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The Budget Commission

The advisory budget commission members which have been in session in Raleigh during the past two weeks concluded their hearings on Wednesday and have adjourned until October 27th, when it will reconvene and go into executive session.

At their next meeting they will complete their recommendations to the next General Assembly. Theirs has been a hard task but from reports from Raleigh they have heard each request patiently and fairly, and will no doubt render their decisions in the same spirit.

Requests have been uniformly for larger appropriations. There is no doubt but that the public institutions have deteriorated during the war years and are in need of repairs. It is also true that restaffing will be difficult under the present state schedule of schools.

It is equally true that never in the history of the state has there been such a demand for enlarged capacity of schools and public institutions. The enormous appropriations asked for, would a few years ago, have been considered impossible, and entirely out of keeping with the conservative policy of North Carolina.

But after all it is a well known fact that the revenue collections of the past four years have far exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic. At no time in the history of the state has there been such an enormous surplus accumulated.

What better service can the governing body of the state render than at this time to repair and enlarge our institutions for the unfortunate and to build up our educational and highway systems in keeping with the progress of North Carolina.

September Toll

During the month of September, State Highway patrolmen investigated 521 accidents in which 64 persons were killed and 414 injured, according to an announcement by Motor Vehicles Commissioner T. Boddie Ward.

From the report it would seem that the addition of extra patrolmen at this time is a very wise move on the part of the state.

The patrolmen traveled 562,627 miles during September and inspected 42,942 automobiles, ordered lights corrected on 19,410 vehicles and issued 1,643 equipment tickets.

In addition the patrol investigated 4,030 complaints and made 4,448 arrests, of which 431 were for drunken driving. Of the defendants, 4,152 were convicted and fines totaled \$96,868.33, with costs of court reaching \$45,316.57.

While the record may be viewed with pride from the standpoint of a busy month of work by the state patrolmen, the citizens of the state can feel anything but pride in certain features of the report.

Appreciation

The sponsors of the recent Haywood County Livestock and Home Arts show must feel deep gratification over the words of praise which continue to come from all sources regarding the high type of program which marked the event.

The appreciation of the Haywood county people of a show of such type minus the carnival features also signifies that the people are deeply concerned with a show of constructive ideas and that the idea of progress is uppermost in their conception of a county event of this kind.

Ought To Have The Facts

In a letter to the editor published on this page today, Mr. MacDougald of Brevard, asks questions about the proposed highway down Pigeon River to Newport, a project discussed here off and on for the past 15 years or more.

In answer to Mr. MacDougald's inquiry, this newspaper can only say that civic leaders and officials of Haywood have consistently followed through trying to get Highway officials to take some action on the project. As yet, no encouragement has been received, which would indicate any intention of starting soon.

One reason why the proposed highway has not been given due recognition, is the lack of understanding on the part of those outside of Haywood who look on the highway as a competitor to present north-south highways from Tennessee.

There are, we are sorry to say, groups in Western North Carolina who will openly fight any highways being built because they fail to see where they will be directly benefited. The truth of the matter is, the proposed Newport-Waynesville highway would not be competitive to any existing highway in the state. In fact it would be a decided asset to those who now oppose its construction. The Newport - Waynesville highway would open the extreme Eastern side of the Park, which is now isolated. The same highway would open up large areas of the Pisgah National Forest down the Pigeon River, which is now concealing some of the best scenic spots in Eastern America.

It is still more unfortunate that the State construction of this proposed highway do not have broader vision, and more interest in the progress of all Western North Carolina rather than just a small part of the area.

It is still more important that the State Highway Commission to date has been content to listen to the group of "opposers" rather than study the justified needs of the state and section at large. In fairness to the commission, it must be said that they come back with the same old song and dance story, "not enough men, material or equipment." We grant them the shortage of these, yet there should be no shortage of interest, foresight, and willingness to listen to reason.

Those opposing the project have done a good job of selling the commission on the idea "one north-south highway from Tennessee into this section is sufficient."

Yes, Mr. MacDougald, it seems the project you are so interested in, as well as all Haywood, is being held up because of "regional jealousy" on the one hand, and failure to properly recognize the highways needs of this area on the other.

Strength In Unity

One Western North Carolina county might have some difficulty in staging convincing invitations to industrial developments, but the combined efforts of 11 Western North Carolina counties will in time have far greater results for the area as well as for the individual county than separated groups working alone.

All Haywood citizens and those residing in the 11 counties represented at the meeting held here on Monday when the state groups met with the county TVA representatives, should feel encouragement that a definite move has been made to gain and attract new industries to the area.

Business men wanting sites for locations of manufacturing plants may like beautiful scenery, but the lure of our mountains would not alone bring us new industries. We have to have some definite selling information to hand out to these potential newcomers.

