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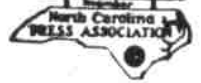
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Asheville Is Elated

This week one of the main topics of conversation in business and civic circles here in Waynesville was the play-up given the new Junaluska-Dellwood road by Asheville newspapers.

The general tone of the page of pictures and the text that accompanied the illustrations was "look what we have done."

There was a severe note of criticism here from people in all walks of life at the attitude taken in Buncombe county about the road.

While Waynesville has never cherished the idea of the road which would by-pass the town en route to Cherokee and the Park, never has there been word of protest raised to stop the project.

It has always been understood locally that the cut-off was instigated and pushed to completion by pressure from Buncombe county.

The article and pictures prove that Asheville is bubbling over with joy and could not refrain from showing their emotions.

Lightning Strikes 3 Times

Last week we published an editorial about lightning striking in the same place twice.

An Associated Press story has just come in which carries the statement even further. It is actual proof that lightning can and does strike as many as three times in the same place.

"FAIRMONT (AP)—There's an old saying about 'lightning never strikes twice in the same place,' but Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Faulk, Sr., who live south of here, do not believe it.

"They say their residence has been hit three times this summer by lightning, and their neighbors bear them out.

"The third bolt hit the house this week during a storm and part of their home was burned. The first two times that lightning hit the house only minor damage occurred.

A Colorful Event

The coronation of the Queen of Lake Junaluska on Saturday night promises to be another colorful affair, which will doubtless draw thousands of spectators.

In fact, even a larger group of Waywood people will be present, since a local girl will be crowned queen.

At the beginning of World War II there were 100 million cotton spindles in Europe, Japan and China, more than four times the number in the United States.

Dodging Jury Service

The average superior court judge hears about as many different excuses from citizens not wanting to serve on the jury, as the preacher hears from people not going to church.

Down in Onslow county recently Judge John J. Burney told the grand jury of several instances where people tried to get out of jury service.

The jurist said he picked up a farmer one morning while traveling to court at Windsor and was told by the hitchhiker, "I'm called for jury duty but I ain't going to serve."

Inquiring as to how the farmer was going to get out of serving, the judge was told, "I'm gonna fool that old judge."

"I'm gonna tell him I have a field full of hay to put up. Ain't got a bit of hay but that excuse always works."

When court was opened and the judge asked if anybody wanted to be excused, that particular juror didn't speak up.

"As a matter of fact," said the judge, "he didn't even speak up when I asked if anybody had any hay to get in."

On another occasion, the jurist recalled, a prospective juror came before the bench and said, "Your honor, I don't know who's going to die first, my wife or daughter."

The judge hastily excused the poor man and it was only a little while later that the same man was brought into court for raising a disturbance on the courthouse lawn.

"What were you doing down there?" demanded the judge. "I thought you told me your wife and daughter were sick."

"Nope," the man said. "I just told you I didn't know which is going to die first. I don't."

The Forgiving Spirit

Several months ago, a Negro crept to the farmer, and fired a shot at his heart. The bullet missed its mark, but did seriously wound the man. Officers later arrested the Negro, and the farmer's attractive wife, charging that she had hired the Negro to kill her husband.

The woman was placed under \$15,000 bond, and within a few days suffered a nervous condition, which resulted in her becoming a patient at a hospital in this area.

The husband is well again, and last week visited his wife at the hospital effecting a reconciliation and they left together on their "second honeymoon" to an undisclosed beach resort.

The solicitor in Robeson county says he plans to prosecute both the woman and Negro on a felonious assault charge when court opens in August.

Evidently this is an example of that "forgiving" spirit we often hear preached from the pulpits, but seldom see put into practice by men and women.

Burley Prices Encouraging

An optimistic note for tobacco growers comes from W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist for the State Department of Agriculture, who predicted this week that flue-cured tobacco would average \$48 to \$49 per hundred when the season opens August 7 in Eastern Carolina.

The specialist made it clear that he did not mean his forecast would necessarily hold true for the entire season.

Of course, Mr. Hedrick did not make mention of burley at this stage of the season, but it is encouraging to note that the flue-cured growers can expect good prices again this season which means burley prices should be near the 1946 averages.

Mr. Hedrick has been in Haywood many times and tobacco growers have learned that he is conservative with his statements about prices, and have also learned they can rely on what he says.

Good Music

This community was privileged to hear two musical treats within the past week. Two programs that are seldom heard in places several times larger than ours here.

The Opera Gems by the Cathedral Singers last Friday night was one of the programs, and the Gilbert and Sullivan light opera, the "Pirates of Penzance" at the high school Monday night was the other.

We have felt for a long time that there was a growing interest in music in this community and certainly with the active band and glee clubs in the schools, there will be a continued desire and appreciation for better music.

Wilbur and Orville Wright's first business venture was a bicycle repair shop, which led to their experiments in airplane building.

HAIL CAESAR (PETRILLO)



Rambling, Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members—Of The Mountaineer Staff—

Here is one for the "please-tell-me why" column: men who work together on a job all day, gathering at seven in the morning to sit around and talk until starting time at seven-thirty.

