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It's Calendar Time

Already we are receiving 1948 calendars which are of every type from comicly illustrated to just the plain large lettered variety. We see shoppers in stores and in streets with several of the new leap-year calendars in their hands.

Have you ever given any thought as to just how many calendars are distributed each year? Those who know say more than one hundred million, and almost every one is given free.

Business firms pay something like $25,000,000 to get these calendars. The fine, art-colored variety costs are high, yet many firms prefer them to anything else.

Pretty girls seem to be tops for the artistic calendars, while rosy-cheeked babies run a close second. Mischievous boys find a ready sale, while outdoor subjects have a large following. Animal pictures are always good, with the scenes of lakes and woods coming in for a good number of calls.

The commercial production of calendars is only about 50 years old, and the demand is steadily increasing. A recent survey showed that 98 per cent of the homes had calendars, and that almost half the housewives in the nation went to some place of business and asked for a calendar.

Our present system of keeping up with the days dates back to the era of Julius Caesar, who was responsible for leap year.

Caesar consulted his trusted astronomer, Sosigenes, in the year 46 B. C., then issued a decree abolishing the use of the lunar year and the intercalary month, thereby regulating the civil year entirely by the sun. He fixed the solar year at 365 days, 6 hours, which temporarily must have posed a knotty problem for the great Roman.

"Six hours too many," Julius probably said to himself. "We'll fix that. We'll make the ordinary year 365 days, and make a 366-day calendar every fourth year." Since then, 46 B. C. has been known as the first Julian year.

English history records that the bissextile year became known as leap year because of the reference to February 29 as a date that "leaps over" a day in the week.

And leap year, we're told, is for the benefit of some young lady, as it grants them the privilege of proposing marriage, and to others leap year gives that extra day before meeting the income tax deadline 15 days hence. So maybe, leap year is not such a bad idea after all. Anyway, while a little early, here's wishing that every day in leap year will be a happy one.

Saving Trees

During the Christmas season we noticed more live Christmas trees were used than ever before. Even one of the schools used live trees and then set them out around the school grounds. In years to come these trees will add materially to the looks as well as the comfort of the school children.

Too often thousands of trees are "slaughtered" at Christmas time, when with a little care, they could be used as live trees and replanted.

We are happy to see the practice of tree conservation growing in Haywood county.

It is altogether fitting that at the celebration of Christ's birthday that we remember the immortal lines of Joyce Kilmer: "But only God can make a tree."

The Christmas tree on the Courthouse lawn this year was one of the most beautiful we have had the pleasure of seeing in a long time.

Our Short Vision

Old 1947 bows out of the picture tomorrow midnight and with it will go the trials and tribulations of the world. To many the picture will be brighter with the New Year, but to countless millions only the gloomy outlook of hunger and misery raises its spectral head.

It seems such a pity with all the enlightenment in the world, education culture, etc., that some means can't be found that will work out to the benefit of all mankind.

Are we as really cultural as we would have people to believe when we condone, if not support, the greed and cupidity of the few to the detriment of the entire population.

It is a blessing though that the majority of us can shed the heartaches and misfortunes of a past year like changing a dirty shirt. You can see this phenomenon on every hand at watch parties New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, too. The bright, brave eye of most everybody sparkles with gaiety and care-lessness and hope ever uppermost in the human breast. But with the passage of succeding days that hope seems to grow dimmer and dimmer until by the end of the year it is completely extinguished. Wouldn't it be fine if we could keep up our courage over the entire year the way we do on New Year's Day?

What's Out There?

Some time during this year astronomers of Mount Palomar in Southern California will put into operation the 200-inch reflecting telescope that is almost twice the magnitude of any other telescope in the world.

Just what will these astronomers see when they turn this gigantic eye toward the heavens? No man can say definitely just what effect this will have on the many theories that have been advanced as to just how far into infinity space goes. Some scientific men say that space is boundless while other are of the opinion that there must be a limit to space.

