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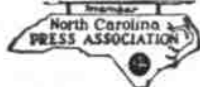
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Eagles Nest

In a recent letter to the editor Chas. E. Ray, Jr., wrote of "rediscovering Eagles Nest." We are glad that Mr. Ray has called our attention to this attraction, that for so many years was the chief "mountain trip" of this section.

It is doubtful if any one resort did more to publicize Waynesville than the old Eagles Nest Hotel owned by the late S. C. Satterthwaite. The hotel burned many years ago.

It drew a discriminating patronage from all over the United States. Many persons stopping in Asheville, who had no desire to stay anywhere else would take one day off and come to Waynesville to take the trip to Eagles Nest.

Since the burning of the hotel and the opening up of other scenic areas by paved highways, Eagles Nest has not been as popular as in other years. But Mr. Ray is right, there is a distinct charm about the place, its interesting plant life, its panoramic view for miles, and its altitude are there, even though the hotel is no longer there to attract visitors.

We join Mr. Ray in hoping that sometime in the near future some major development will be stimulated and bring this area once again into its proper place among the points of interest in Western North Carolina.

The End Of The Road

One good turn, so they say, deserves another. This seems decidedly true of the recently completed road job in widening the Asheville Highway in East Waynesville.

No one can question the great improvement that has been made, but the abrupt ending of the wide section just below the Francis house, is both unfortunate in appearance and unsafe for the traveling public.

The first day, as we recall that the road was opened the barricade at the end of the improvement was knocked down and broken.

It is to be hoped that an effort will be made to get another project approved so that the extension will reach the forks of the road going to Ratcliff Cove. This would be a natural ending for the wide pavement and greatly add to the safety of travel.

Clarence Poe

We would like to add our support to the endorsement of Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, for the appointment of secretary of Agriculture.

Dr. Poe has been a student of agricultural problems in North Carolina and the South for years. Brought up on a farm he learned in early life the hardships and also the joys of rural life.

He has worked for years in the interests of the farmers of this state and of the South. He deserves this recognition of his achievements in behalf of agriculture.

If the South is economic problem number one as it has been so called, then the appointment of Dr. Poe as secretary of agriculture would help the government solve in some measure this problem.

Not Enough Advice

"Stop before you swat" is the new slogan of the State Highway safety division, in warning motorists to resist the natural impulse to swat a bee, hornet or any other insect that flies in a car while driving.

Of course, it is timely advice, and we all readily agree that it is much safer to come to a dead stop and then try to rid the car of the pesky stingers, but no advice is offered from the safety division as to what to do when the unwanted guests light and sting you before there is even a hint they're about.

Hugh Massie, Alderman

We wish to congratulate the city officials on their selection of W. Hugh Massie to fill the vacancy on the town board of aldermen, caused by the sudden death of Sam H. Jones.

Mr. Jones had served the town for twelve years in this capacity and was familiar with all the details of the town affairs. He had been identified with many of the city improvements.

Mr. Massie is one of the leading business men of the town. While he has never held a political post before, he has been prominent in civic affairs for several years, and has given his support to every progressive movement.

We feel safe in making the statement that his appointment will meet the hearty approval of the public in general and especially the friends of Mr. Jones, who will feel that he will carry on the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner.

Clans Begin To Gather

Notices of family reunions are beginning to appear in this paper and in other papers throughout the state. Each year we have noted there seems to be an increase in the number of families that take this method of getting together.

We like the idea. The principle behind it is marked by a sense of loyalty and pride that is basically the roots of our nation. A "Fifth Column" could not thrive much in the atmosphere of a family reunion.

In a recent copy of State Magazine, Editor Carl Georch in writing of family reunions, has in part the following to say: "We have all kinds of conventions, political conventions, industrial conference, church gatherings, women's clubs and various other civic organizations, but to our way of thinking the greatest conventions of all are now beginning to get underway in various sections of North Carolina.

"We refer to the family reunions. "Nowhere else in the United States is there so much stress placed upon occasions of this kind. Usually the gatherings are all-day affairs. Kith and kin begin to assemble at some designated homestead early in the morning. Everybody brings something to eat. Then there are speeches. New points of interest in connection with the family history are set forth. A big picnic dinner is served outside.

"Thank God for conventions of this kind, for they are the most genuine and the most friendly of our assemblages."

If They Were Yours?

There are 10,000,000 defenseless children in Great Britain. Their plight has touched the hearts of people all over the world. Their safety has been from the beginning of the war a grave problem.

When hostilities were first started the government urged parents to send their children to the country districts to "safety areas." They soon found there were no "safety areas."

The plan did not work from many angles. Many parents did not wish to be separated from their children. The idea also suffered a setback when Wales was bombarded the day after a large number of children from the metropolitan areas had arrived there.

Recently offers from Canada and the United States have poured into England, to take care of refugee children, and give them a home during the duration of the war.

A shortage of vessels is now reported, and the English government has also stated that it would not assume the responsibility of their safe transportation.

Under the circumstances, at best the exodus to America will be a "mere trickle" to the number who will be left behind in England.

