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Growing Interest

Anyone attending the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet here Friday could not help but be impressed with the large attendance and the interest shown in the work of the organization.

Unfortunately, a long, long time ago, the general idea got out that a Chamber of Commerce was an organization in any town, that was not based on information about the town, and meant little more than affording a job for the secretary.

That day has long passed, but in the minds of some people who do not have the facts, the idea still lingers.

A modern Chamber of Commerce today, such as the one here, has interested civic leaders that map out a program that will be the best interest of all citizens of the community. The one aim of the organization is to have a happy, thriving town. The modern Chamber of Commerce is one of their first to be the needs of a community, and as quickly as possible, with available funds, correct these needs.

With the interest that is being shown this year, it looks like the organization here is destined to grow in numbers as well as accomplishments.

Take Your Medicine

During the Florida boom, two men bought oranges next door to each other. They paid cash for their purchases and both moved in. They didn't take long for both men to realize they had bought about the juiciest lemon that ever grew on the Tree of Experience.

One of the men faced the issue squarely. He knew he was hopelessly stuck but decided to make the best of a bad bargain. Rehabilitation began showing its ugly head as soon as he found himself on the continual trail of repair work. It was a constant struggle, but he never let up.

In due course of time, another boom made west and this man sold his rejuvenated orange for a nice profit.

The story of the other man is exactly the opposite. He curled up and figuratively died when he found how he had been fooled in his purchase, and he completely lost interest. His home became simply a house, and a very poor one at that, and the congeniality of his family bore the brunt of his dissatisfaction.

He just couldn't "take it" and absolutely refused to take his medicine like a man. When the boom came around his way, his house was a shambles and of no value to anyone, including himself.

So, if the peach you thought you were buying turns out to be a lemon, take it in its stride. Lemons needn't be thrown away; they make awfully good pies and lemonade.

Highway Center Lines

The State Highway Department has just finished putting down a white center line on the newly re-surfaced highway from here to Canton. The white line will be carried on out Highway 19-A to Soco Gap, which is also getting a new surface up the mountain.

The white lines in the center of highways are one of the best investments the highway department can make. There have been many a life saved by the center line, especially in this true during foggy, or rainy weather.

We trust the department goes still further and puts down the yellow caution line where the presence of these two caution lines passing is dangerous.

make motorists aware of the dangers on the highways, and enables drivers who are traveling the road for the first time to drive safer.

Produce More Milk

A condition that cannot be driven home to North Carolina too frequently is the poor showing which Tarheelia makes in milk production and consumption.

While this deficiency, affecting both our economy and our health, has been stressed many times, it was the reiteration by Frank H. Jeter, State College agriculture editor, before a Raleigh civic club which currently caught our attention. Mr. Jeter, after noting that only 30 percent of North Carolina farm land is used in production of its great cash crops of tobacco, cotton and peanuts, urged that the remaining 70 percent go into production of other commodities and crops which are needed to balance our agricultural program.

It was in this connectin that Mr. Jeter urged the development of a livestock industry, which of course ramified out into cattle raising, feed productin and dairying. As for this third field the figures show that 20 percent of the milk which North Carolinians are now drinking has to be brought in from other states and that average consumption in the Old North State is only half the national average. Here we have a pyramided deficiency which must show the possibilities for dairying development in our midst. The average North Carolinian consumes less than half the milk the average American consumes and yet, with this under-consumptin, 20 percent of what he consumes has to be imported. —Greensboro News.

A Growing Slogan

We have been encouraged during the past few weeks by the large number of public speakers, as well as others, who are using the slogan, "This is a good place to live".

Several weeks ago the merchants used this during a special trade event, with all the clerks wearing a badge with the slogan. The Chamber of Commerce is stressing the use of the slogan in their membership drive, and it was also in evidence at the annual banquet here Friday night.

The more we use the slogan, which is absolutely the truth, the more you and those around you will begin to realize its full meaning.

We are not foolish enough to try to make one believe that this is such a good place to live that it cannot be improved. There are many things that can be done to improve the county, and that is just one of the many things that it takes cooperation to accomplish.

Hospital Visitor Problem

One of the serious problems confronting hospitals today is how to deal with visitors. We know it is a problem at the Haywood Hospital, and according to the Winston-Salem Journal it is a problem there as well as in many other communities. The Twin City paper goes on to discuss the problem, which is applicable here, as follows:

"It seems that, generally, the practice of visiting the sick, which is good within limits, is being followed too strenuously for either the good of the patient or the efficient operation of the hospital. In spite of rules and regulations made by the authorities with the good of the patient in mind, hospital visitors are becoming a menace to the welfare of the sick.

