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A Tip On Menus

The following was taken from a Miami paper and given The Mountaineer by the secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce:

"As Mrs. Rowe writing from Waynesville, N. C., suggested to Police Lt. J. H. Collins Saturday that Miami city jail was without beans because they were all in Waynesville. "If you don't believe it, come up and try to eat in one of the local eating places. It's beans, beans and more beans.

"Maybe," Mrs. Rowe added, "some of the cooks here are former Miami jail cooks."

Said Lt. Collins, who revealed the scarcity of beans last week:

"Tell her to keep the beans but send back our cooks pronto. We need cooks worse than beans."

Again It Happens

An estimated 3,000 employees of the Chrysler Corporation's Kew-Forest Body Plant had to be sent home last week following a walk-out of 15 men in one department and a company spokesman said an additional 1,500 men on the Jefferson Plant's final assembly line would also be idled.

A corporation statement said that strikers left their jobs in protest after one employe was given a one-day reprimand for "loafing."

It is no wonder that legislation is necessary to protect the employer against such unreasonable actions.

How far should an employe be allowed to carry a strike, which leads to the condition as described above? We feel sure that in the 3,000 idle men, there were many who did not want to be thrown out of work, and were handicapped financially by this fall in employment.

The pendulum has swung too far in one direction, not alone for the benefit of the employer, but also for those innocent employes who are victims of conditions under which they work—to say nothing of the public awaiting increased production.

Timely Advice

"Our hope rests with a revival of confidence in the importance of the family and of the home," said Governor Cherry last week as he addressed more than 3,000 N. C. farmers and their wives at the annual Farm and Home week, held at State College.

Deploping a war — caused disruption of home life in North Carolina the Governor said, "We have just come through a period of war when literally thousands of North Carolina homes were uprooted, disrupted, shattered by the war. We have just had a period when the momentum of family life was interrupted. Fathers, sons, brothers were detached from family life to serve their country in time of war. There are more of them than in all our other wars."

"We are due then," continued the Governor, "for some serious consideration of the family, the home, and the future under these changing times. In the very nature of things the family is the origin of life and the root of human values. As the home goes, so the State and the Nation. As there is good or bad in the home, and by whatever proportions so is life for us all, here and throughout the land."

The disruption of home life in its normal relations is one of the prices any nation pays along with other war debts, and is an inevitable hangover that must be reckoned with and faced for too much is involved that is the key to happiness.

Increasing Interest

The appreciative audience who heard Mr. Stupka, Park Naturalist, last Friday night was the largest group ever to attend any of the three lectures given here under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

In his lectures the naturalist brings undreamed of beauties that only those who get into the heart of the Park are granted to see, and his descriptions give one a great urge to adventure into the Park areas.

The increase each year in the audience both from local as well as summer people, is indicative of the increasing interest in this great national reserve.

We trust that the Chamber of Commerce makes the lecture an annual summer event for the benefit of the people of the county as well as the visitors.

Put 'Em In Jail

The following editorial was clipped and sent to The Mountaineer by Dr. E. W. Gudger, which is rather drastic treatment for broken romances:

Court dockets in Wake and other counties in North Carolina are crowded with divorce cases. We are out-divorcing Reno in this so-called conservative old State.

What is the remedy? Mrs. Katharine Luce of Buffalo, upon celebrating her 100th birthday, deploras the divorce evil and says that "instead of being given divorces most of them should be put in jail." She added: "What I dislike most is seeing all those young whippersnappers going about trading husbands and wives as if they were selecting clothes."

Mrs. Luce's remedy would be worse than the disease. It would require millions of dollars to build enough jails to house the growing number who are applying for divorces.

Do You Know Your Car?

The following taken from one of our exchanges during the week is timely considering the number of accidents we have added recently to the Haywood county list:

Your car is a two-ton projectile, capable of a speed from 70 to 100 miles an hour. At a speed of 45 miles an hour, it takes 160 feet to stop it if it is in perfect mechanical condition. Reaction time, that is the time it takes to move your foot from the accelerator to the brake, consumes from three-fourths of a second to a second and a half, during which time your car has traveled some 55 feet at 45 miles an hour. During that period, therefore, your car is completely out of control and will strike any object within 55 feet, inanimate or human—and there is nothing you can do about it.

Its power as a projectile is tremendous. Its design lends itself to battering power. Its frame is constructed of rigidly brazed steel beams. The engine in its nose, usually of cast steel, is its war head. A thin sheet of steel is streamlined around it, similar to the construction of a U. S. Army rocket bomb. The bumper placed in front to protect its fenders is about shin height—the proper distance off the ground to break the legs of an adult even at slow speeds.

