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Haywood's Adopted Son

For many years Josephus Daniels has been known as one of Haywood's favorite and best known adopted sons.

Mr. Daniels first came to Haywood in the early 1900's when the North Carolina Press Association met here. He and Mrs. Daniels, as he later expressed it, "fell in love" with the community, and several years later purchased a summer home at Lake Junaluska.

Mr. Daniels never missed an opportunity to come to Haywood, and for many years he was the speaker on the annual Haywood Day program at Lake Junaluska. When he went to Mexico as ambassador, he wrote his address and had his son, Jonathan, come and deliver his message.

Last summer he came here for his annual address and remarked that he was never more hopeful of the future of Western Carolina as he was then. He had watched with keen interest the development of agriculture, industry and the tourist business.

Mr. Daniels took an active part in seeking the establishment and development of the Great Smokies and the Blue Ridge Parkway. He personally traveled over the proposed route of what is now Highway 19-23 via Soco Gap to Cherokee, and was a strong advocate of that road for many years before the state got around to letting the contract.

When the courthouse was dedicated in 1932, it was Mr. Daniels whom the program committee brought in to make the dedicatory address. He made a profound impression on his audience as he described the beauties and purposes of the Haywood "temple of justice."

Mr. Daniels' interest in Haywood county brought national recognition during World War II, when he learned that the ratio of volunteers in this county was higher than in any county in the nation, he went to President Roosevelt and gave him the facts. The President immediately gave out the information.

The flavor of Haywood apples made them one of Mr. Daniels' favorite fruits. Each year he bought Haywood apples and often made mention in his speeches and writings that every North Carolina table should serve apples in some form daily.

On more than one occasion Mr. Daniels took Haywood's problems on his shoulders, and went to state or federal officials to present the matter for his adopted county.

Last summer, just before he boarded his train for Raleigh, he turned to the editor of The Mountaineer and said: "Now don't you let the Southern take off the passenger trains from the Murphy Branch. I worked too hard to get that railroad started out towards God's country."

We have an idea that among his last thoughts was the Biblical phrase which he often used in his Junaluska messages, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Expanding Service

The value of the Haywood county library can never be evaluated in dollars and cents. The services of the library have been expanded from time to time, and now plans are being formulated to stage a drive to get \$3,000 for a modern bookmobile for serving rural areas with efficient service.

A committee of about 30 people representing civic organizations and business places are to meet the 28th to complete plans for the drive. Haywood has taken much pride in the library in recent years, and this new phase of activity will be supported wholeheartedly.

An Important Meeting

On Thursday night a group of civic leaders from North Carolina and Tennessee will sit down in Washington with Congressmen and Park officials and discuss the need for fuller development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

This meeting is a follow-up of the one held last February before Secretary of the Interior Krug, and after conferences with Park officials, and Congressional leaders.

The state delegations will be headed by the governor and all members of Congress. The North Carolina Park Commission, with Charles Hay as chairman, will play a prominent part in the program. Many of the arrangements for the event have fallen on the shoulders of Representative Monroe M. Redden, who has been active in promoting development of the Park since he went to Washington last January. It was Mr. Redden who brought a special Congressional committee into the Park area last summer to get first hand information of what he had been stressing.

We cannot hope for anything definite to come from the meeting itself on Thursday night, but we do feel confident that the meeting will result in getting the Park development program underway at an earlier date.

This meeting is even more important now than ever since President Truman has recommended in his budget message to Congress that \$145,000 be appropriated to the Great Smokies during the coming year. The President's recommendation carries a request for two million dollars for construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

This is an important meeting to the states of North Carolina and Tennessee, and the delegates named to attend are competent to handle the matter in a satisfactory manner.

Back-Seat Driving

Back-seat drivers, long the butt of jokes and the object of acrimony, came in at last for at least some measure of praise.

The right kind of back-seat driver may be able to cut the nation's traffic toll, says the safety department of the National Highway Users Conference.

Accident statistics show that passengers fare worse than drivers in fatal crashes, indicating that passengers have more to lose from careless driving or excessive speeds than their drivers have, and thus could profitably speak up against dangerous driving.

The safety department notes that two out of three accidents in the nation last year involved mistakes by drivers. Passengers presumably could have helped prevent some of those fatal mistakes by protesting against carelessness or undue speed.

"To often," the department says, "one reads news reports of fatal crashes in which careless or speeding drivers have been arrested after their passengers have been killed. Perhaps in many of these cases the passengers could have saved their lives if they had been willing to speak up and remonstrate with the driver."

