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A Deplorable Situation

When a grand jury makes a report, which says in part: "The Bethel school is a disgrace to the great citizenry of Haywood county," then there is time that something be done about the situation, and done quickly.

The grand jury made an honest, yet rather conservative, report on conditions of public buildings in Haywood. We use the word conservative, because they did not go all out and condemn every little thing, but threw the spotlight on the major and urgent needs.

We do not know what will be done about improving conditions in the schools, but when the grand jury goes so far as to say "The Spring Hill school is a fire hazard, and has no modern conveniences," we recommend a new and larger school be built immediately, when it is time that the wheels get to turning.

It is not reasonable to even think of sending children to school in a building that is a recognized fire hazard.

Haywood is a progressive county, far too progressive to let conditions as this exist, or in the words of Judge Alley, "a deplorable situation."

This newspaper feels that if the conditions are not improved, that it would be better that schools be closed until the proper improvements are made throughout the entire system.

"There Ought To Be a Law..." "There's a law for everything but the fellow who credits a man," one of our fellow townsmen said this week, as he checked a list of long-past-due accounts.

"I think there should be a law whereby a man could advertise such accounts as these, just as a merchant advertises beans and tomatoes," he continued.

"I would like to sell some of these accounts for 10 cents on the dollar, some for forty, and here's one for \$96 that I would take three cents on the dollar," he said disgustedly.

Perhaps the business man had something, but not many lawmakers will be prone to help put such a law on the books. Although we feel it would help collections.

All businessmen are not as fortunate as the photographer who made a man's picture, and for his work received a bad check. The enterprising photographer merely took the check, pinned it to a large photograph of the man, and underneath wrote, "This Man Gave Us This Bad Check." The display was put in the show window.

Needless to say, it did not take the man long to redeem the check, and get his error removed from public view.

Deserved Expansion This newspaper is elated to know that the postal officials contemplate enlarging facilities of the Clyde post office.

Adult Leaders Needed

Last Friday marked the beginning of Boy Scout week, an event which is observed every year at this time. The official week will end for the South on Thursday. It is a period set aside to give recognition to the Scout work in America.

The Boy Scout organization is doing a lot to develop boys of today for the tasks that lie ahead. Many of our leaders today received their first taste of public life and the world through Scouting.

Here in Haywood we are Scout-conscious, in that we are fast becoming the center of Scouting in the summer, since Camp Daniel Boone is located out near Lake Logan, and accommodates hundreds of campers during the summer season.

The greatest need in Scouting today is not potential membership, but adult leadership. There are thousands of boys of Scout age, who are interested and should be active in the Scout program. The bottleneck is lack of adequate adult leadership.

Scouting is not something where a boy is put into a regulation uniform, handed a manual and turned loose. Every Scout must have close adult supervision and training. Without that there would be no Scouting.

The Scout program here in Haywood, or in any other county, will go no further than the adult leadership carries it.

Four Good Objects

The Haywood delegates to the State Farm Bureau convention in Asheville last week presented four resolutions which should be carried out in detail. These proposed projects would mean much to the state, and the income of mountain farmers.

The group asks for the services of a horticulturist and that research be established in apple-growing at the State Test Farm here; that burley allotments under an acre not be reduced, and that allotments not being used be given new growers. Also a reduction in selling costs of burley.

That the tax on retail milk be eliminated, and further that attention be given to the production and marketing of commercial grade cattle.

Each of these requests are sound as well as reasonable.

During the past 15 years, so many regulations governing agriculture have been made by people who were not too familiar with farming at all. Now the experienced farmers come along with some suggestions that will help them produce better crops and animals, with lower overhead selling costs.

If the United States is to feed a greater part of the world, then the agricultural leaders are going to have to learn that after all, it is the farmer who produces, and begin listening to his problems, and suggestions, and not just go along on theory.

We look forward to the day when more of the regulations of the agriculture program will be based on experiences and practices than on theory.

Consistently Expanding

The Haywood Electric Membership Cooperative, better known here as REA, has received another loan of \$75,000 for further expansion of its facilities, mostly in Haywood.

The Haywood unit of REA has consistently all through the years been a progressive organization, steadily growing and taking care of additional customers. With this recent loan the cooperative will be enabled to serve about 375 additional customers in Haywood, Buncombe and Transylvania counties.

Needless to say, electricity on the farm has changed the mode of living for many a rural family. The modern conveniences afforded by electricity have lightened their workload, and meant much in the reduction of labor, since motors took a large part of the burdens.

The REA is destined to continue to grow and to serve. It is one of the few agencies that grew out of the "Alphabetical Era" of several years ago that has survived. And its existence is certainly justified.

Guardians Of Health

The Health Department is to be commended for abolishing "C" ratings for public eating places. The department went on record this week that they will not tolerate places making such low grades, and will just be forced to close them.

The public needs every protection possible, and most certainly when it comes to pure foods and water.

We do not believe there will be any place in Haywood that will not strive to keep out of the "C" class, and work with the health officials in meeting every sanitation regulation.

It is gratifying to know that the "guardians of health" are on the job, checking and constantly protecting the public.

We wonder if the recent billion dollar dip in stocks and commodities is the forerunner of another depression similar to that of October, 1929?



Rambling 'Round

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

We have seen some people do some dumb things but we really think the peak was reached by a lady last Friday. Besides her purse, she took along a black shopping bag in which to put her purchases while shopping. As time went on and the shopping was completed, she wondered what on earth she had purchased that made her bag so heavy. She found out when she reached home and emptied its contents on a table. She had painstakingly carried around with her in the shopping bag, a pair of galoshes and two empty quart milk bottles.