The survey which will be undertaken by the group will make available the type of data that business men seeking sites for industries will want to have—and the fact that we will have them ready to hand out will also be much in our favor.

For various reasons there has been a general changing about of industrial plants, often seeking physical advantages and labor supplies, which are bringing many rural sections into the picture.

In Western North Carolina we have much to offer the prospective manufacturer, but for years we have hidden our light under a barrel. The interest and cooperation of the representatives here at the meeting promises to make the survey successful in its findings.

"Glorified Carnival"

The Raleigh News and Observer branded the recent State Fair "Over-publicized and over-sized carnival." In another place the paper said of the fair, "a glorified carnival along the midway, and indifferent competition in the exhibit hall."

Haywood learned her lesson long ago, that any time a carnival dominates an event, it isn't going to be much of a fair. That's the reason Haywood's Exhibitions are minus all carnivals.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Like most people everywhere—scattered throughout the world we have thought a lot about the Nuernberg trials. They have represented so much—not only trial by jury of the world's most famous criminals—but a kind of hinge between the development and growth of the Nazis' power—its reign of horror—and its defeat—and the future reaction. The last act at Nuernberg does not cleanse the Hitler poison automatically from Germany. If we think deeply about the real significance of the trials in their entirety we cannot gloat over the punishment meted out to these high ranking disciples of Hitler, because it was too late for vengeance to do much against them. No form of punishment could bring back the millions murdered in concentration camps or those who gave cause of their power thirsty ideals.

We must bear in mind now that the physical bodies have been destroyed and that it was not the men alone, but their evil and cruel ideals which must also be destroyed—and this is far reaching to counteract. How much do you suppose actually remains of Nazis beliefs in Germany today? How do we have any way of knowing exactly how the youth of Germany feel today? Being a conquered people they cannot demonstrate with discretion their true sentiments. The devotion of these criminals, who have been handed, to a false conception of life and the rights of others brought them to their doom. We may have punished these leaders, but we have not completely won, we still have a battle to fight—to kill the last bit of the spirit of Hitler among the German people. Our job in the name of justice is only partially done.

We are going to miss Mattie Moody (now Mrs. Garnett, soon to be of West Palm Beach, no longer of Haywood county)—from the office of the Board of Education. Mattie has been secretary of the board for 13 years. She has been a great inspiration to us personally in our work, which will no doubt be a big surprise to Mattie, for she has never told us but one bit of news in the 12 years we have bothered her office for educational stories out of Haywood. Yet, let us get low on our work and visit Mattie, whether we had business with Jack Messer or not, and we always came away feeling better in spirits. Just watching her labor over those bills and compile those long tedious lists in her work would make us grateful for a news beat. We often said, "Mattie, we wouldn't have your job on a bet" . . . and she would come back quick as a flash, "You have nothing on me, goodness knows I wouldn't have yours as a gift. In the first place, I don't like to write, and I'd rather starve than have to ask as many

questions as you do and try to please everybody you write about. I wouldn't have your job if it was the last one on earth" . . . and she would always add — "Now take mine, it's easy, just a lot of adding mostly" . . . and we never could convince her that "adding" to us would "be the last job." Mattie has done excellent and efficient work for the Board of Education and the public has liked her. We wish her happiness in her new role of domesticity—and we trust she'll be able to grow her favorite flowers—African violets—as well on her kitchen window sills down in Florida as she has in the office in the court house.

- Alcohol: An excellent liquid for preserving almost anything but a secret. Sugar Daddy: A form of crystallized sap. Bigamist: (a) A man who marries twice in a lifetime. (b), A man who has taken one too many. Eskimos: God's frozen people. Labor saving device: A rich wife. Loaded dice: A serious case of poison ivory. Perfume manufacturer: A man who always has his business in other people's noses. Sense of humor: What makes you laugh at something which would make you mad if it happened to you.

Ex-Presidential Yacht Put On Auction Block

WASHINGTON — The Mayflower, one-time yacht of Presidents, has been put up for sale by the Maritime Commission. Terms of the sale permit either operation or scrapping of the historic ship, used by six American Presidents in its 50 years. Bids will be opened here Nov. 6.

The 275-foot craft, now at Baltimore, Md., was built in Glasgow in 1896 and served as a gunboat in the Spanish-American War. In World War II it again saw active duty as a coastal and river patrol vessel under the Coast Guard.

Eden Named To Board On Roosevelt Memorial

LONDON—Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's war-time Foreign Secretary, was today named a member of the six-man House of Commons committee which is to consider establishment of a memorial to President Roosevelt. It is planned to set up the memorial in Grosvenor Square, in London's Mayfair—site of many wartime American offices and the United States Embassy.



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Is the draft necessary to fulfill the needs of our armed forces until the diplomats finish the peace treaties?

Robert Trimble—"I think it is."

