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Our New Court Officials

On Tuesday of this week, the 20th judicial district had a new judge, a new solicitor, and retained an active judge to special court assignments.

The 15-year record of Judge Felix E. Alley stands for itself, as he has made a name for himself and district while on the bench.

Judge Dan K. Moore, our former solicitor, and neighbor from Jackson county, is destined to make an outstanding record for himself as judge.

The new solicitor of this district, Baxter C. Jones, of Bryson City, knows Western North Carolina.

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Tax Sleuths Worth Their Hire

The Bureau of Internal Revenue has recently made a number of income tax studies that cover various businesses and professions.

The Bureau now knows of several new schemes that are being used in the evasion of taxes.

The fact is that persons whose income derives from sources other than payrolls often can, if they wish, fail to report all their income with little chance that the fraud will be discovered by a routine check.

The present campaign to learn the various patterns of such efforts is a good move. After that, results will depend on how many examiners there are to check returns.

For that reason, the recent congressional cut in the appropriations for the bureau was highly doubtful economy.

When men are being regularly caught in their efforts to evade, fewer men feel tempted. Even some of those who thought they might "get by with it" have a change of heart and ask to make amended returns.

We hope the current drop in commodity prices will be deep enough to head off some of the contemplated strikes in some major industries.

A Good Program

Beginning Sunday, the Exchange Club of Canton will sponsor "Crime Prevention Week" in Haywood, while other clubs of the national organization carry on a similar program throughout the country.

The program is designed for young people, and will be presented to high school students throughout the county.

The sponsors of this program are approaching it from an educational standpoint, and carrying the facts direct to young people for their consideration.

It is hard to tell just how much can be accomplished by such campaigns, but it is well to keep the public informed as to the cost of crime, and the ultimate result for those who persist in participating.

The officers of the Exchange Club and their national co-workers have started a fine program, and one which the entire county should enter and carry on to the final degree.

Why Is Fuel Oil Short?

Will that oil in the tank hold out until the tank truck comes again? Which will win in the first big race of 1948, the creeping depletion of fuel oil reserves or the "rustle of spring"?

The situation when stated in general terms is not hard to understand. Petroleum production is at an all-time high. But consumption is even higher.

Some storage nearest the consumer is pretty slim. A process of progressive depletion slices safety margins almost to zero. The margin in transportation is also thin.

In such a situation any interruption in the flow from well to consumer—whether by strikes, bad weather, or inability to shift short transportation around quickly—can cut down that slender margin into a frigid famine.

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Looking Back Over The Years

5 YEARS AGO: Haywood residents have 3 days to register for War Relocation Book 2.

10 YEARS AGO: Helen Rogers is winner of D.A.R. citizenship award. Paul Bathbone and Hugh Bunniger win annual recitation and declamation contest for elementary schools of the county.

15 YEARS AGO: Work is begun to widen Depot Street. Alexander Drug Store has an attractive display of candies.

Anything For Attention

During a court trial in Mount Airy the other day, a woman on the witness stand offered to drink a half pint of liquor to prove to the court that it took more than that to make her drunk.

Hardly ever see rabbit hunters out in deep snow like Tuesday morning any more—guess there's plenty of meat without the lowly rabbit.

What became of the rumors that Joe Stahn was dead or desperately ill? Unreliable like most rumors, we suppose.

The ABC stores in Asheville are certainly doing an enormous business—better than \$18,000 a day we are told.



Rambling 'Round

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

Friday the thirteenth! What little pet superstition have you secretly packed away in your inner consciousness?

His very gangling uneasiness proved that a visit to a swanky hotel was entirely out of his line. But he made the grade from the big front door over to the desk.