We of the laity have no opinion, but it will be interesting to note just which side of this question is correct. Another thing that will be put to the acid test by the new telescope is Professor Einstein's theory of relativity, which so far as borne up under the closest scrutiny.

What the majority of the people understand best about the heavenly bodies and want to know more about are the planets Mars and Venus, who are supposed to be most nearly like our own earth. Whether or not life exists there as we know it or whether some other form of life, unknown to us, exists there.

Probably by the time another New Year has rolled around this and many other perplexing questions will have been answered by the scientists engaged in the operation of this giant telescope.

Two Talented North Carolina Christian Leaders

Dr. Zeno Wall, for 23 years pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby, has accepted the position of superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist orphanages, located at Thomasville and La Grange. He will succeed in that position Dr. I. G. Greer, who has accepted the position of executive vice president of the Business Foundation of the University of North Carolina.

Public interest in these announcements is widespread, as these gentlemen are numbered among the most able and trusted Baptist leaders of North Carolina. Dr. Wall, a native of Rutherford county, has had a long and distinguished career in the Baptist ministry and his contribution to the upbuilding of our Christian civilization and the expansion of Baptist denominational progress and influence ranks him among the foremost religious leaders in the South.

Dr. I. G. Greer, for a long period, has rendered valiant service to his denomination and to his state. He is a Christian citizen, educator and leader of men who has won a high place in the estimation of Carolinians of all denominations.

The advancement of the First Baptist church of Shelby under the leadership of Dr. Wall has been marked. His influence in that city has been city-wide and has reached into surrounding areas. Undoubtedly that city and section will greatly miss the presence and labors of Dr. Wall.—The Times-News, Hendersonville.

We can't seem to get very excited in the disclosure of the names of the so-called speculators in commodity market that the government is making public, for after all, this to us seems a legitimate business venture. Stocks being on the even keel that they are, and the gambling instinct being what it is, the commodity markets were all that was left to the plungers. However, we wouldn't condone the use of inside information of the government's buying program to further the gambler's ends.

ROLL OUT THE BARREL!

Rambling 'Round

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

Wasn't it a wonderful Christmas? We think everybody enjoyed the holidays of 1947 more than any that has preceded it. Despite all the predictions and dire forebodings of the abbreviated lists that would naturally follow the higher cost of living, every one seemed to come through with smiling faces and joyful hearts.

Now that the Christmas trees have been taken down and the tinsel swept up, the general trend will be to settle down to make ready for the oncoming year ahead. Many changes will take place before we all gather together again to repeat the sincere greeting of Merry Christmas, and many of us will have traveled over much territory before our next meeting. Not necessarily area measure but mental miles will be marked on our speedometer. Let's try to make every mile count so that we will have put on a mileage of which we can well be proud.

We had so hoped those benches in front of the Courthouse would have been mended ere we wrote our Rambling 'Round this week. But now that things have settled down after the excitement, we feel sure the backs of the benches will

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Washington Letter.

ARLINGTON IS PADEREWSKI'S 'SHELTER'
By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON. — Few Americans know that the body of Ignace Jan Paderewski, whom they probably remember better as a pianist than as a Polish statesman, still lies in a vault at Arlington National Cemetery.

Recent published reports that the Warsaw government is seeking to return to his native soil the body of Poland's first premier, interred at Arlington in July 1941, have been denied.

At the same time, friends here of the great Polish democratic leader deny there is any political implication in his continued interment 7,000 miles from his homeland.

Paderewski had been living at this estate at Morges, on Lake Geneva, in Switzerland, and had headed the Polish National Council's parliament in exile, first in France, then in London, when he came to the United States in 1940.

Already in his late eighties and enfeebled by anxiety and overwork, he died in July the following year. His sister, Mme. Wilkonska, who had accompanied him to this country, asked that he be buried here.

President Roosevelt offered to Arlington until Poland "once more have his body "sheltered" at

became a free and independent nation."

Although now the United States

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Looking Back Over The Years

5 YEARS AGO

M. H. Bowles has been re-elected chairman of the district Boy Scout council.

Rush is made for license tabs as deadline nears.

