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Main Street's New Looks

This is an era of the "new look." In Waynesville's business districts it seems to be a trend toward new fronts for business houses.

Already several have been completed, others under construction, and still more in the blue print stage.

It has not been long since the First National Bank put on a modern face, so did Peoples Home and Auto Supply Store. Right now Eagle Five and Ten is getting a "new look" with a beautiful front, and J. C. Tompkins is completing a modern front on the new home for the Book Store. Several weeks ago Dr. Thomas Stringfield finished a new front on his Main street offices, and not so long ago the building occupied by the Cosmopolitan Beauty Shop was re-fronted. Less than a year ago the Waynesville Art Gallery had a modern-fronted place.

We know of several places that anticipate making changes within the next few months. Some will be major changes and others will be just a modernized front.

All in all, it looks like this face-lifting is contagious. In fact, we have had to stop twice while writing the above to discuss plans for a new front on The Mountaineer Building. By fall there'll be a lot of new business fronts on Main Street.

Worth Pondering

Labor-management war has come to Southwestern North Carolina. The most recent clash is the Waynesville laundry strike. Just prior to that was the strike at the Sylva laundry. (Who, by the way, won the battle? The net result today is that the owner has no business, the workers have no jobs, and the community has no laundry.) A little earlier there was a strike at Bryson City.

Contests between labor and management, with the periods between strikes and lock-outs little more than armed truces, have been common in many parts of the United States for years. And the cleavage they have created in many cases has gone right on up through the social, political, and even religious life of the community.

But we here in this region, with our man-to-man relationships between employer and employed, with employer and employe on terms of good neighborly equality in every other phase of life, have felt that, though the rest of the country might have difficulties, it couldn't happen to us.

Recent events have shown that it can.

Why has it happened?
Any number of factors may help to explain the individual strikes this region has had recently. And of course there are managements whose wisdom and human understanding set them apart as rare exceptions.

Generally speaking, however, the situation boils down to this: In the present pattern of American life, labor-management strike is inevitable in an industrialized community. Unfortunately, it is part—and only part—of the price that must be paid for industrialization.

That is worth pondering as we in this region debate whether we shall follow the example of most of the rest of the country in a frantic scramble for industry, and ever more industry.—The Franklin Press.

Women still are told to remove their hats in the movies—when the usher recognizes them.

Saying you have no bad habits makes you almost too good to be true.

Canton Votes Today

Voters of Canton will decide by ballot today whether to authorize the sale of \$150,000 in bonds to finance a comprehensive improvement program.

The issues, which will be voted on separately, are for \$75,000 to establish a public park or playground, \$14,250 to enlarge the water system, \$6,000 to enlarge the sewer system, \$22,000 to construct streets and sidewalks, \$17,700 for the purchase of a fire truck and motor trucks, and \$15,000 for a tool-storage building and improvements to the town jail.

Canton is a growing community, and as such must expand its paved streets and utilities in areas as they build up to equalize the services provided for all citizens. A few months ago the town officials secured the full-time services of a competent engineer, so that streets, water, sewage and trash collection could be directed on the most efficient basis. Now plans have been prepared for additional facilities which are needed, and Canton's citizenry will signify in today's election whether the money will be provided to make the improvements possible.

Somewhat more controversial is the public playground. It is definitely a progressive step, and one which this newspaper hopes will be taken. There is strong and open support behind it, and doubtless some opposition of a more silent nature. The fact that its passage will increase Canton's tax rate around 14 cents per \$100 valuation during the next fiscal year is something that all property owners will consider fully.

Those who have studied the question from a professional point of view say that recreation is a community responsibility. Public playgrounds and parks, it has been found by experience, can be operated more economically by municipal government. And the town or city which provides recreational facilities will have healthier and happier citizens and a more attractive community to visitors.

Canton's voters will decide for themselves whether they think their playground is something essential, and is worth the added tax costs. However, from a neighboring viewpoint, the playground looks like a progressive movement, and we hope that it will carry in today's election. Many of the people in Waynesville and Hazelwood desire a similar step to be taken here, and will watch for the vote results in Canton with interest.

Justified Faith

The rapid expansion of the Southern Bell Telephone System in this community is indicative of the faith their keen, far-sighted executives have in this area. Last year the company spent about \$76,000 on expansions, and this year have another \$70,000 earmarked for similar work. This does not include a tentative project now under consideration for \$80,000 for rural telephones.

The Southern Bell System does not spend money on expansions unless they are convinced that it will be a profitable investment. The encouraging factor to us is that the telephone business is among the best business barometers a community has. A flourishing telephone business means a growing community.

In an address to Rotarians last Friday, J. Lovell Smith, district manager, explains the steady growth of the telephone business in Waynesville in the past eight years. The company now has more than a quarter of a million dollars invested in this community and more will be spent.

Mr. Smith's report is based upon actual figures, and not just "something one wishes would happen."

We feel that the faith Southern Bell is showing in this community is justified. We feel that this community is destined to continue to go forward. We don't believe there will be a mushroom growth, or boom era, but a steady, safe and substantial growth. We are happy to share this opinion with Southern Bell Telephone System.

Lions And Goats

A novel method of encouraging attendance at meetings is being tried by the Morehead City Lions Club. The club has acquired a goat, complete with horns and its own peculiar odor, and a member who does not attend meetings regularly is awarded custody of the goat for one week. The first Lion to have the honor of caring for the bewiskered animal is quoted as saying: "It's about to get my goat." Attendance rose to 90 per cent . . . maybe the plan will spread.

Near-Shirtless Male

The nation's males are now buying less than three dress shirts and one sport shirt per man per year, states the New York Journal of Commerce. Shirtmakers feel this is an inadequate consumer consumption by any standard. The surprising fact is that in spite of the male's low buying average the shirt industry last year turned out a record production of 1 million dozen shirts.—Ex.