Its two tons is supported on rubber-tired wheels with an effective crushing weight on each, of 1,000 pounds. Impact adds greatly to this crushing weight, but no part of the human body is capable of resisting it. Modern designs which lower the center of gravity also reduce the clearance so that in most pedestrian accidents where the wheels do not pass over the victim's body, he is crushed by the front axle or dragged along the ground by a projecting part of the chassis or car body.

This, then, is the machine which, in 1946, will kill 38,000 persons, injure a million and a quarter, and cause almost three-quarters of a billion dollars damage. No single weapon designed for war has ever wreaked such destruction, yet this deadly weapon is placed in the hands of irresponsible youngsters, drunks and untrained and unskilled drivers.

Our streets and highways are the best protected in the world from the viewpoint of traffic signals, signs to indicate such hazards as hills, winding roads, bridges and turns, caution indicators and warnings—but still there are those whom President Truman termed "morons" who choose to ignore them for the thrill of driving a two-ton mass of steel at 70 miles an hour.

Is it any wonder 38,000 will be killed in 1946? This appalling death toll will continue to grow year after year unless something is done about it. As for you, your own life and the lives of those you love depend upon what you choose to do about it. Unless the facts presented to you and the warnings are reflected in your driving, you may make your contribution this year to the deaths of 38,000 Americans.

That horses have more sense than human beings is shown by the fact that they were scared stiff of motor-cars in the days when pedestrians were laughing at them.—Punch.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

One of the delightful things about living in a resort is the fact that you do not have to go away from home to meet new, interesting and stimulating people. They come to us here each season—and with increasing numbers. A 1946 visitor who is making an extended stay and his first since 1919, is former Governor Cary A. Hardee, of Florida. It is a pleasure to meet the Governor and his wife, for they are an example of a couple with a perfect understanding, who are keeping alive the romance of youth, and get a big kick out of living.

While speaking of governors, I would like to put myself on record about our North Carolina governors. You always make unusually fine selections, and I have known them all since 1921," he said.

"If you have ever been governor of a state you find yourself watching over her like a mother does a child and you can't help passing out judgments on those who come after you," he said in speaking of the keen interest and personal responsibility a governor of a state always has after he goes out of office.

"I don't like our current political set-up. I am politically unorthodox, and you may not be willing to print what I would like sincerely to say," he said. We explained that he was wrong, that we would like to get his ideas, regardless of how differently we might think and that the interview was his, and not our opinion of things or necessity that of The Mountaineer, so

errors—and having a lot of fun with them minus the cares of state. Governor Hardee was head of his state government from 1921 to 1925 but has been in gubernatorial circles continually from that time until 1938. He was elected secretary of the Governors' Conference of the United States while in office, the first governor incidentally to hold the position. He was in this office from his years as governor until 1938, and his job included making out the programs and general management of the conference, so he naturally has been "keeping up with the gov-

Inside WASHINGTON

Barkley Would Have Resigned | G. O. P. Sees Slaughter Purge Had Truman Nixed OPA Bill | Pyrrhic Victory for President Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—President Truman, it can now be disclosed, would have lost his administration leader in the Senate if he had vetoed the second OPA extension bill.

Senator Alben Barkley (D) Ky., was prepared to resign as majority leader. He made no secret of the fact and told several friends "I resigned once before and I can do it again."

This was a reference to the occasion on which Barkley resigned as Democratic leader when the late President Roosevelt vetoed a tax bill and sent a scorching message to Congress along with the veto.

Senate Democrats then re-elected Barkley unanimously as their leader and the opinion was often expressed thereafter that from that moment Barkley became the real Democratic leader and not just the president's representative in the Senate.

Barkley was compelled to consider resigning again because he felt that another veto would in effect be a repudiation by the president of his leadership in the Senate.

The senator felt keenly the action taken by Mr. Truman in vetoing the first OPA extension bill, after the congressional "Big Four" leaders, including Barkley, had recommended approval.

Barkley recently completed nine years as majority leader and was eulogized by the president and by a number of both Democratic and Republican colleagues.

REPUBLICANS ARE SEIZING joyfully upon President Truman's victory in the Missouri primaries—the "purge" of Rep. Roger C. Slaughter and the nomination of Enos Axtell as the Democratic candidate.

The G. O. P. national committee regards the Truman triumph as a purely party affair and a pyrrhic political victory which will lead to election of Axtell's Republican opponent in the fifth congressional district next November.

