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Our Band Steps Out

The Waynesville Township High School band has been a pride and joy of the community since it was originated. The band has always made good records, and has steadily gone forward in both the hearts of the citizenship here, and the music world.

In recent district contests the band stepped out with flying colors, aided by the mixed chorus, a co-companion in the musical field of the school.

Both groups, under the direction of Charles Isley, are among the community's most valued assets, and as they go into the state contests in several weeks, they can rest assured that their patrons back home are "rooting" the limit and wishing them the continued success they so rightfully deserve.

Less Noise, Please

The Highway Patrol is giving advance warning that mufflers that are not working perfectly on motor vehicles can get the owners into trouble if not corrected.

The patrol is checking on vehicles with mufflers that have been "guttered" and give a direct exhaust. The law provides for a penalty of a minimum of \$10 and costs against any one failing to comply with the measure.

Give It Back to the Penguins

With eight governments now laying claim to parts of ice-covered Antarctica, it's time somebody put in a word for the penguins. As the only native inhabitants, are they to have no rights of self-determination?

Don't Want MacArthur

General MacArthur intimated last week that if the people "want him" to be a candidate for president of the United States, he might allow himself to run for the office. However, he added that he was not making any personal effort to help bring this about.

Our Patrol Cars

Some months back, one of our reporters asked in the "Voice of the People" the question of whether Haywood citizens thought Highway Patrol and police cars should be a special color, so they could be easily identified.

The Durham Morning Herald recently had an editorial on the same subject, pointing out that distinctively marked cars would create a healthier respect for traffic laws.

A new, distinctively marked police car has been put into use by the traffic division of the Durham Police Department.

And this newspaper again is reminded of a subject on which it has been harping for sometime. Why should not all such cars used by uniformed policemen be distinctively marked?

The tendency now seems to be to disguise the cars as much as possible so that persons will be encouraged to break the law.

In highway patrol work, especially, the preventative side of law enforcement has been neglected to the detriment of safety on the highways of North Carolina.

The idea does not seem to be to prevent speeding or reckless driving or other violations of the law, but to try to catch a few of those who do break the law.

This may have a salutary effect, for the time being, upon the one who has been caught but it doesn't bother anybody else.

Certainly those who break the law should be caught. But it is better to prevent a man from speeding than to catch him afterwards.

With highway patrol cars looking like the rest of the cars on the highway there is a tendency for the motorist to get the idea that the highways are not being patrolled, and he governs himself accordingly.

They were probably around; but they weren't noticed.

With distinctively marked cars, the highway patrol could be much in evidence on the highways of North Carolina, impressing the motorists with their presence, impressing upon them that while there might be no patrolmen immediately in sight there might be one around the next bend in the road.

The effect would be a healthier respect for highway safety laws with a consequent increase in safety on the highways.

Mountain Music

Those who have an ear for string music will converge on Maggie School Saturday night for the third annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Last year more than 20 bands entered the contests, and this year it is felt that even more will be on hand.

The old time fiddlers produce a music all of their own. The rhythm, the tone and timing has never been copied by Hollywood or any other place. While every effort has been made to capture the strains of typical mountain music, Hollywood is still turning out "synthetic stuff".

An Expensive Star

The average person would figure that flags for use in the Navy would be a relative small item in the national budget.

To the contrary, when Hawaii or Alaska becomes a state, it will cost the Navy around \$1,500,000 for new flags.

Pacific fleet headquarters estimates that the Navy will have to replace the 149,895 American flags in five sizes, at a cost of \$1,307,706, and the 62,673 Union Jacks in four sizes at a cost of \$251,354.

The Navy, upon investigation, finds it will be cheaper to buy new flags than to add to the ones now in use.

This is just for the Navy alone—the hundreds of thousands of flags owned by individuals and private business concerns would come in for additional expensive changes.

It all boils down or adds up to a rather expensive star.

We read recently, and we believe, truly, that there is no way to express shame in degrees. One capable of shame cannot be a little ashamed or greatly ashamed. However Webster disagrees. We believe with the writer, don't you?

Waynesville, we believe, has for the first time seen a picket line in action. We appear to be growing more citified.

On Easter, Enjoy Your Church



In every Church the world over, men and women pray together this Easter for the eternal continuance of a world at peace, a brotherhood of all men united by God.

Rambling 'Round

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

March has been a very peaceful little lamb for the past 25 days, but in some ways, she is beginning to ruffle her feathers and every one is holding his breath. Knowing what a fickle dame March can be, Easter may turn out to be almost anything. But that won't stop all of us from hoping.

are reminded of something that happened several years ago. A miss of about six had been completely fitted out in all new Easter finery and could hardly wait for the wonderful day to arrive so she could join the paraders. But alas and alack! When Easter morning arrived, it had been preceded by a seven inch snow (Continued on Page Four)

Washington Letter logo with a postage stamp illustration.

