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Smokies Most Accessible

Elsewhere in this issue of the Times may be found a statement by an official of the Carolina Motor Club in which he states that tourists are not expected to travel as far away from home in 1948 as they have in the years past.

This should afford a certain degree of encouragement to resort interests in this section of the country, because, if true, we are luckily situated in the most advantageous geographical position of perhaps any tourist mecca in North Carolina.

It has long been pointed out that the overall region of the Great Smoky Mountains and the Blue Ridge Parkway afford the most accessible vacationland in America. The region is close to the millions, hardly more than a day's drive away from any of the metropolitan centers in the eastern half of the country.

If travel is to be "not so extensive" in 1948, we have nothing to fear.—The Smoky Mountain Times, Bryson City.

Fun And Science

Back in the "good old days" boys passed away much of their time throwing rocks in streams, at poles and even sometimes took a crack at a window in an unoccupied house or school.

The best flingers were looked upon as heroes, and the one who could throw a rock through a glass and not shatter the pane was really something.

All that has passed now, and science has stepped in with the machine and electrical age to break windows with sound, according to the latest reports from the University of South Carolina. A "weapon" has been built in the engineering department that can break window glass in a three-block area.

It looks like science will take a lot of fun out of life for some youngsters.

Spelling

A large number of high school pupils are poor spellers.

The New York state department of education arrived at this conclusion after a statewide survey of the spelling ability of high school juniors and seniors.

The words used in the tests were taken from the Ayres list of 1,000 words most common in English writing.

The word that tripped most of the juniors and seniors was "develop," the survey summation reveals. "Cordially" was the next in line. And "proceed" ran third.

The inability to spell common words is not confined to New York. The same situation exists in North Carolina—any newspaper editor will vouch for that.

The editors find it out when a high school pupil or graduate, given a job as a reporter, turns in his first story.

We are inclined to believe that inability to spell is one of the results of modern education.

The fathers and grandfathers of the high school pupils who cannot spell learned to spell common words correctly long before they entered high school.

Pupils in our schools would benefit greatly if more emphasis were placed on correct spelling.—Concord Tribune.

Prospects For 1948

It is an axiom in the newspaper office that, the duller the night, the more likely it is that hell will break loose before morning. Just when everybody is complaining that there is no news and all settle down for a night of boredom, a flash on the wire or a telephone call will galvanize the whole somnolent staff into action.

Since nobody knows what will happen before morning, the business of forecasting is a hazardous one, because events have a way of happening at the most unexpected moment.

We recall that early in 1920 the business world was almost unanimous in the opinion that no end of the postwar boom was in sight. Prices were to keep on rising, business was to hum right on indefinitely.

Two weeks after this rosy forecast, the bottom dropped out.

Again in 1929 executives were losing their desks at 3 p. m. and going blithely off to the golf course. Many who were supposed to know something about the stock market were predicting in September that certain blue chip issues then selling in the neighborhood of 300 would go to 1,000 before the Coolidge bull market would turn.

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A year ago a large majority of leading business executives were predicting a recession in 1947, because all indications pointed to it. Their prediction might have come true except for the intervention of a whole series of unexpected circumstances, among which were the second round of wage increases, the failure of our corn crop, the drought in Europe entailing an abnormal demand for American wheat and requiring \$597 million in extra emergency aid, and continued governmental extravagance in Washington.

Today, according to a survey by Fortune, those same business executives are almost unanimous in predicting that 1948 will be another boom year with no signs of recession.

On hearing that prediction, the seasoned newsman will recall that insufferably dull night when four fire alarms just after midnight awakened a drowsy news editor to the emergency of the Guthrey Apartments fire when he desperately needed a full staff and most of the men had gone home.

It must be conceded, however, that the present prediction is based on inflationary conditions that are hard to set aside. In 1920, demand was high, but prices went too high, and people refused to buy. The recession brought prices down, and people then resumed buying at the lower levels. By 1929, the demand was satisfied, and industry was producing more than it could sell. The recession of 1920 proved that demand, while still present, can be deferred.

Except for the temporary revolt against high prices in 1920, therefore, it took ten years to satisfy the demand that had been building up since 1914, or about six years.