This candidate is Albert L. Reeves, Jr., son of the federal judge who played a major role in breaking the old Pendergast machine and putting the late Tom Pendergast behind bars.

Senator Wiley (R) Wis., and other G. O. P. leaders are gleeful about the coming fight in Missouri.

They point out that Axtell, a political neophyte, had the all-out backing of the rejuvenated Pendergast machine, headed by Jim Pendergast, nephew and political heir of "Old Tom."

G. O. P. strategists claim that many fifth district Democrats, who voted for Slaughter, will refuse to go along with the machine and vote for Reeves instead.

The campaign promises to be one of the hottest on the November calendar, with no holds barred.

Republican leaders intend to pour money into the district in an effort to gain another congressional seat and hurl a monkey wrench into the new Pendergast machine.

ALTHOUGH THE NEW price decontrol board was set up as an independent and impartial agency, some observers see a strong OPA influence in its staff.

Of the five men appointed to key positions on the board staff, four are former employes of either the OPA or the Office of Economic Stabilization.

David Cobb, the 35-year-old general counsel, once served as counsel for OPA as well as for various other government agencies.

Walter S. Salant, the board's economic adviser, held the same position with former Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles before the latter resigned during the OPA fight.

Bice Clemow, now acting secretary of the board, was Bowles' right hand man at both OPA and OES. His title at OES was executive assistant to Bowles.

The board's new director of information, Delmar Beman, was in OPA's information office for two years.

Observers feel that a staff with this background may strongly influence the board and sway its opinions toward the views of OPA in restoring controls on meat, dairy products, grains and other important foodstuffs.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE ALONG BROAD

By Walter Winchell

Editor's Note: While Winchell is on vacation, Jack Lait is acting as guest columnist.

Unshackled in a Garden of Eden, Best American Divorce, and fastest, is the decree issued by Federal Judge Moore in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, U. S. A. . . . takes eight hours to get to St. Thomas from New York via plane flying the new nonstop route . . . by a new regulation, after six weeks' residence, the decree is signed, eliminating long periods of publication and other delays pertinent to Reno or Miami divorces. . . . The Virgin Islands are a practically unknown paradise — few tourists, best Scotch on earth at \$2.50 a fifth, cigarets 50 cents a carton, shopping for native wares products at prewar prices and your buck worth 100 cents. . . . Two American hotels — Hotel 829 and the government-run Bluebeard's Castle — total accommodations 60 people! . . . The Virgin Islands divorce decree is the only one in the country signed by a federal judge, who is appointed by the President. . . . No V. I. divorce has yet been contested by any state.

J. L. WALKER: "I don't think there will be as many strikes this winter, as there were during the last one?"

C. R. SANDERSON: "I should think there would be. With prices going up it looks like wages will have to go up too."

LOWIE JONES: "No. The labor unions have had a hand in price control, and this should help keep strikes down."

J. C. GALUSHA: "No. I do not, providing prices are held in line. I believe the strikes this past year cost the wage earner more than he gained when you count in the increased cost of living."

CHARLES VALENTINE: "No. I don't think there will. I believe people will come to their senses before then."

then he spoke more freely.

"We people of the South have nothing in common with the political machines of the North, low directing our Democratic party," he launched forth, as he explained his opposition to what he termed the socialist policies which he feels his party has adopted during the past few years. He headed the anti-third term Democrats in Florida with strong convictions that the precedent of two terms should not be broken, even during a war.

"I don't know where our economic relief is going to come from. I don't believe anybody has any well digested idea as to what is going to happen, as we have nothing in the past like the present situation to go by. There are not enough statesmen in the true sense of the word today. I fear that many of our senators and congressmen want to do the thing that will attract the voters and give them newspaper headlines. They are much more interested, apparently,

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Letters To The Editor

APPRECIATION

Editor The Mountaineer: I wish to express to you and your staff our appreciation for the excellent publicity in connection with our Cherokee Indian Reading Club. The success of our club has been due to such splendid community cooperation.

From the very beginning the boys and girls knew to watch for announcements in the paper, for that was our only way of reaching the many sections of the county. They were very proud of their front page picture and the articles, for I was repeatedly told they saw it in the paper.

Very truly yours, MARGARET JOHNSTON, Librarian.

PERSONNEL participating in the Fountain of Facts Senator Charles H. Brown, now GI in Winfield, Pa. . . . Senator Alben Barkley, D. Ky. . . . Senator Wiley, R. Wis. . . . Senator Frank Parker, D. N. C. . . . Senator Mayne Albright, State director of the U. S. Employment Service, and with Winfield Blackwell, who was

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