"Probably in the past patients who were treated in their homes suffered from the enervating effects of numerous callers unbeknown to their doctors, whose visits were few and far between. Now that the great masses of people who formerly did not go to hospitals for routine ailments are being treated in the institutions rather than in their homes, the nurses and doctors are becoming more acutely aware of the adverse effects which tiresome visiting has on the condition of the patient.

"The psychological effects which friendly visits to the sick have are definite and valuable. High morale contributes a great deal to the physical recovery of those who are not well. Good visitors, however, follow certain rules of behavior. They cooperate with whatever system of visiting the hospital employs. They limit their visits to the specified time, abide strictly by the visiting hours, are cheerful but quiet, and avoid discussing personal ailments or the ills of other patients. They visit the patient for the purpose of cheering him up and reminding him that he is missed. They are mindful, first and foremost, of the patient's welfare, and not of their own desire to visit, to chat, and pass an afternoon or evening.

"Hospitals today are big business enterprises. But in addition to being run under business-like conditions, they must be operated humanely. The welfare of their patients is their chief concern. Yet they do not wish to offend the persons visiting their patients. It is the duty of those who call on the sick to abide by the rules. Where sickness is concerned, the doctor knows best."

The Haywood Hospital has adopted these visiting hours—2 to 4 p. m. and 7 to 8 p. m. These hours were adopted for the sake of the patients and their wellbeing.



Rambling 'Round

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

There are times when curiosity pays dividends. One sunny morning we were attracted by a most unusual license tag on a parked car, and we became interested. "Neuvo Leon 1948" was all that was on the plate and we hung around until the owners appeared so as to have our curiosity appeased.

The occupants of the car were a most charming young couple and their two young daughters. The "Neuvo Leon" was a state in Mexico where they had lived three and one half years, and they were now en route to Maine where they were going to spend the summer. We not only satisfied our curiosity but we learned about Neuvo Leon and met a delightful family.

He had come into town early Saturday morning to see the sights. But by noon, the hot sun and liquid refreshment had sorter made his legs and direction wobbly. He found a friendly parking meter and leaned against it. But, to his annoyance, the meter always happened to be where he wasn't and our last view of him he was holding tight to the meter and trying to adjust his spine to its protection.

We had the pleasure of seeing sixteen young men and ladies enjoying the eleventh birthday of the hostess and as we looked around the circle, we couldn't help but wonder what we would see were we present at a similar gathering ten years hence; these carefree youngsters of today would be entering into womanhood and manhood in ten years and what would conditions be then?

Shadows, like giant fingers, moving slowly across the mountains. Clouds huddling together like little chickens before a rain.

In pinch-hitting for Voice of the People, we found our greatest interest in the expressions on the faces of those to whom we put our question. Puckered brows always (Continued on Page Three)

SPOT NEEDS CLEANING Editor The Mountaineer: It was unfortunate that the members of the National Editorial Association had to be entertained here last Thursday night at the Armory in sight of the debris left from building the spur track by the Southern Railroad on Depot Street ten weeks ago. Such a sight afforded an embarrassing sight for the hosts to this fine group from over the nation.

In spite of requests, complaints, and demands for removal, this unsightly trash remains. This spur, built over protests of citizens and taxpayers, which has created an open hazard to traffic remains also as an open dump-heap. Clean-Up week has come and gone, but this monument to railroad progress remains. How long— all summer or just another ten weeks?

Sincerely, ELAINE HUDSON Parkway Knoll.

and Lloyd, Jr. win trophies from horse shows in North and South Carolina.

90 people are engaged in canning at Hazelwood Cannery.

Miss Katherine Ray is in charge of Southern Assembly Office.

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt broadcasts over W.W.N.C. on program sponsored by U.D.C.

Fred Yearout is new manager of Pet Dairy here.

15 YEARS AGO Kirehoff makes experiments with several acres of asters in addition to 40 acres of gladioli.

Sheriff Lowe and officers capture 73 gallons of liquor, one automobile, and two prisoners.

Rotary Club is host to Boy Scouts.

Summer school for high school and elementary students opens.

10 YEARS AGO Fred Yearout is new manager of Pet Dairy here.

5 YEARS AGO Committee is named to watch for shortages and surpluses on local markets.

Little hope is seen for increased gasoline ration this summer.

Paul Davis receives commission as ensign in the Navy.

Capt. M. H. Bowles, of the State Guard, is promoted to major.

Applications for Ration Book 3 are being mailed.

Sgt. Joe Cathey of the W. S. Air Corps is here on furlough.