MILLION PEOPLE A YEAR NOW VISIT WASHINGTON MONUMENT
By JANE EADS
WASHINGTON — The Washington Monument, opened to the public in October, 1885, had its 22-millionth visitor the other day. Nearly a million people a year

take in the view of the nation's capital and vicinity from the top of the 555.5 foot monument. Designed by Robert Mills of Charleston, S. C., the obelisk was begun in 1848 by a committee which had been formed in 1833 under the chairmanship of Chief Justice John Marshall. Many (Continued on Page Three)

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Arthur Francis, student of the Waynesville high school, wins first place in the Western North Carolina vocational agriculture speaking contest held in Asheville. Call is made for donations of shrubbery for court house lawn. Members of First Baptist church are asked to donate old gold and silver articles to be sold for the church. Miss Ellen Louise Killian is voted the most versatile girl at Peace Institute in Raleigh.

hold rally. Meeting opens with banquet at Gordon and closes with a dance in the new Army building. Members of local hiking club join Asheville hiking club for trip to Black Rock. Farmers in Cherokee county are enjoying the benefits of electricity from TVA. Master Walter Taliaferro entertains friends on birthday. Woman's Club hears address by P. F. Stroller of Asheville, interior decorator. 10 YEARS AGO
Young Democrats of district

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are bigamists generally "wolves"?
Answer: I doubt it. The man who is married to half-a-dozen women nearly always is after their money, and makes love to them for purely business reasons, while the chap who marries "No. 2" without divorcing "No. 1" but doesn't make a habit of it is too much afraid of women either to defy one of them or to tell the other the truth. A man with a childish craving to be "mothered," married to a wife who nags him, may be so strongly attracted to a woman he believes will treat him kindly that he will use any subterfuge to get her.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What "Easter Bonnet" do you remember most vividly?
Mrs. Jack Elwood: "I remember one Easter that I had taken the flowers off of my winter hat and trimmed a straw hat to awaken Easter morning and find the ground covered with snow. It was before people wore spring clothes in winter time and I was embarrassed to death because I was the only person in church wearing a straw hat.

Mrs. Jacque Coin: "Don't ask me that. I always make my own Easter hat with a little bit of yarn."
Mrs. Harry Marshall: "I never wear a new hat at Easter. But I remember one spring my sister had a hat that I thought was beautiful and had a milliner copy it. She was so provoked. The hat was white straw with a high ostrich feather in the back and beautiful pink roses on the brim in front. I'm wearing one now that's sixteen years old."

Mrs. Joe Rose: "I believe it was purple straw with pansies all over it and I was at the age when I began to feel like I meant something to Easter. I think it was a borrowed hat at that."
Mrs. J. H. Howell, Sr.: "The hat I had the second year I was in Waynesville. It was a leghorn trimmed with white lilies and faced with black velvet and had black velvet streamers. It was the tip-top hat from Miss Hattie Siler's and I bought it after looking at it about two weeks."

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD
LOIN-GIRDING — There are many more Republicans in North Carolina than you can shake a stick at, and most of them seem to be girding their loins for a real battle at the polls this year. This is a Democratic State, but the Democrats have grown reckless in Raleigh and in Washington through their long years on the Government teat. The Republicans hope to take advantage of it. Despite all that the orators of the party tell you, being a Democrat does not free a man of wrong-doing, and the Democrats in North Carolina within the past 20 years have done things which have led to many a shamed face even in the ranks of the Democratic Party. The Republicans, alas, ran into a mess of ill luck in 1928 when they carried North Carolina for Herbert Hoover. He defeated Al Smith in this area of the Solid South by 348,923 votes to 286,227. They have never been quite able to live this down. In 1944, however, with war rag-

Inside WASHINGTON

President Truman on Wallace, Dixie Revolt for a Reason
Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—President Truman has set the policy toward the Democratic southern and Henry A. Wallace's independent candidacy to silent treatment. The president's recent speech was conspicuous mention of the Dixie rebellion and the Wallace candidacy which would be political headaches, and both of them threaten to break the party into splinters. Mr. Truman disappointed political observers by backing up Democratic National Chairman Charles McNary's implied appeal to Wallace's candidacy. His strongest ally "progressives" of all parties to say nothing to antagonize the president hopes the deep political ally those in the South will be. If anything more open is to be elected by the White House to little, if any, hope that Wallace's strategy is to alienate hundreds of potential Wallace voters by following the Democrats, and spicing it with a little...

BOW FOR MARGARET—Margaret Truman completed her first season as a concert singer, receiving the other night from none other than the famous Metropolitan opera star. It happened when Miss Truman accompanied her father and the First Lady back stage at Constitution Hall before the latter's Washington concert. The gracious, world-acclaimed opera star, after wishes from Mr. Truman for the rest of the evening, turned to Margaret and, in reference to her own career, said: "Keep your fingers crossed for a colleague."

MILITARY TRAINING—A terrific undercover war on in the House over peacetime military conscription. Legion, one of the most powerful lobbies on Capitol Hill, to force the UMT bill out of the rules committee. mously approved by the armed services committee. Allen (R), Illinois, has bottled it up in the rules committee. Pressure is being brought on each committee member circles it is said that one or two votes will get the told the Legion he is opposed to it and Speaker of Massachusetts, and Majority Leader Charles McNary, dians, have taken no stand. In this presidential year, UMT is one of the bills in Congress. Most members hope they won't have to vote on it.

LAGGING CONTRIBUTIONS—The dollar shortage of the international organizations set up in the post-war world to solve the problems of peace. The United States has underwritten the larger part of their operating costs, but it has little or nothing to say about how money should be spent. The situation is said to be particularly acute in the Food and Agricultural organization. At present, the States and five smaller nations have made their contributions. Its budget is being cut drastically. Most of its personnel, including recruits of the League have come from Europe where they made a career bureaucracy. Now under contract, generally for the hard to fire. This confronts Americans with the prospect of a pay cut or find a new job.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