Rambling 'Round

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

Here we go again with our "Wonder Why" section. We wonder why . . . visitors to the courthouse insist on littering up the pretty green lawn which is such an attractive feature to Main street . . . street lights look so inviting when shimmering on wet pavements . . . Main street becomes so absolutely deserted just about dusk then suddenly bursts into full animation as the theatres open . . . we can so quickly forget the snows and ice of yesterday as we bask in the sunshine of today.



HIS GRANDMOTHER BETTERED MIHAI'S GLAMOR RECORDS
By JANE EADS
WASHINGTON — The visit of beautiful Queen Marie of Romania to this country created a sensation 22 years ago. The American public was not so accustomed to visiting royalty in those days.
There's not anywhere near the to-do over the current visit of her grandson, 26-year-old Mihai — or Michael, as he is called in English. Nevertheless, the presence here of the handsome young man has stirred the interest and the imagination of the American people.
Headliner in international news because of his recent abdication as king and his whirlwind romance with Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, Michael is visiting the United States incognito. Any entertainment in his honor will be strictly unofficial.
This is because Michael is actually no longer a ruler, though he says his abdication was forced and that he does not consider it binding.
Michael and his mother, former Queen Helen, accompanied by a retinue of 10, expect to visit factories and industrial plants and sight-see in general. One informant said, however, that Michael and his mother will attempt to raise funds in this country to "help Romanian refugees escape communism."
Queen Marie's trip to this country . . . Continued on Page Eight

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Bill put before the general assembly by Senator W. R. Francis would discourage highway signs.
Plans are being made to care for 500 delegates to the Western North Carolina Conference of Methodist Women to be held here this month.
Milus Hannah is improving after truck accident.
Easter merchandise is being featured at C. E. Ray's Sons Store.
10 YEARS AGO
Miss Ruth Hampton resigns as superintendent of Haywood County Hospital.
12-page folders containing brief story and pictures of Haywood County's many advantages are ready to be distributed.
Major John Martin is given promotion to Lt. Colonel.
Vocational class of 20 members is organized at Crabtree school.
Mrs. Doyle Alley is nominated for state president of Parent Teacher Association.
Miss Dorothy Walker of Clyde, is selected as attendant in May Court at Western Carolina Teachers College.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are honeymoons the happiest days of marriage?
Answer: No, says Stanley R. Bray, sociologist, in Marriage and Family Living. Out of fifty married women whom he questioned, four-fifths said it was not true that "There is no more ideal happiness in married life than a honeymoon," while 68 percent felt a honeymoon was not indispensable to happy marriage. More than half these wives admitted that their honeymoons had brought serious adjustment problems, and the cause most often given was "lack of sex education." Forty-eight per cent found this a source of disappointment.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Aside from scenery and climate, what do you think attracts tourists to Waynesville? (Continued from Friday, April 2.)
Mrs. Lachlan Hyatt: "The things that would draw me back to Waynesville are the people and surroundings. We really don't have any outstanding attraction aside from scenery."
Dr. Harry Sullivan: "I think older people come here because it is a nice quiet place. We don't have many younger people because we do not have anything especially to attract them."
Mrs. Heinz Rollman: "I like Waynesville because it is a small town and I can get out in the country. The fresh air and lovely views and friendly people would be all the attraction I would want if I were on a vacation. I think the auction sales attract some tourists, too."
Mrs. E. J. Lilius: "The courtesy extended to them by the people here gives them a welcome feeling. I do think it would be well if we had some place of entertainment for young people as well as older ones."
Carl Mundy: "The programs at Lake Junaluska attract a great many people to Waynesville — also our nearness to the Park and the auction sales."

Capital Letters

L. A. Martin, of Lexington, trustee of the Allied Church League's paper, "Tomorrow," has asked the gubernatorial candidates how they stand on a Statewide liquor referendum . . . Charles Johnson replied that he is for it . . . So did Governor Gregg Cherry in 1944 . . . What happened? Nothing . . . Johnson was honest in making his reply, pointing out that "each General Assembly makes its own rules." . . . In replying in the affirmative on the referendum question, Charles Johnson knew that the "gag rule," which every Legislature for the past eight years has adopted, prevents the State having an opportunity to vote on liquor . . . He knows the Governor has no power in this respect . . . L. A. Martin should ask the candidates for Speaker of the House in the next Legislature how they stand on the referendum . . . The Speaker of the House has control over the Rules Committee . . . Kerr Craig Ramsey of Salisbury will be the next Speaker of the House, and if he appoints the right people to the Rules Committee, there will likely be an end to the "gag rule," which fixes it so that a two-thirds vote of the House is necessary to get a bill off the unfavorable calendar after it leaves the committee . . . The representa-

Inside WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—The United States Air Force will loose its 32,000 horsepower Flying Wing of transcontinental speed dash aimed at breaking all records.
The huge, eight-jet unorthodox XB-49 is being sent the west coast to Washington at a rate between 100 and 150 miles an hour.
The record for bombers cross-country is 430 m.p.h. set by C. S. Irvine in a B-29 Superfortress in December 1946. The record is 550 m.p.h. being set by a jet airplane in a Shooting Star jet airplane in 1946.
There is a possibility the War Department will establish the "plane-without-rotors" world's fastest bomber.
The Jet Wing will lift one ton weight. It carries a stroke of 12,000 feet altitude of six miles.
SEEKING IS BELIEVING—Miners had their income tax reduced recently because the government's deductions for work clothes were too high.
Government officials quickly decided that work clothes for street wear and were tax deductible.
SOCIETY'S IRON CURTAIN—Washington parties, failed to report that the Iron Curtain has Soviet embassy's social list.
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