Looking Back Over The Years

Cartoon titled 'They'll Do It Every Time' by Jimmy Hatlo, showing a man's perspective on various events from 15 years ago to 5 years ago.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do children make trouble between their parents? Answer: They may try to, sometimes quite deliberately—for instance, by "telling on" one parent to the other. This may be because a child is jealous of Mother's devotion to Dad, or vice versa. Or again, when parents are at odds there is a chance that one may let the child do what the other has forbidden in the effort to get an "inside track" on the child's affections. What the child does not know is that if he succeeds, he will suffer through losing the feeling of security which united parents give him.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

If you could have any wish fulfilled (other than the desire to keep well) what would you wish for? Mrs. H. W. Burnette: I would wish there never would be another war. Mrs. Fred Saunders: I wish I could send happiness into every home, and if money was necessary then I'd wish money for that purpose. Mrs. H. G. Stone: I would wish for peace and happiness for the peoples of the world. Templeton Leckey: I'd wish for more people to play the game on the dead level. Mrs. C. E. Kirkpatrick: I'd wish to have friends and to keep their friendship through all things. Dr. Robert W. Turner: I'd wish that all wishes I might make would come true.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—Norman Moore police investigator, asked a key question of a suspected thief and got a confession. "Why didn't you steal a ham or bacon or something to eat?" Moore asked. "Why steal soap?" "But that was a drug-store," the suspect said. Doeskin, originally the skin of the female deer, is now obtained from baby lambs.

WASHINGTON LETTERS

PANTRY PESTS DO LOTS OF EATING, U. S. OFFICIALS WARN WASHINGTON — More than \$15,000,000 worth of grain foods are destroyed by pantry pests in American homes annually. The government urges housewives to war on them. If housewives everywhere got after these bugs, their united effort would save enough food to help pull many starving people through a crisis. And saving food would save them money. Pantry pests are the bugs that get into cereals, flour, meal, cornstarch, crackers, breakfast foods, macaroni and spaghetti. They may also be found in spices, nut meats, chocolate, cocoa, dehydrated foods, dried fruits, dry soup mixes, dog biscuits and bird seed. Five species are most commonly found in cupboards and pantries. Four of these are beetles. There's the drugstore beetle. It gets its name from the fact that it was first noted in spices and herbs in the days when these items were sold in drug stores. Dr. L. S. Hensley, director of the Division of Entomology and Animal Quarantine of the Department of Agriculture, has the pest of them all. Few people think bugs in spices, but sometimes that's the introduction into the cupboards. In addition to the beetle, there's the flour beetle and the grain beetle. Most very small, almost invisible, they are head-to-tail and they swarm. The other common pantry pest is the weevil. When you get a new bag of flour, you'll find them in the bag. Some times you'll find them in the flour. Some times you'll find them in the flour. Some times you'll find them in the flour. (Continued on Page 3)

Inside WASHINGTON

Keep Commies in Open UAC and FBI Declare Special to Central Press WASHINGTON—The House un-American activities committee has decided to label the Communist Party as the best weapon to use against communism. Members said that they are agreed that any attempt to keep the Communist Party would be ineffective. They believe a step had failed in other countries, including Canada. This focusing of the spotlight on communism is a part of a long-term program, emanating from the committee, to require the attorney general to require such organizations to register with the government as foreign agents. Organizations so branded would be subject to review of the federal courts. However, the committee would be made to require that all organizations be labeled as "Front." OPERATORS' BUDGET—Soft on figure that maximum pension that is attained under the present 10 cents a month on coal is \$50 a month to miners aged 65. They claim the compromise pension agreement reached by John L. Lewis and Senator Styles Bridges (R) New York recently appointed welfare fund trustee, would cost the industry with an accrued liability of over one billion dollars. This, the mine owners say, would require an increase in royalty to about 40 cents a ton. Bridges proposed a \$100-a-month pension at the retirement age of 62 years. Operators point out that death, medical, hospital and funeral benefits also have to be included in the miners' welfare fund. On a royalty of 10 cents a ton, the welfare fund would cost between 50 and 60 million dollars annually. ATOMIC GAG—Look for no further details on the weapon test at Eniwetok in the near future. The atomic energy commission has clamped a "do not talk" label on the test and there is virtually no chance anyone will discuss the test. The 18-member atomic energy committee of Congress has classified report on the test results. This is one time when the committee can expect the senators and representatives to keep their mouths shut. Of course, the atomic commission from time to time will make public information regarding the A-test and such disclosures will not imperil the nation's safety. INFLATION'S POLITICAL ASPECTS—The Democrats are hoping for victory at the polls in November. The inflation issue which was revived by President Truman's address to the Society of Newspaper Editors. This strategy is based on the cost of living which has risen sharply but appreciably between now and next fall, when a new election is to be held. Lack of controls, the threat of deficit financing, smaller-than-expected retirement of the national debt, plus mounting expenditures under the foreign aid program are the principal inflationary incentives in the domestic economy. Should these three factors result in high prices to the point of public agitation, such as was experienced last autumn, the Democrats hope to lay the blame on the doorsteps of the GOP and be returned to office on the basis of indignation against the "do nothing" policy pursued by the GOP-controlled Congress over the last two years.