Today, demand has been building up since 1930—not merely during the war years—or nearly three times as long as the 1920 demand. It will take time to satisfy 16 to 18 years of accumulated demand.

There may be a temporary buyers' strike as there was in 1920. If so, it will result in some bankruptcies, some unemployment, until part of the inflation has been deflated. Then the deferred demand will reassert itself in a long period of buying at more reasonable prices.

We are not fond enough of a seat far out on a limb to predict that this cycle will be followed this time. But, as long as demand actually exists, even though it is deferred for a short time, its very existence makes impossible a protracted depression such as we had in the 1930s.—The Charlotte Observer.

"Dumb Animals"

The news dispatches carried a hair-raising story the other day of a circus tightrope walker falling during his act into a cage of lions. An animal trainer rushed into the cage, calmed the frantic animals, and dragged the slightly injured performer to safety. The audience got a thrill, as well as a shock, which they had not anticipated.

That night the performer was back at his post and at the blare of the band, successfully staged his act on the high rope.

We wonder what the lions in the steel cage below thought when they saw the same man who had met misfortune just a few hours before, risk his neck again, to entertain the fans.

High Priced Fines

Traffic violations now come high in Raleigh since the city council has placed the minimum at \$5 instead of \$1. The violations include over-parking or parking in restricted zones. Other violations come higher.

The dollar bill has lost its value in police court in Raleigh, and it takes big "Brother Five" to get out.

At the new rate, we suspect there will be fewer people who will "forget" about the parking meters.



Rambling 'Round

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

If dogs can think (which we believe) we wonder what the little white canine thought as he scampered across the courthouse lawn on Saturday morning. In normal times, his fur would show up white but against the snow he seemed a bit sooty. Anyway, tail held high, he took a running start and was still going strong when he passed out of our view.

She is one of Waynesville's most attractive young ladies and usually demurs herself in a most decorous manner. But the heavy snow and slick sidewalks were no respecter of persons... and down she sat. Perhaps her embarrassment would not have been quite so deep had there not been on-lookers. But there were... and they helped her to her feet. The fact that she escaped injury did not impress her so much as the fact that she had "faw down" in the face of an audience.

"Keep in the middle of the road" was a very wise slogan for Saturday morning. The drifts just off the sidewalks were deceptive and a (Continued on Page Three)

PRINCESS PAYS U. S. 'A COMPLIMENT' BY BECOMING CITIZEN By JANE EADS WASHINGTON — The princess of Hesse, Tennessee-born former Elizabeth Reid Rogers, says she wants to pay a "great compliment" to this country.

Looking Back Over The Years 15 YEARS AGO Judge Walter E. Moore dies from heart attack.

10 YEARS AGO Nursery is established at city park—seedlings will be furnished to citizens of community.

5 YEARS AGO R. B. Davenport is elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is it love that makes men give girls jewelry? Answer: At least, that is not their only motive. A man gives a girl a ring or bracelet for much the same reason that he has his suitcase stamped with his initials; her wearing it is a sign that she "belongs to him" and that no other man can claim her.

Are youngsters who quit school to take jobs apt to regret it? Answer: Yes, particularly if they go into a factory, says Cora Teren in the British Journal of Educational Psychology.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think that Gen. Eisenhower was wise in removing himself from the Republican presidential nomination picture? Emmett Valentine: "Yes. I think it is the best thing he ever did."

Lloyd Kirkpatrick: "I do. He is an Army man, and I don't think he should get into politics." C. C. Francis: "He left the hinges on the door, it seems to me, and may not be out of the picture yet."

C. E. Ray, Jr.: "While Gen. Eisenhower is an admirable man, he is better able to render service through civilian activities than through political channels." Orville Noland: "I think his was a wise move at this time. We have the man in office who I think should stay four years more."

citizenship papers approved. Then they will go to New York for another huge party. This one, celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary, is being thrown by Count and Countess Kotzebue of Paris. After that they may sojourn a time in Florida.

Then it's back to Europe, where the princess says they have "connections and relations everywhere and where she has lived a "wonderful and glamorous" life.