Wallace Brown and Colvin Brown attain rank of Star Scouts.

Babson predicts many changes in business during the coming year.

Christmas holidays were quietest in years.

Dr. Robert Owens is elected president of county medical group.

Haywood schools open after brief Christmas holidays.

10 YEARS AGO

J. E. Barr is named administrator of the Tennessee Valley Authority cooperatives with headquarters in Waynesville.

Armory dedication and president's birthday ball will be joint affair on January 29.

Babson predicts upward trend of business in 1938.

Mrs. Ben Colkitt is given prize for best outdoor tree in contest sponsored by Woman's Club.

15 YEARS AGO

The Suncrest Railroad is being removed from the National Park area.

England-Walton has the annual Christmas party with 1,200 persons present.

Commissioners are urged to retain farm agent office.

Twenty-four students of Clyde school make "A" on all subjects.

Freddie Crawford, all-Southern and all-American football player, was honored at a banquet at the Le Faine Hotel.

James Hardin Howell, Jr., entertains the younger set at a bridge party.

Miss Emily Siler entertained a number of her young friends at a bunco party on Tuesday evening.

Lt. Mint Reed was honor guest at a lovely tea dance given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reed Monday afternoon.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE G... Consulting Psycho...

Can love be a form of revenge?

Answer: Yes, although the person who falls in love from this motive usually is unconscious of it. It is not uncommon, for example, for a child whose parents have neglected him or given him the impression that they did not love him to fall in love with someone whom he knows they will disapprove of. Or again, a girl who has been "jilted" may fall in love with another man for the unconscious purpose of making her former sweetheart jealous. Sometimes she knows this is "an act," but she may fool herself also.

Can personal loyalty be dangerous?

Answer: Yes, says sociologist Paul Deutschberger, of Pittsburgh. Members of gangs of delinquent boys he studied gave complete submission to their leaders, and at the same time were free from

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qualms over offenses which fill most boys with sh... panic. The acceptance of th... er's orders in place of the ... conscience freed them from ... responsibility and allowed ... to give way to anti-social im... which would otherwise ha... inhibited. The same princi... plains the Nazis.

Is refusing to work for ... you dislike childish...

Answer: That depends u... reasons for your dislike. ... childish to dislike a per... cause he insists on your ... orders or expects you to ... to your agreements, for ... you have against him is th... a symbol of the harsh "reali... children want to escape ... childish to dislike a boss wh... think, "doesn't like you" un... is unjust or unfair about it. ... is your work, not you, in ... he's interested, and the best ... ciation of that is your pay ...

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think 1948 will be a good year for business?

L. N. Davis: "I see no reason why the year should not be good."

Hugh Rogers: "I look for it to be one of the best we've ever had. We'll have strikes and rumors of strikes. But there will be more new homes built and more money spent than in 1947. Farmers should see one of the best years they've ever had."

David Hyatt: "I don't see any prospect of prices coming down any. Supply of goods will be better. All in all, I think business in the next year will surpass 1947."

Bob Sutton: "I think business generally will be as good or better than in 1947."

Joe Davis: "I don't think there will be much change from the present business level. There may be a reduction in prices for some goods."

Tom Lee: "I think business will be as good as in 1947. Especially if the Marshall Plan goes through, which will put Europe in a position to buy heavily in this country and cause business to be extra good."

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

NOTES—J. M. Broughton opponents were disappointed last week to learn that labor is getting ready to spend around $20,000 next year in North Carolina . . . and JMB's U. S. senatorial fight may be helped accordingly . . . But what is this talk about the dry publication, "Tomorrow," whose home office is in Lexington, planning to oppose Broughton?

. . . The fine and beautiful wife of Don Abernethy, former secretary of the Raleigh Merchants Bureau, died of cancer last week . . . Now he is at a famous hospital in Brooklyn undergoing observation . . . and a possible operation . . . for the same thing . . .