Washington Letter

CAMPAIGN SLOGANS PLAY MAJOR ROLE AT ELECTION TIME By JANE EADS WASHINGTON — For the past 100 years campaign slogans have played a major part in determining the outcome of political elections.

The campaign of 1848, a century ago, was explosive with slogans. Three parties were concerned. The Whigs who won nominated Gen. Zachary Taylor and popularized him as "Old Rough and Ready." The Democrats nominated Lewis Cass as "A Northern Man with Southern Principles."

The "Free Soil" party, which later formed the basis of the Republican Party of today, had Martin Van Buren as its candidate. It used "Free Soil, Free Speech, Free Labor and Free Men." Free soil meant opposition to an extension of slavery in the new states.

The new party's slogan was readily adapted to its candidate, John C. Fremont, in 1856. "Free Soil, Free Speech, Free Labor, Free Men and Free-Trade." The Democrats, with their nominee, James Buchanan, retaliated with the first use of the phrase "Black Republicans" and won the election.

One of the Republican slogans for the 1860 campaign, when Abraham Lincoln defeated two Democratic aspirants, Stephen A. Douglas and John C. Breckinridge, was "Vote Yourself a Farm." A Republican homestead plank promised aliens and natives alike prairie farms west of the Mississippi just for the asking. The Democrats had suffered a party split.

In 1864, in the midst of the Civil War, Lincoln was re-elected over Gen. George B. McClellan known as "Little Mac," the Democratic candidate. The Republican slogan of that campaign was "Don't Swap."

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They'll Do It Every Time



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can love exist without physical attraction? Answer: Not in healthy-minded people, though there are as many different degrees of physical as of emotional "yearning for closeness," which is what love basically is. You could hardly love a dog without wanting to pat it, and still less can you sincerely love a human being without welcoming the clasp of his hand or the touch of his arm on your shoulders. In an "integrated" person mind and body do not function at cross purposes; they are distinct but harmonious aspects of the total organism that is a man or a woman.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think the poll tax should be eliminated in North Carolina?

George Stamey: "I don't think it should be abolished. A lot of people who don't pay other taxes to the county pay the poll tax."

Jerry Robinson: "No. Too many folks don't pay any tax at all who get the benefit of tax money. In my opinion the state made a mistake by letting people vote without requiring them to pay their poll tax."

DeBrayda Fisher: "The poll tax gets to a class of people who don't pay property taxes, but they are reached by other types of taxation. I think we have enough without the poll tax."

Ben Woodard: "I'm in favor of doing away with it. There are too many taxes."

Dr. F. S. Love: "Yes, I think the poll tax should be eliminated."

Van Haynes: "I'm in favor of the poll tax if the money from it would be spent on paying teachers."

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Looking Back Over The Years

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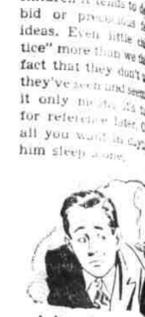
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By Jimmy Hado



By LAWRENCE Consulting Psycho



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Capital Letters

BY THOMPSON GREENWOOD

OFF THE CUFF — The N. C. Merchants Association 40th annual convention will be held in Asheville on May 16 through May 18. There are now approximately 50,000 students in North Carolina colleges.

The largest city Merchants Association in the United States is in Charlotte, with over 600 members. Since writing the above comments on Kerr Scott, your columnist has been virtually promised the world with a ring around it if he will not run for Governor.

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Inside WASHINGTON

Landis "Too Liberal"? That's Story of Ouster Federal Pay

WASHINGTON—Here is the story behind President's refusal to reappoint James M. Landis as chairman of the Aeronautics Board.

Washington aviation experts say that a change of top airline executives, who labeled Landis as "too liberal Dealer," convinced Mr. Truman that Landis should go.

Intimates of the retired CAB chief said he knew the announcement a considerable time before the president announced he was not reappointing Landis.

The bankers and airline executives who labeled Landis as "too liberal" posed his appointment for a long time.

When the White House made it known that Landis was not to be retained, the Airline Pilot began a strong campaign of protest.

However, Landis has accepted a connection with Joseph Kennedy, wealthy ambassador to Great Britain, and is consoled by the fact that he has no immediate financial worries.

FEDERAL INSECURITY—Workers on the federal pointing their fingers at recent resignations among government and saying, "I told you so!" The workers have long felt that the high cost of living has not been compensated for salaries.

The result, they declare, is that employees with long service as much as 30 years—are leaving their government jobs for better-paying positions in private industry.

Most recent examples of the exodus to more lucrative jobs were the resignations of two key members of the Communications commission.

Charles R. Denny announced last Oct. 31 that he was Uncle Sam's payroll to become vice president and general manager of the National Broadcasting company.

On Dec. 26, FCC member Ewell K. Jett went to the White House and personally submitted his resignation to President Truman. His reason for resigning, like Denny's, was primarily financial. Jett joins the Baltimore Sun as vice president and general manager. He left his federal post after 37 years with the FCC.

VETS EYE CONGRESS—The veterans and their forces—the editors of the service papers and magazines—are themselves to be more politically wise than in the past. They are keeping a sharp eye on Congress and on the state legislatures. And the veterans' publications are quick to report events and situations and quickly go into print with a diagnosis for their ex-GI readers.

The latest illustration is publication by the Army Times of its pick of the 10 top GI news stories of 1947. The No. 1 story, of course, was the redemption of nearly \$1,500,000,000 in leave bonds and interest.