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Now, A Music Library

The Music Club is undertaking a splendid community project in providing the Haywood Public Library with musical recordings that can be borrowed just as a book.

The Music Club knows that before good music can be appreciated and used, it must be available to every family. The plan, just as with books, will be an educational one. The plan will take time, patience and money. It seems that the club has the first two, and are making efforts to raise the latter by presenting a series of musicals in the community.

This is a worthwhile project where everyone will benefit, yet no one person or group profits financially. Such things warrant our undivided support.

Situation Grows Worse

Drunken driving is increasing in North Carolina, according to the official report made this week by the safety division of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

During March 829 persons lost their driver's license for driving drunk while last year for the same month the number was 763. For the first three months in 1948, there were 2,400 convicted of driving drunk on highways in North Carolina.

Two thousand four hundred potential murderers.

No law has ever been written that is too stiff to be imposed on a person who will drive on the highways while drunk. The legislature stepped up the minimum penalty, but it is still too light.

According To The Experts

The Department of Agriculture is suggesting Americans with backyards raise rabbits for meat. The experts point out that three does and a buck will provide 150 pounds of choice meat a year, and at low cost.

The experts quickly remind would-be rabbit raisers that tame rabbit meat is much superior to the wild game. The comparison being that tame rabbit tastes like breast of chicken.

The experts go on to explain that when you get tired of rabbit meat that you still rabbits and buy other kinds of meats. And there you have the meat problem completely solved, according to the experts.

Beating Communism

Some practical instruction in dealing with Communists was offered in a recent issue of Collier's magazine by a young man, Walter P. Reuther, who has had a wealth of successful experience in the field.

The story of how the Commies were beaten in the UAW reads, as Mr. Reuther puts it with justifiable pride, "almost like the report of an experiment in creative democracy, and provides a demonstration of techniques which can be applied in the larger struggle to save democracy in the world."

Mr. Reuther has no easy formula. He advocates alertness, education and, above all, "the momentum of a positive democratic program." Exposure of Communists, in his view, is a great deal more effective than repression. "You can't beat Communism," he says, "by throwing embarrassing questions at witnesses in a Congressional hearing. You can't slug it to death with a club or a slogan. You can't burn it to the stake. You have to show it up in the market place of ideas, expose it by honest dealing. Communism breeds on hunger, poverty, human insecurity." —The Washington Post.

Truman's Neck

Arthur Krock, writing in the New York Times on Sunday, tells us President Truman has been badly advised on the civil rights question. It was generally believed that he could catch the Wallace vote in one hand and hold the Southerners in line with the other. Those backers learned differently when Wallace's man captured a New York election and when the Southerners rebelled. Now the best bet to mend the wounds of the party is to woo Wallace back. If that were done it would be the liberal Truman against a right-wing Republican.

So far, so good. But the whole program has backfired. Would it, had Roosevelt lived? That's hard to say. But, generally, any party that's been in power 16 years has a hard time holding its dissidents together. The Republicans came in in 1896. Like the Democrats, however, they could not care for anyone with the result that Roosevelt split it in 1912. The party got back in again in 1920, holding on till 1932. As those who are living, let us remember, the Democrats re-entered the national government in that year and still holding on.

That's one of the virtues of a democracy. The public likes a new face occasionally. Think of the thunderers of old! Men of the type of Reed Smoot, Boies Penrose and Charles McNair have all passed on. Only one died of the Senate. The rest had been elected by the electorate. Only the South-eastern group office and that for the simple reason that they keep their fences better mended. But, regardless of which party is in power, America moves forward. The philosophy is the same. Like the Tories and the Socialists in England, neither intends to let a nation that's creating wealth and power in America does. —Wilson Daily News

Some Ugly Facts

North Carolina's new State School Commission in receiving tentative reports from 15 special committees making a thorough study of the school needs in the state were told of several things that one hundred million dollars is needed for immediate construction of additional buildings.

The sounds like a lot of money, yet the budget for the state is "Is it enough?"

In Haywood, school authorities have estimated that it will take \$1,500,000 to make improvements in several school districts. Haywood is, on average, county, and it is not possible to learn about the situation here in this county are about the same as the state. On the basic needs of Haywood, the state would need \$150,000,000 for the building needs.