Front-seat riders perhaps have the biggest stake of all "back-seat drivers." A leading casualty insurance company reports that more claims are paid for occupants of seats alongside the driver than are paid for drivers themselves.

The wrong kind of back-seat driving, however, can also breed accidents, the department warns. Too much advice or criticism can make a driver nervous and irritable, thus affecting his judgment.

So speak up, back-seat drivers, but be sure that your driving is helpful rather than harmful. Because it's your life or limb, more than the driver's that is in peril.—Morganton News-Herald.

Item on the Atom

The other day a prominent American natural scientist was asked on the radio what he thought of "Russian science." He snapped back with a quick reminder that there is no such thing as "Russian science" or "American science" or "German" or "British science."

The forces of the physical universe wear no national labels; the atom itself owes allegiance to no state. The discovery of a natural scientist in one country is based on the discoveries of others before him, irrespective of their nationality. Though his work be labeled Top Secret by military authorities, nothing can prevent research anywhere in the world from arriving at the same discovery.

Hitler used to speak of "German physics" and "Jewish physics," but both "Aryan" and Jewish Germans contributed to splitting the atom—and to defeating Hitler. Today, two and two make four in Russia as in the United States; but some politicians are lagging behind the natural scientists in putting two and two together.—Christian Science Monitor.

Whatever has become of the agitation for the enlargement of the hospital? Still looks like a golden opportunity going begging.



Rambling 'Round

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

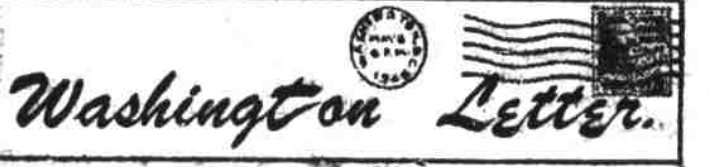
Remember what a chilly day was Thursday? Well, while the rest of us went around bundled up like Eskimos, who was it that went to his regular routine of duty bare-headed and sans coat? Yes, you've guessed it the first time, Joe Limer is the fortunate individual who has mind mastering matter. In other words Joe says he isn't cold, no matter what happens, so that is that in capital letters.

A friend loaned us the following: Once upon a time, three old men were discussing the ideal way of dying. The first, aged 75, said he would like to crash in a car going 80 miles per hour. The

second, aged 85, said he would take his finish in a 400 mph plane. "I've got a better idea," said the third, aged 95: "I'd like to be shot by a jealous husband."

Seen (scene) from our desk: Plott Balsam with its little top-knot of snow, gazing disdainfully down on its first cousin once removed, who was wearing an all-enveloping ermine cape of pure white. The pom-pom on Plott Balsam is still there while the cape of ermine has melted under the warm rays of the sun.

Perhaps she was wiser than we knew but she did look a bit awkward. (Continued on Page Three)



YOUNGSTERS CANNOT SEE ANY JUSTICE By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—As Chief Justice of the United States, Fred M. Vinson ranks next to the President in any line-up where protocol is strictly adhered to.

He had to take a backseat the other night, however, when he was a guest at the father and son banquet of the National Press Club. The sons had their eyes on the Redskins. Capital's professional football players, and rushed them for autographs.

"I know I'm strictly playing sec-

ond fiddle," said the justice with mock bitterness when he got up to take a bow.

The Master of Ceremonies nevertheless had built him up as a great athlete. He introduced him as a famous second baseman back in 1909, when he played inter-collegiate baseball on the team of Centre College at Danville, Ky.

"I refute the claim and the reputation. I was shortstop—but, a pretty good shortstop," the justice said sort of wistfully, eyeing the youngsters.

"Now I've found out how I real-

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Bethel, Cruso, and Rock Hill Schools are forced to close because of influenza epidemic.

Two Canton movie houses are bought by J. E. Massie.

Petitions are made urging that farm agent work be continued.

Little Bobby Hardin entertains a number of his young friends at a party in celebration of his birthday.

10 YEARS AGO

J. Dale Stentz is named secretary

of Chamber of Commerce.

Building and Loan reports successful year—over \$14,000 in profits.

Total value of land and buildings in Haywood County is listed at \$5,722,995.

Inquiries received by Chamber of Commerce indicate an early season.

W. Curtis Russ attends mid-winter meeting of North Carolina Press Association in Chapel Hill and Durham.

Ben West, of Crabtree is bitten by a mad dog.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can keeping a diary help neurotics get well? Answer: Doing so is recommended by Dr. Melbourne J. Cooper, noted San Antonio psychiatrist.