R. L. Russell—"I don't believe they'll need the draft as there seems to be enough volunteers. We do need a good sized army, but I think volunteers do better in it than those who are drafted. If there aren't enough volunteers, then let's keep the draft."

Frances Rose — "We shouldn't rush into ending the draft until after peace treaties are signed, and that may be for several years."

Howard Bryson—"I believe it'll be necessary to keep the draft until then."

Walter Crawford—"I've always favored universal military service, irrespective of world conditions. I'd like for my boy to have a year of service."

Letters To Editor

INFORMATION, PLEASE

Editor The Mountaineer: Enclosed find a re-print of one of our editorials in The Asheville Citizen. Just what has happened to our north and south route highway No. 284 from Dellwood to Mt. Sterling on the Tennessee line?

I have always been under the impression that the North Carolina highway Commission promised Tennessee to build to the state line if Tennessee would agree to the same, which I understand they have. As this is the most important highway to Waynesville and Brevard from the north, and will give all Western North Carolina a north and south route, and direct eastern entrance into the Park, I cannot see that the Blue Ridge Parkway will do Waynesville and Brevard anything like the good that No. 284 and No. 276 will do. (U. S. No. 276 is from Waynesville to Brevard, and N. C. No. 284 is from Waynesville to the Tennessee line).

What has become of the proposed bus line from Waynesville to Brevard, which you had news stories on last summer? A through bus line between the two places is sorely needed.

If not asking too much, please let me have the exact status of what to expect.

Yours truly DUNCAN MACDOUGALD Brevard, N. C.

Paris fashions are showing plenty of yardage in clothes for young people. Wide full skirts and large fluffy bows are seen on the newest evening frocks.

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

RAISE—State employees, including teachers, are now expected to be given a raise of not less than 20 per cent, and likely as much as 25 per cent, by the Legislature in one of its first pieces of business in January.

HEALTH ARGUMENT—A hard fight is already beginning around the greatly broadened health program which will carry with it a big medical school at Chapel Hill, and also possibly a 400 to 600-bed hospital. This row will become bitter during the Legislature—and much of it will be between State College and University alumni.

This idea will be pooh-poohed in some quarters, but various prominent N. C. State alumni feel that they are being pushed about just a little too much by the politically strong University crowd. This bad feeling—and it's there, whether they admit it or not—may come to a head early next year. It came near happening at a recent trustees' meeting in Raleigh.

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS — If budgetary requests made during the past six weeks are even 90 per cent fulfilled and if \$20,000,000 is set aside for a rainy day, there will not be sufficient money available to launch this broad health program—however badly it may be needed.

SPECIAL EVENTS—The recent State Fair was so successful that several important events are now being considered so as to make more use of the 250-acre fairgrounds between now and next October.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair manager, claims that the 90,000 folks which attended the fair last Friday was the largest crowd ever assembled for any show or any other event in North Carolina. Do you know of one that will beat it?

NOTES—A top-flight official of the National Manufacturers Association said while in Raleigh last week that he is "afraid the House of Representatives will remain Democratic after the November elections." He would not enlarge on the statement, said it was made after detailed study of all the districts coming up on November 5, and he believes that's the situation. . . . We'll see.

On the day after the discontinuance of OPA meat ceilings thousands of pounds of fine red meat appeared from out of nowhere in Raleigh markets. At least one store (Halfax Street Grocery, where the Governor does most of his buying for the mansion table) received 70 cents per pound for hamburger. . . . Best-grade steaks were sold in Raleigh at around 93 cents per pound.

OFF THE CUFF—Edwards and Broughton Printing company, now observing its 75th birthday, will issue a 300-page book on printing

In this state etc. order. Budget paper to attain a circulation of 31. . . . Wake list plans to request amount for the move.—The next L. be asked to cut out the lower bracket payment of state income tax has a time-a-year installing the \$2.50 first only after much football schedules next spring. State howcum it can't meet '47. . . . And why no

GUESSER GILL—Budget Commission from Revenue Comm. Gill has ideas on what lina's income will be biennium. This is Gill's figures, which from division heads' crystal ball-gazing in its own monthly issue you have it. Of course impossible task, but fun trying.

EWING — Wake political lap-dog of county and Fayette convicted a two year manslaughter in the wife, is now around P. tending to his business to reports received on a \$25,000 bond. . . . have decided to decline the case, and it will fore the State Supreme May.

Incidentally, Ewing to have as one of Horace Stacy of Lumber Justice of the State Sup. But if you think that the slightest bit of thinking, then you are the judge.

IT'S A GIFT—Spee State Supreme Court, thing that happened to justices last Wednesday 11:30. Judge A. F. E. accompanied by his wife, Miss Ethel Parkville, member of the State Department was Fair. Everybody was an age-guesser personal and party to come stand. The judge, who now in a day or two fellow to look him over the dignified Judge S way and that, finally ing 50 cents for the the judge to be 68 years —And Judge Serrett

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