Now, to say, the school situation in North Carolina is in such a state of affairs that it is a matter of time that many changes be made if we are to keep abreast of the national standards.

Our population has grown faster than the school systems have been able to provide for. The addition of transportation, and conditions brought on by war, have all helped to add to the ever-increasing problems for the school people.

North Carolinians might as well prepare themselves for the facts as these special committees will present. There is likelihood that the picture will not be a pretty one. But then facts are facts, and it will be then left to the people of the state to take action.

An Important Decision

Three Negro men have made application to enter the University of North Carolina. The final decision on the question will come before the board of trustee's executive committee holds their meeting in a few weeks.

Two of the applicants want to enter law school and the third the medical school. The applicants point out that the North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham does not have a law school approved by the American Bar Association, and Negro medical students are sent out of the state.

We have no idea what decision the executive committee will make, but there is a likelihood that the law department at the Durham college will be made "standard" and a medical department added. While such a decision would be expensive, it would perhaps be the easiest solution in this state.

A Different Tune

A study of the tax rates in counties having ABC liquor stores shows that the county rate has not been reduced since the stores went into operation. Thompson Greenwood, our Raleigh correspondent, in his column on this page today, cites the record.

The question of liquor stores has many angles, and one of the first to always come up is the matter of revenue the stores produce. The "net" on this money is not always as pretty a picture as it might sound,



Rambling 'Round

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

He was holding forth on the courthouse walk, orating to the height of his lung power. His listeners didn't seem any too impressed, but other listeners were aggravated beyond measure for a chap in the car across the street was blowing the horn in a deafening appeal for the orator to go home with him.

We sometimes wonder if it is selfishness or just thoughtlessness that prompts the driver to park his car directly parallel to several other cars parked correctly in a parking lot. We noticed last night where such a parked car completely barred

three cars from getting out, and kept three others from using parking space to which they were justly entitled. We wonder if it might not be a good slogan for the man parking to think: "Park as you want the other fellow to do."

New straw hats worn by the ladies, appearing like butterflies after a summer shower. And looking enough like bouquets to fool the butterflies if they were flying around.

Last Saturday afternoon we found it necessary to get in. (Continued on Page Three)



By JANE LEADS
WASHINGTON — Miss Nellie Taylor Ross thought home-making was to be her lifelong career, but she's been in public office since the death of her husband in 1924. Now President Truman has nominated her to serve another five-year term as director of the U. S. Mint. It is Congress that approves the appointment; this will be her fourth term. She was first named to the post in 1933 by President Roosevelt.

Mrs. Ross is a little woman, dainty and feminine. She was married in September 1902, and before the death of her husband her sole claim to distinction was as a model

wife and mother and a charming hostess. Her husband was governor of Wyoming. When he died in 1924 she was elected governor to fill out two years of his unexpired term. From that career she bounced into national politics, speaking for the nomination of Alfred E. Smith in 1928 and four years later for Franklin D. Roosevelt's first candidacy.

The public hears little of Mrs. Ross. She has neatly side-stepped publicity yet the U. S. Mint, which boasts the largest gold hoard in the world, has done a colossal business under her direction. During the 15 years she has been director the mint has produced more coin

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
C. B. Atkinson and W. T. Shelton are candidates for mayor in city election.

Three candidates are seeking place of superintendent of education for Haywood county. Mrs. W. B. Matthews is elected secretary of newly organized District Chamber of Commerce. Recreational center with swimming pool, tea room and tennis courts is being built by C. M. Dicus near the golf course.

Miss Drama Lumpkin is winner in reading contest sponsored by the dramatic department of the

Community Club for girls in the Waynesville high school.

10 YEARS AGO
One person is killed and others injured in six automobile wrecks over the week-end here.

Jane Wyche, talented young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Troy Wyche, is playing the piano over WNCN during Bobby Sloan's program.

Slight earthquake shock is felt in Waynesville. Little Carmichael Hannah returns from visit to grandmother in Lumberton.

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 deny 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.