Before coming to Washington this time, the princess and her husband visited in Houston, Tex., at the home of former Under-

secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Restrictions are put on milk delivery in nation.

Rotarians pledge support to County-wide library for Haywood County.

Mrs. Donald M. Hyatt christens S. S. George E. Badger in Wilmington.

\$735 is quota for infantile paralysis drive in observance of F.D.R.'s birthday.

Another group finishes Red Cross First Aid Course.

Capt. Wayne Corpening writes that he spent Christmas Day somewhere in Africa.

Capital Letters

PRESSURE—Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott, who has announced that he will not run for re-election to this office, is receiving a great deal of pressure to run—for governor of the state of North Carolina.

Former Governor Cameron Morrison, reportedly an advocate of Charles Johnson, saw Commissioner Scott on the day of the funeral of Josephus Daniels. Gossip has it that he told Scott that he could become governor in 1952 if he would refrain from seeking this position in 1948.

However, if Scott wants to run, anything that Morrison or anybody else says to him will have little weight. Scott, a forthright, honest man, and a man who bows to the line and lets the chips fall where they will, is not given to listening to the call of the siren once he makes up his mind on any matter.

The Johnson forces finally pulled Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine out of the contest. But it now looks as if they might have jumped from the Irving pan into the fire.

GOOD WITH WORDS — OF TO FIGHT IT—The Interior, which over National Parks, is charge motorists' National Parkway fees over this Skyland Drive, and other Western towns plan to fight it.

Inside WASHINGTON

Too Many Candidates? Odd GOP Predicament Special to Central Press

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CONGRESSIONAL HEADACHES—The Congress has more than its share of headaches in prospect now that body has reconvened after a long recess. The issue uppermost in the minds of nearly everyone: how to cope with the high cost of living.

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There are some other matters high up on the congressional agenda. Tax reduction and budget cuts, extension of rent control, universal military training, extension of the social security program, housing, educational aid to states and government-assisted aid.

Despite this difficult agenda, the GOP leadership hopes to get Congress after a session of less than six months in time for members to attend the Republican and Democratic conventions in July.

MARSHALL PLAN—There is a growing belief in Congress that President Truman and the State department began the Marshall Plan too early and that the edge will be off public opinion by the time legislators are called upon to vote.

The government's strongest argument for the plan's adoption is that it is being checked by the spread of Communism in Europe—is being checked by increasing force by periodicals, and the argument is finding receptive ears among congressmen and senators looking for a platform for their opposition.

Real reason behind the mounting congressional opposition to the plan, of course, is the large outlays involved which again jeopardize any large tax cut for Americans. These tax cuts were labeled by Republicans as one of their strongest gambits to capture the presidential elections next year.

However, the argument of no money for Europe in order to make way for a tax cut is considered too blunt a Republican strategy circles.

They desire, instead, to reduce the program greatly from what President Truman's recommendations on the ground that the sum can do the same work.

Then, with this accomplished, push ahead with a tax cut where in the neighborhood of the \$6 billion dollars program House ways and means committee chief, Harold Krueger of Minnesota.

By LAWRENCE Consulting Psychologist

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Answer: At least, that is not their only motive. A man gives a girl a ring or bracelet for much the same reason that he has his suitcase stamped with his initials; her wearing it is a sign that she "belongs to him" and that no other man can claim her. For that matter, rings, necklets, and bracelets were long used to mark slaves, as we now use a dog collar. For this reason, quite apart from questions of "good taste," a girl is wiser not to accept jewelry from a man unless she's ready to admit she is "his and his only."

Answer: Yes, particularly if they go into a factory, says Cora Teren in the British Journal of Educational Psychology. Interviews with a large group of boys and girls from 14 to 18 employed

course, it remains to be seen how good a candidate bright is waiting for the one thing is sure. He articulate of the but he is usually adept at some phrases, ditties, and what He came up the other this:

Let Johnson have the And let him have the I'll take the man who Let Johnson have the "chime"

And claim the county Democracy's in country And from the people Let Johnson count the With claims of votes You'd be surprised how "We haven't voted yet" That's not had them gubernatorial candidate.

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Taft vs. Dewey Becomes Fact

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