Adults with emotional disorders need an opportunity to get their feelings or hostility or guilt "out of their systems." At first they need the encouragement of a psychiatrist or other trained adviser before they will dare to do this. But once the process has been started, writing down their feelings in a diary may be a good way to speed it. But diary-keeping has no psychiatric value if you cannot be completely frank and honest.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think a pageant (similar to the Lost Colony) concerning some phase of Cherokee Indian history would be successful?

Ward Kirkpatrick: "I do. I think an Indian pageant would be a great asset to this area."

Mrs. Claud Rogers: "Yes, I do, and I think it would be very fitting for this section."

J. P. Dicus: "Its success would depend to a large extent on who was behind it, since a pageant would be a large business proposition and require more than part-time supervision."

Lillie Mae Blankenship: "I think it would be successful. There are large numbers of tourists who visit Cherokee village each summer, and I think a pageant could become self-supporting in time."

Art Ledbetter: "A pageant would be a good attraction, but would require considerable financial backing until it got on its feet."

ly rate with the young fry." Be that as it may, the Chief Justice ranks as No. 1 spectator-sportsman in capital circles.

Probably the most active muscle-builder in the President's cabinet is Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal. His devotion to physical exercise goes back to the time he

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Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

TESTING—How good is a teacher? Well, North Carolina seems determined to find out, somehow, just what constitutes a good teacher.

The method now followed fixes it so that a teacher is paid on the basis of training and experience. Whether she is a good instructor or not makes not one whit of difference. And you know and we all know there are pedagogues in this State making top salaries who really have no business in the classroom whatever. Now comes the testing.

HOW?—Tests to determine methods of merit rating for teachers began last week in Asheville in 11 sixth grade rooms. The State Education Commission, authorized by the Legislature last year and given \$50,000 to study education in North Carolina, has as one of its principal duties this question of merit rating of teachers. This body hopes to determine if—and how—it is possible to decide whether a teacher is good, average, or poor. If merit can be determined, it will be used, along with training and experience,

in setting up salary scales. \$50,000—And what the highest teacher load in the Present average teacher (\$1,950) is lower than in other states—Less than one in 100 counties provide a school attendance—Age of 56,000 enrolled and absent every day in North which is only five times in adult literacy—the State has \$30,000,000 for future emergencies—had an additional \$100,000,000 as of last June (Continued on Page

Yen For Investigation Keeps Congressmen Busy

By HOWARD DOBSON

WASHINGTON—More than 40 congressional investigating committees are on the prowl—looking into things as widely assorted as surplus war plants and potato prices. The record is almost sufficient to bear out the promise made by an exulting Republican congressman after his party took control of the House and Senate.

"We will start each session with a prayer and end it with a probe." An exact count of the committees is impossible, because every regular committee has the authority to split into subcommittees. One subcommittee even split itself into "sub" subcommittees last year.

When its assigned job is finished, a subcommittee dissolves. So the total number in action can change from week to week. Probably the daddy of them all is the committee now headed by Senator Brewster (R-Me.) and called the Committee to Investigate the National Defense. It started out investigating the war effort years ago. Its first boss was the then junior senator from Missouri, Harry S. Truman.

This committee most recently hit the headlines with the gaudy story of how an air forces general lived the full life during the war and retired on a disability pension. The House's best known investigating body, the Committee on Un-American Activities, is an old timer too, but it has a different status from all other such groups. It is permanently established by law. The rest have to be continued from time to time by congressional action.

The House and Senate have seven joint investigating committees, one with a subcommittee. This one is the Joint Committee on the Economic Report. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) is chairman and Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.) vice chairman. It has a triple-threat subcommittee investigating cost-of-living prices, and the three chairmen are Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) and Watkins (R-Utah) and Rep. Bender (R-Ohio).

There is a Joint Committee on Housing and its chairman is Rep. Gamble (R-N.Y.). Senator Hickel (R-La.) heads the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and Senator Ball (R-Minn.) is boss of a special committee to study labor-management relations as they work out under the Taft-Hartley law. The other joint committees are:

The House also has a committee investigating national newspaper labor subcommittee. committees investigating titles of executive officers of the government, and studying whether real District of Columbia is allowed to govern itself. Special Senate committee investigating the Finance Corp., the program, the immunity and standstill for AEC.

And the Appropriations committee on both sides of the aisle have special authority to investigate the committees that much money the executive branch can have to spend. They do not always take the figures of the asking for the money.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hado