Another item for the same column: with the street half taken up by "Mow Working" on a water line, WHY will every automobile driver decide he wants to get through the narrow passage first?

As one looks up at the verdant mountain slopes, it is hard to realize that in so short a time those slopes will begin to blush with autumn's approach and then turn scarlet with the glory of fall. Again

we repeat: if only our visitors would delay their departure or arrange their arrival until the battle air of September and the sharpness of October would fill their being with a rejuvenation no amount of winter could undo.

We have received news releases that the new N. C. Highway Safety Act provides two penalties for speeders: a real stiff fine for those caught making over 75 miles per hour, and a regular speeding fine for drivers arrested going in excess of the new limit, 55. Police say the written law does not state this in so many words. Our new drivers li-

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REP. ST. GEORGE SAYS NO ONE ASKS SOLONS TO SAVE BY JANE LADS

WASHINGTON—Loop, Katharine St. George of New York thinks Congress is doing a pretty good job, but she thinks more and more Congressmen are making and are not interested in the people.

She says she is writing in asking for something and begging that Congressmen should be out in

various things. They are always thinking of ways for the government to spend more money.

"I have heard from only one constituent favoring economy since I've come to Congress."

Mrs. St. George, small, chic, European-educated resident of Tuxedo, is Republican representative of the 29th New York District.

She thinks this Congress has shown a great deal of courage and that the new members, especially the young ones who are veterans, are out to give the country good

Looking Back Over The Years

5 YEARS AGO: Miss Ruth Wyche arrived Sunday for a week's visit with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wyche. She has recently been elevated assistant superintendent of Washli School in Thomasville, Ga.

10 YEARS AGO: Mrs. Charles R. Thomas announces the marriage of her granddaughter, Miss Mary Ruffin Hill, to William Sidney Prevost.

Miss Billie Rotha, Miss Jane White, and Miss Mary Wood, of Elizabethton, Tenn., college students home for the vacation, entertained with a dance last card party.

first part of their program at the annual reunion last Sunday to the making of a service flag for those of the family who are now in the armed forces of their country.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can beauty treatments help cure mental illness?

Answer: Yes, believes Dr. Perry V. Wagle, Superintendent of the State Mental Hospital at Pontiac, Mich., who five years ago established an up-to-date beauty parlor for his women patients.

Does "single-mindedness" imply a "one-track mind"? Answer: I don't think so. I should call a person "single-minded" who had one consistent purpose in life, but could change his methods of pursuing it when necessary, while the man with a

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Are you superstitious? If so, what is your pet superstition?

Mrs. Roger Walker: "My only superstition is in the habit of stamping white horses in order to find a fortune."

Mrs. John Queen, Sr.: "I'm superstitious of the number 13. I won't put up 13 cans at a time or seat 13 people at a table or anything that has to do with 13."

Miss Ida Jean Brown: "I am not superstitious at all."

"Chat" Thomas: "I never had any superstitions of any kind. Don't believe in them."

Carl Mundy, Sr.: "I've got so many I don't know which is my pet. Probably it is believing that bad dreams come true in some form."

Mrs. St. George is one of the two new women members of Congress. The other is Mrs. Georgia Lusk (D-N.M.).

A member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committees she has worked on the loyalty and retirement bills.

She introduced HR 1203, a bill to give sick leave pay and vacation pay to government employees.

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

FIRST PRIMARY? — State Treasurer Charles Johnson who is riding herd for nomination as the governor next May wouldn't be at all surprised if he wins in the first primary.

He looks at it, sensibly enough in this manner: Johnson says it will not be he, himself, whom the people will be voting for, but financial stability.

"I've been fortunate enough to be treasurer—and during recent years we have had a good financial foundation, so the people are associating me with financial stability." The foregoing may not be the exact words he spoke while leaned up to a lightpost in the old Dick Fountain manner last week, but you get the gist of his statement.

The state actually is now at its best, financially speaking, and Johnson was treasurer while all this came to pass. Even his worthy opponents, Oscar Barker and Wayne Albright, will have to admit that.

If the state were wallowing in financial disgrace, Johnson would receive much of the blame. So he must receive much of the credit for its prosperity, whether he is due it or not.

If the primary were held today Johnson could win, hands down.

NOTES—There are reports that Congressman Monroe Redden is not so popular with his North Carolina colleagues.

Also that Bob Reynolds is still planning to run against him.

YOU'RE TELLING

By WILLIAM RITT, Central Press Writer

AS LEVEE after levee along the flooded Father of Waters gives way, Zadok Dumkopf says he has come to the conclusion that the Mississippi river is getting too big for its breeches.

A 97-year-old Kentuckian is learning to play the saxophone. Just trying to keep in tune with the times?

The usual thing about weather, we've noticed, is that it's nearly always unusual.

This year's exhibit of paintings in the Edinburgh, Scotland, College of Art contains virtually no nudes—because last winter was too cold for undraped

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