But you can depend on the English to devise some means of meeting the emergency. Mothers realizing that Nazis bombs may attack at any time, are training their children to meet the terror with the true spirit of the English.

The children are being taught to use gas masks, and as they go into hiding spots away from bombs they sing "Here we go down the steps again." They are being taught to play "The Big Bang Game," in which they clap their little hands to drown out the roar of the deadly sounds of warfare.

You can't conquer a people who can take it on the chin like that. We should understand in America, for we came of the same stock, and we have shown on more than one occasion that we are a chip off the old block.

From a state newspaper, we read of a recent bride, whose name was Mrs. Strong Boozer. But that brings no more smiles than the name of the man who registered with the state employment service. His first name was Kindness. His last was Long, and so was his grin, the registrar reported. But neither of these can compare with that of John Dumbell, who is doing some fine writing on national questions for leading newspapers. After all, what's in a name.

Here and There

—By—
HILDA WAY GWYN

We reprint from the front page of the Philadelphia Record the following exchange of letters that have not only a local interest, but also gives a slant on how campaigns are going forward. . . .

Tellier and Company
Investment Securities,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Friend:—

The word "Liberty" is on the front of every 25-cent piece.

Wendell Wilkie gets enough of these as campaign contributions that word will mean something in this country.

Will you please send him a quarter, and write the same letter to three of your most personal friends? His address is 1010 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Every person who owns a business is employed or receives dividend checks should help.

Trusting you will do this small favor, I am.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Walter F. Tellier.

Mr. Walter F. Tellier,
Wall Street Broker,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter advising me that the word "Liberty" is on the front of every 25-cent piece and asking that I sent a quarter for Wilkie's campaign is before me.

The only reason that "Liberty" is still something for you to be writing about today is because of the social and economic reforms of the Roosevelt Administration. On the issue of whether we turn the Federal government over to the control of the utilities—I beg to advise you that I will give no quarter.

(Signed) Wm. H. Smathers,
United States Senator from New Jersey.

We would like to offer our congratulations to the Enterprise Club . . . recently organized group of young men of the community . . . they are outlining for themselves a pretty big job . . . that some of us older ones have failed at . . . to furnish amusement for the summer season . . . as this is being written . . . the day before the great occasion . . . we do not know . . . how the crowd will "turn out" to hear Duke Ellington and his famous orchestra . . . but we are feeling much sympathy as we write for Bill Ray, president . . . who was as nervous this morning (Friday the 19th) . . . as a young bride giving her first dinner party . . . and for her in-laws at that . . . and who could blame him . . . with such responsibilities . . . the stage is set . . . the performers are top notchers . . . the affair gives promise of going off with a bang . . . but there comes up the question of weather . . . for how many people will drive 100 miles in a downpour . . . even to dance to the strains of Duke Ellington's music . . . But ere this is read . . . it will be past history . . . but regardless . . . we want to give the Enterprise Club a rising vote of thanks for the community for their courage in sponsoring the event. . . .

One of our pet pees in life . . . is having to sit under a dryer in a beauty shop . . . yet we suppose it's a case of every rose must have a thorn . . . for how could we moderns unlucky enough to be born with straight hair "get by" without this aid . . . so the advantages, we admit outweigh the time lost . . . but we still think it the poorest way we know to kill time . . . we often look at the women about us . . . some knitting . . . crocheting . . . even darned socks . . . reading . . . the heat gets the best of our eyes . . . so we are denied these diversions . . . then we resort to our thoughts . . . but we can't think to the steady sound of the swirling current of air about our heads . . . and yet on the other hand when the presses "ride" . . . in the press room under neath our desk . . . and the linotype machines are clicking out their metal lines . . . and one is often compelled to raise one's voice above the combination of sound . . . we are never even conscious of it . . . instead when there is utter silence in the shops . . . our thoughts seem to go on a strike . . . which of course goes to show it is all in being accustomed to things . . . we don't sit under the dryer as often as we hear the presses ride and the linotypes click. . . .

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POLITICAL PARADE IN FRANCE



Voice of The People

Would it help Waynesville and Western North Carolina for the Southern Railway to re-establish double passenger service on the Murphy Branch?

C. C. Francis—"As far as the people are concerned, I think it would help the traveling public to have a double daily passenger service, for as it is with a one way passenger service it does not serve the people as it should. But from the standpoint of the railway I do not know whether it would pay to have two passenger trains a day."

J. S. Black—"I think it would be more convenient for the people, if they had two trains, and I feel that it would also benefit the railroad."

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Stewart Says

Danger Looms If We Withdraw Pacific Fleet

By CHARLES F. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

JAPAN has its spells of quite conciliatory in its conversations with the States. Thus far there have been no serious developments.

It is a mistake to think that the Japanese are really friendly. They are only waiting for a chance to grab everything available in the Far East while the Occident is busy elsewhere to make the most of the situation.

The mistake is well illustrated by the fact that the Japanese are not only waiting for a chance to grab everything available in the Far East while the Occident is busy elsewhere to make the most of the situation.

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