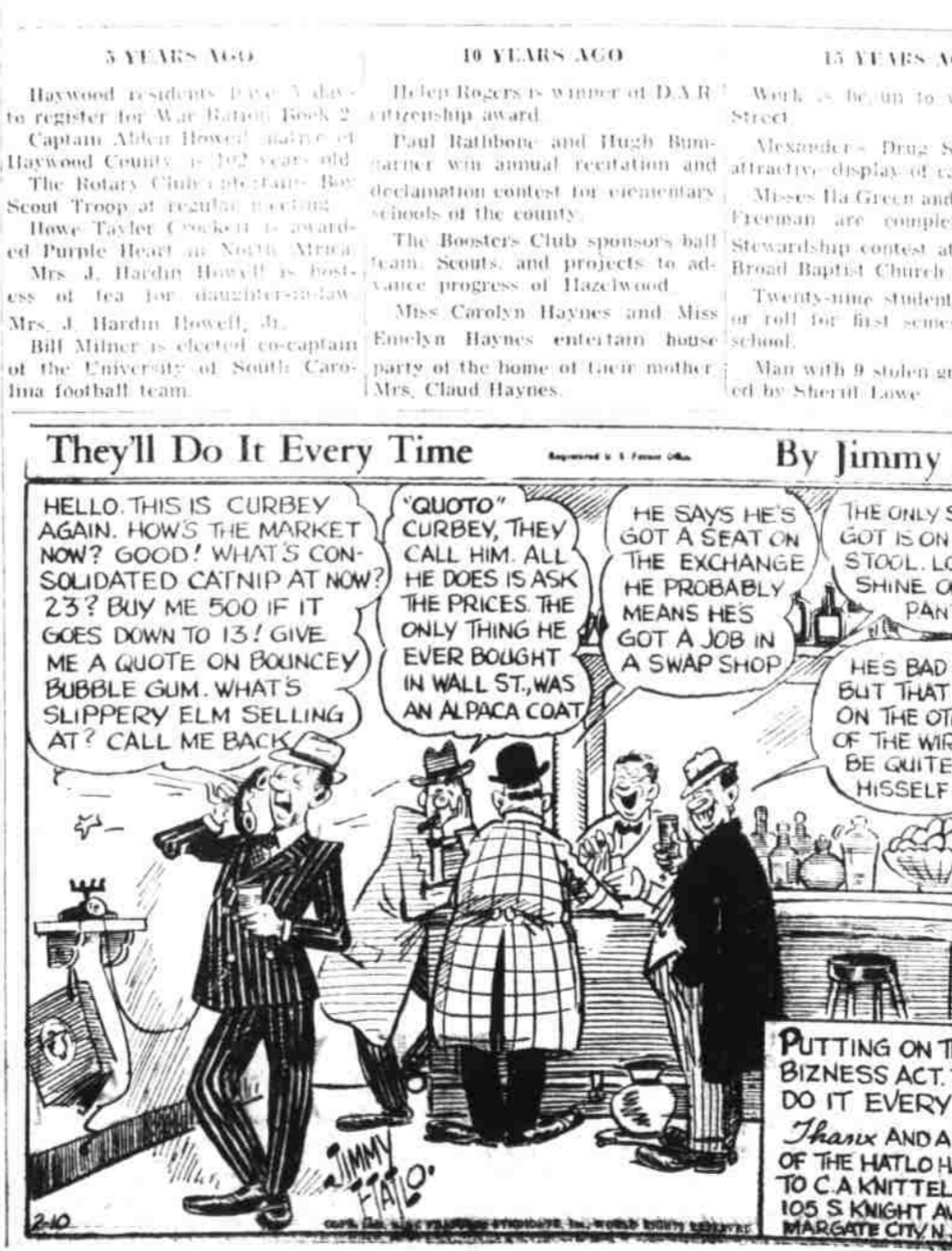


Washington Letter

CAMPAIGN SLOGANS CAN KICK BACK, G.O.P. FOUND IN 1884. BY JANE EADS. WASHINGTON: One of the reasons political headquarters of today are so careful of adopting 1948 campaign slogans is that a hastily formulated blatherer sometimes can boom.

Four years later Benjamin Harrison, grandson of old Tippecanoe, defeated Cleveland, who used "Public Office is a Public Trust" Harrison balls boomed "No No No Free Trade."

They'll Do It Every Time



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do you always help a person if you love him? Answer: No. One of the saddest aspects of reality is that there are many things no one can do for anybody, no matter how much he loves him, because these things can be done by no one but the person himself.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think the drop in the commodity market indicates that prices have reached their peak? Mayor J. H. Wray: I think it is the bottom of a downward trend.

John Boyd: I do, they have. I hope they have.

Mr. E. R. Campbell: I think they have and I am grateful.

Mrs. J. R. Higgs: I hope so and hope prices have started down.

Thro McCracken: I don't know and don't think anybody else knows.

Dr. Louis Cobb: I believe so and I hope so.

Capital Letters

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By LAWRENCE GOR



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Letters To The Editor

HISTORY FACTS: Editor The Mountaineer: For some months people of Haywood County have been asking me how I have been getting along with my book, "The Story Of Our State, North Carolina."

Although Dr. Irwin has never publicly announced that he is a believer in the traditions and history of North Carolina, particularly the truth of the date about our State flag and the Great Seal of State.

That action, competing against free books, has caused the drop in sales of my book from 15,196 in the first three years to 4,880 copies in the second three years, and what makes it so bad is that what has been done by the free books is illegal and the State Board of Edu-

ation seems to be making an effort. My loss in the first three years of this book is ten thousand dollars. I have tested several times and have tested before the State Board of Education, but not to my satisfaction. Please come on in and see what Mr. Hodges is doing about the results of this question of this May 1947.

BRANDON HODGES OF ASHEVILLE TELLS US: In a 1948 W.C.C. Wayneville edition of the Honorable Frank P. ... Asheville Edition of the ... "Dear Mr. Hodges, I ... you believe ... the North Carolina Board ... opportunity to advise ... any controversy ... would normally ... preview of each ... also that the ... (ina) should have ... to know the ... North Carolina ... and triumphed ... tion is a part of the ... people."

Mr. Hodges is a member Education Commission and afraid to speak out. He is good and forward looking and for the future of good.