"I'd say for Waynesville 2,700 and for Hazelwood around 1,400.

J. R. Boyd—"I think it has increased in both places, with Waynesville around 2,500 and Hazelwood about 1,400."

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt—"I think Waynesville will have about 250 more, making a total of around 2,700 and Hazelwood will have about 1,500.

Whitener Prevost—"I would say that Waynesville will have about 2,820 and Hazelwood will have around 1,590."

L. M. Killian—"I think there will be an increase in both places, and

if not I'll be disappointed, but I couldn't guess at either one."

Alvin T. Ward—"I'll guess Waynesville about 2,573 and Hazelwood about 1,218."

James McLean—"Waynesville has grown in the past ten years and I'd say it would be about 2,773 for the 1940 census, but I think Hazelwood has increased more in proportion than Waynesville."

H. C. Wilburn—"Waynesville will be about 2,750 and Hazelwood around 1,500."

Hugh J. Sloan—"Waynesville will have 2,962 and Hazelwood will be about 1,623."

Mayor J. H. Way, Jr.—"I would guess Waynesville somewhere between 2,600 and 2,700 and there is a possibility of it going to 2,800, and I would say Hazelwood to go to 1,500."

IN LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

General Haywood

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

EDITOR'S NOTE:—General Haywood is taking "time off" from his duties this week of looking things over and writing open letters on matters of public interest. He gave no indication when he would resume his interesting weekly contribution to this editorial page. Perhaps that will depend on the demands of his readers.

Letters To The Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:—

Once more some of Crossnore's kiddies are asking you for something that they do not have, and that is a home for the summer. On May 15, we close our dormitories. We must close them. We can't afford to keep the house-mothers or to keep the dining room and kitchen open. Most of our children can go to their homes or to relatives, but we must find places for those who can't. And so we are in search for, and earnestly hoping to find kind hearts that will take care of those who need homes for the summer. So many of these summer homes have meant everything to these children, not only in the way of training and establishing ideals and standards of life, but in that most comforting of all feeling that somebody wants them and is willing to share the pleasure of a home with them. Fortunately, few of us know what it is to have this normal learning unsatisfied.

We still have unprovided for seven little boys: Charles, 7 years old; Charles, 8; George, 10, Jack, 11; Wint, 12; Garland, 12; Edward, 11; and Homer 13. We have two little girls: Ethel, 12; Margaret, 14. And then we have some older girls who are capable of taking jobs in the home and earning something toward their expenses next year, and a number of big strong boys for farm work, yard and garden work, and some who have been trained in the carpentry class and would make excellent carpentry helpers.

This is a vital bit of unemployment among Uncle Sam's real American citizens that we hope you will help us to eradicate for the summer, and please don't forget the homes for the kiddies. If you haven't a place for them, try to find a neighbor who has, and would be willing to enrich his or her summer by enriching the life of a less fortunate fellow citizen. It isn't very long till the fifteenth of May.

In great earnestness,
Cordially,
MARY M. SLOOP.

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The Highway Safety Division suspended drivers' licenses for three reported traffic violations of a minor nature.

Unsafe speed causes nine out of ten automobile accident deaths, records of the Highway Safety Division show.

An average of six or more persons a week are killed on North Carolina streets and highways.

Stewart Says

Simpson "Purging" Gives Democrats Of G. O. P. Dissent

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

DEMOCRATIC political leaders are in high gear over the recent vote ousting Kenneth Simpson as a national committeeman.



Kenneth Simpson, a New York State Representative

can unpleasantness but the crats hope is that it will into national proportions realize, of course that the party is badly split, when they no end. And oh, how they'll be a lot of ill-feeling acterizes the G. O. P. com

Conjointly with Simpson's ing, Edwin F. Jaekle was as chairman of the Republican state committee Jaekle's son Dewey-ite However, Jaekle's son has been purged his friends he has some influential ones that he is entitled to continue state's national committee until after the convention, earliest. They say they will organize any other selection meantime.

Now, if that convention off with a pair of congressional committeemen from the important a state as New York with a Dewey-ite state and rival Dewey-ite and anti-ite national committee. Democrats reckon that the convention will be badly split.

Muss Already Sprung

The row already is spreading beyond New York's boundaries. Alf M. Landon, from as far from New York as Kansas, sent congratulations to Chairman Jaekle, as a liberal Republican nominee. He named no name. It was hard to interpret his message otherwise than as an insinuation of Jaekle's favorability.

Plenty of Republicans, however that nobody likes Dewey's a liberal or a conservative. They say he's too inexperienced to be calculated.

Some of those Republicans, nearly as influential as Alf, though more or less anti-ites.

For instance, there's Representative James W. Wadsworth of state New York. He's not dark enough to be a G. O. P. member. He doesn't call himself anti-Dewey, but he does call himself pro-Simpson, which is the same thing Representative Francis D. Cullin, another state New Yorker, is a pro-Son-ite.

And there are others, too, to mention.

About the New Deal?

They accuse Kenneth Simpson having said "Well, there are lots of all to the good about the Deal."

They don't believe he should made any such remark. And they say he's written a poor-poor-Deale story.

The Dewey-ites' say he's pro-Taft or some such date—an alleged conservative diddate.

What the Republicans want is to set off a supposedly moderate liberal conservative Republican date against a supposedly radical Democratic candidate.

LOUISE MARTIN AND CHARLIE WAY ARE GIVEN LEGION AWARD

(From Waynesville Herald)

On Friday night, May 4, graduation exercises of the Class, Louise Martin and Charlie Way will receive the American Legion School awards. These are presented each year to the students graduating from the ninth grade who have best represented those qualities of character and ability which are calculated to result in better citizenship.

Louise Martin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, made the "B" honor roll for the entire year. She served as president of her home room for the semester, and has been chairman of the program committee for the second semester.

Charles Way, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Way, has also been standing in scholarship, making "B" average for the year. He is a member of the High School.

Don't take chances when drive.

MARRIAGES

Neal H. Laning to Estelle Harrell, both of Canton.