F. E. Miller, long-time director of the test farms of the state, is seriously ill of a heart ailment in Rex hospital here . . . He was stricken within 15 days after being given an executive assistant.

. . . John Larkin of Trenton in Jones county, one of the most promising young attorneys in North Carolina and former president pro tem of the state senate, is worried about a malignant sore on his face . . . and is being given ... ments by a famous Atlanta ... cian . . .

Sam Blount, who has do... sharp lobbying for the bre... several years now, has be... director of the N. C. Cou... the U. S. Brewers Founda... ceeding the veteran in th... Col. Edgar Bain of Golds... Blount has named C. A. U... Jr., who since June has b... tor of the N. C. Ag. Dept. ... sistant director. This ... Blackburn Johnson, Frank... con county, newspaperm... has the inside track on ... Upchurch is leaving if T... Greenwood, who left it in ... become assistant secretary ... N. C. Merchants associati... not care to return.

THE RIGHT MAN—It's ... how things work sometime... Colvard, Ashe county pro... been made head of the Dep... of Animal Industry at St... lege, succeeding Dr. James ... ton, originally of Catawba ... D. S. Coltrane, assistan...

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Inside WASHINGTON

Communization of Hungary Too Slow for Muscovites | **See "Feud" 'Twixt Vaughan And Pentagon High ...**

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Reports reaching the State department ... Hungary indicate that the communizing of that coun... not proceeding as rapidly as the Communists wish. Censorship ... not been imposed as completely and thoroughly as in most of ... other satellite states.

This and other factors have aroused speculation on why the C... munist regime has not taken sterner steps.

However, the Communists are making "reforms." The latest ... aimed at curbing the "lobbyists" of the old ... talistic regime. Recently a decree was ... which reported that large delegations from ... provinces had come to Budapest to speed ... ment of issues before the Parliament.

Washington

The government, it is reported, took "energ... measures" to stop this practice. A decree ... issued. It provided that delegations from ... provinces might approach the authorities on ... exceptional cases, and then in groups of no ... than three.

Officials suspect that this is an indication ... the instability of the new Hungarian re... which fears that too large groups converging ... the capital might threaten an anti-Commu... coup.

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● **VAUGHAN'S FEUD**—There is little love lost between Maj. ... Harry Vaughan, President Truman's gregarious military aide, ... officers of the regular Army. Observers see continuing indica... of a "feud."

Vaughan, a reservist, is said to have been responsible for the ... executive's recent decision to scrutinize the records of regular ... cers who have been retired with tax-free pensions for disability ... incurred in combat.

The troubles of Maj. Gen. Bennett Meyers—a regular—gave ... White House aide a springboard from which to launch a probe ... the disability retirement setup.

Vaughan has made no secret of his belief that a number of reti... officers are riding the gravy train and he has vowed he'll "get so... thing done" about it. This has not endeared him to the Penta... brass.

The White House general encountered an Army roadblock w... he decided to take all the members of the Sunday school class ... teaches to the Army-Navy football game as his guests.

His request for a huge sheaf of tickets was bounced back ... forth like a shuttlecock in a badminton game, and he finally ... compelled to settle for "only a few" of the precious pasteboards.

Insiders in Washington military circles expect new developm... since Vaughan is not the type to accept rebuffs without retaliation.

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● **WOMEN WORKERS**—The problem of women workers is beg... ning to crop up more and more in bargaining conferences betw... labor and management. Some unions apparently are worried ab... competition that women add to the manpower market for the p... roll dollar.

An example of the union view is contained in the contract reco... signed by Lever Brothers company, soap manufacturers, and ... CIO Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers union.

This agreement bluntly and specifically banned ... the employment of married women except where ... they are self-supporting due to divorce, a legal ... separation, physical disability or death of a husband ... or if the husband is in military service.

Obviously, this type of union demand could not, and will not, ... pressed in industries which have traditionally employed women ... as textiles, apparel, drugs and the like.

However, where the employment of women was a war-born ... velopment, you can expect increasing attention on the part of ... unions to clauses dealing with female employes.