Can babies feel "nervous tension"?
Answer: Even more than adults — in fact, it's in infancy that the seeds of "anxiety" are planted. "Tension" in a little baby does not come from fear of anything that anybody else may do to him, for as yet he does not realize that

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What is your reaction to the federal income tax reduction that Congress passed over the President's veto?

J. V. Smith: "I think it is the wrong thing to do at this time. The country must stay strong because of the international situation. This is no time for a tax reduction."

Lizzie Hollifield: "I think it is a good thing. We have enough other taxes to pay, and deserve some relief on the income tax."

Joe Jack Atkins: "I'm glad in one way to see the tax cut, but I think we should have kept the taxes up and reduce the national debt."

Jimmy Williams: "I think it is a very foolish thing, with all the money to be spent on armament. The money will have to come from somewhere."

Emmett Valentine: "I'm glad to see it. It lightens the load on the little man who needs it most."

That is all the previous years since its inception in George Washington time.

Her report of service has seen the government's stockpile of gold grow from \$2,332,000,000 to well over 23 billion. All of this gold has gone through the melting pot, and a large part has been refined during the same period the amount of silver has grown from 28,000,000. (Continued on Page Three)

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

THE IDES—The political south-sayers of Raleigh are telling their favorite candidates to beware the ides of April. Br'er Julius Caesar, when warned by the soothsayer 1988 years ago to look out for the ides of March said: "He is a dreamer."

No dreamers, these modern mutters. They know whereof they speak. Many a high-flying political campaign has bogged down in April. So, if any candidate has any rabbits in his hat, he should get ready to pull them out. Kerr Scott has at least one hare he is expected to come up with, and Charlie Johnson will likely pull out several baby rabbits. Since Johnson's campaign has been running longest, he is expected to have the greatest difficulty keeping the people interested.

LIQUOR MONEY—One of the arguments used by the wets for the establishment of ABC stores is that the income derived from liquor decreases taxes.

It ain't necessarily so. Look at these wet counties.

Durham county's tax rate was 54 cents in 1933. It is 55 cents today. Edgecombe, 91 cents in 1933, but \$1.30 today. Tyrrell, \$1 in 1933, \$1.54 in 1946. Carteret, \$1.50 in 1933, and \$1.80 in 1946. In Nash, the tax remained the same in 1946 as in 1933. Of course, the tax rate might have gone higher had there been no liquor stores in these counties.

Although North Carolina's per capita income is nothing to brag about, we sent approximately \$80,000,000 into northern states for liquor last year. Did we save that much in taxes? We used to curse the mountain moonshiners (the white-licker boys), but money spent with them at least continued to circulate in North Carolina.

ALL-AMERICAN — Some time this summer Pat Preston, the Thomasville Orphanage boy who

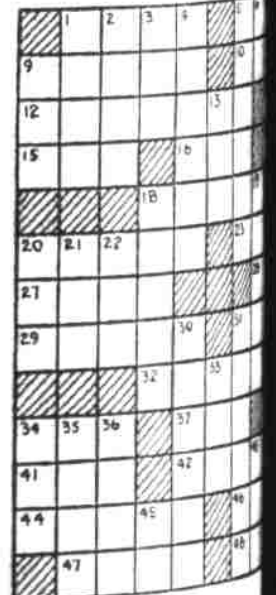
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- The west
- Applaud
- God of the sea
- Ventilated
- Ten hundred thousand
- Warp
- Part of "to be"
- Portion of curved line
- Shade of a color
- Avarice
- Movable barriers
- Addition to a bill
- Measure of land
- Climbing plant
- Parrot
- Flexes
- Purport
- Donkey
- Roman money
- Monetary unit (Rum.)
- Expression
- Evening services (Eccl.)
- Appearing as if eaten
- Rub out
- Rude person
- Unit of force (C. G. S.)

DOWN

- Dam in river
- Eye
- Ancient
- Monks



- 4th sign of zodiac
- Coin (Chin.)
- Chief
- So. Am. republic
- Wine receptacle
- Color, as cloth
- Metallic rock
- Large
- One who dives
- Millpond
- Tuber (So. Am.)
- Gramma
- Turn of mind
- Proverbial
- Scout
- Large
- Trunk
- Shrub
- Empire
- Lever
- Thus