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Grandmother's Day

Governor Cherry has made grandmother official. He has snatched a day—Sunday, October 12—from a very crowded calendar to make it her very own.

But the coming of this day deserves a word of caution.

Don't be in too big a hurry to send grandma a pair of easy slippers or a frilly white lace cap as a gift for the occasion.

A bite of candy perhaps or maybe a set-up at the beauty parlor would be highly acceptable, we think.

Above all, don't think that her entire enjoyment of life consists in sitting with grandchildren while their parents are cavorting about after their own pleasures.

Too, if her bent is along this line, every body knows that grandmother can more than earn her keep as a baby sitter outside of her own home.

On this Grandmother's day let's see that she not only gets the tender affection which the governor has bespoken for her but let's also treat her humanely.

The New Food Program

A group of government officials, led by President Truman, have put before the American public the seriousness of the food situation in Europe this coming winter.

It is unquestionably true that America is the most wasteful nation on earth. Since we live in a land of plenty, we handle food carelessly, and often without thought that millions are starving on the other side of the world.

General opinions are that food will not be rationed again if America uses common sense in putting on successfully a food conservation program.

These are simple requests and certainly ones that we American can easily follow without any hardship.

We Are Proud Of Them

Last Friday night music lovers saw and heard two fine bands at the football game, when our own band and the Elizabethton, Tenn., bands played during the half.

The more we see of the high school bands, the prouder we are of all of them.

Without the bands to pep up the fans as well as the competing teams we believe that football games would tend to take on the appearance of drabness and not the grand spectacle of the fall that the large and well-trained school bands make it.

A Newspaper Serves —

This is National Newspaper week, and following a custom of many years, newspapers take the one time in the year to give their readers a close-up of their business, an obligation of the press.

Not so long ago, in terms of history, a homicidal maniac gifted with silvertongued oratory drove his bloodthirsty hordes across Europe and succeeded in plunging the world into history's most devastating war.

The world will wonder, how could things happen in a modern civilization?

The answer is simple. It happened because this man understood one thing: control the press and communications facilities and you can control thought.

There were some great newspapers in Germany while Hitler was running an underground movement, meeting in beer halls, developing his strong-arm methods.

When Hitler rode into power with the help of an uninformed electorate and an unsuspecting government there were still powerful newspapers who could have exposed him and his gang of cutthroats.

The American press will not forget what happened in Europe. Actually it did not need this example to be forewarned.

We're speaking of Huey Long, the potential dictator. He had Louisiana by the throat and was taking steps to silence opposition from the newspapers by taxing them out of existence.

Individual liberties are a cherished thing here which set this country apart as the mecca for oppressed peoples everywhere.

The American press is the medium dedicated to that proposition. National Newspaper week gives us this opportunity to rededicate ourselves once again to that purpose.

Freedom of the press is not an intangible prerogative granted to the owner of the printing press. It is a guarantee to the American people. Freedom of the press belongs to you.

Our newspaper is acutely aware of its responsibility to inform its readers on the important news of the day. Because all news items by themselves are not readily understandable or may have wider significance.

Freedom and responsibility go together. Your right and duty to vote is interlocked with your freedom to speak.

If your newspaper is restrained in any manner in its function of telling you what is going on, you have begun to lose your individual freedoms.

It is because of that your newspaper is a jealous guardian of all freedoms. Perhaps we are sometimes too petty in our editorial comment.

"Your Newspaper Serves Freedom By Serving You"



Rambling Round

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

Next to Nature in its natural state, there is nothing more beautiful than to see it reflected in all its glory.

Some years ago, a freeze coated Lake Junaluska with a faint covering of ice, and a few of us drove over to see the beauty of it.

Washington Letter

MEET SOCIAL SECURITY'S NEW BOSS By JANE EADS (First of Two Articles) WASHINGTON—Oscar A. Ewing, new administrator of the Federal Security Agency, is more concerned with seeking out the causes of social evils than spending time and money binding the wounds.

Looking Back Over The Years

FIVE YEARS AGO Seventy-five men will be called from this area under the Selective System for October.

TEN YEARS AGO Workmen were completing a concrete silo on the Dellwood farm of Burgin Brothers, this week, as the first step of a modern dairy.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO An agreement was reached last week between officials and bondholders of the Suncrest Lumber company and officials of the North Carolina State Park Commission.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

PARKING METERS—Around 12 towns in North Carolina have installed parking meters within the past eight months and more are considering it.

Charlotte is considering digging a tunnel under one of its main drags and it has been proposed that Raleigh dig under Fayetteville street, fixing it so that cars coming toward the capital grounds from Hillsboro street, New Bern avenue or Halifax street can go under Capitol Square and park under Fayetteville street, garages and service stations being provided underground.

ON THE VERGE—You may not know it, but virtually every town in the South is on the verge of bankruptcy.

Expenses have increased tremendously and revenue is at a standstill. Municipalities have taxed all quarters, and have nowhere else to look.

Towns wanting to install parking meters will be interested in a new one that is just out. Instead of having one meter per car, this new gadget looks after two cars, one parking in front of it and one behind.

THAT MAN VOGLER—Since James B. Vogler of Charlotte is one of the few candidates who have formally filed for an office come primary time next spring, perhaps you would like to know something of this fellow who aspires to succeed Charles Johnson as State

Inside WASHINGTON

Export Trade Drying Up State Department Warns

WASHINGTON—Behind the gloomy statement of Secretary of State Robert Lovett concerning European exports was the hard, realistic fact recognized by many that export trade is rapidly drying up.

Shipments overseas during July cent low June and 19 per cent lower high recorded in May. Behind that Europe's supply of dollars and little short of the Marshall loans will help.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS and labor chiefs are other for the intense ballyhoo that preceded the Ball in Pennsylvania's eighth congressional candidate.

THE U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is trying to find a way to diminish the number of business men and ways caused by the nation's problems.

LABOR went all out to consolidate its front in Allegheny center of the district and a so-called "typical American" than after the shooting was over, Lightenwelter's

THE PAC-DEMOCRATIC publicity buildup backed up in pre-convention hurly-burly, and chiefs of the two are trying to fix the blame.

CATTLE SLAUGHTER IN MEXICO—Agricultural officials in Washington report that the almost campaign to eradicate the dread hoof and mouth disease in Mexican cattle has hit some of the most herds in Mexico.

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