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A Sacred Privilege

All day tomorrow, Tar Heel voters will go to the 1,947 polling places throughout the state...

The decisions made at the polls tomorrow will be important ones, and should be made with extreme care.

Conservative estimates are that there will be about 5,000 eligible voters right here in Haywood who will not take the trouble to cast a ballot tomorrow.

Each of these 5,000 have their own reasons why they will not vote, and we know full well that no argument can be presented to them to make them change their mind, in most instances.

Yet, when it is boiled down to a fine point, the privilege of the ballot is one of the few things that have been left entirely up to the individual to use as he or she sees fit.

The secret ballot is the last thing left where a man can do as he pleases with it on election day.

Heroes Of Three Wars

The American Legion is undertaking a fine piece of work in attempting to get an authentic list of all soldiers buried in this area.

It is a big undertaking, and one that will require lots of time to get the names of the fallen heroes of the last three wars.

With three wars within the past 50 years, there have been several hundred soldiers returned here and buried. We know from the records we have kept in this office during World War II, that there were 110 men killed. Of course all of those bodies have not yet been returned here, but many have.

Once the record is acquired, it should be kept up to date.

The American Legion wants to honor those who have given their all on this Memorial Day, Monday. It is a fitting tribute, and we feel the public will cooperate in helping them get an accurate and complete list of all the deceased service men.

Remember The Backyard, Too

The North Carolina Federated Women's Clubs have launched a campaign to raise about \$9,000 in the six western counties, and \$400,000 in North Carolina for needy children in war-torn countries.

Haywood has a quota of \$3,304, which is a sizeable amount to be raised in view of all the other drives that have recently been staged in the state.

However, the women have a record of having never failed to accomplish any goal they set out to put across. When they get started and going in full swing, we have every reason to believe they will put this campaign over with a bang.

We trust they will not become so absorbed in this one campaign that they will overlook several other important matters that confront us right here at home—the need of a larger hospital, dire need of improvements in the schools, and yes, you guessed it, something drastically done to improve our textbooks. Many of our textbooks are a disgrace to the intellect of this state, yet we go on, from year to year, expecting teachers to use such inadequate tools.

Poor Ole Pop-Eye

Many a youngster probably read with a broad grin the headline on the front page of the Tuesday edition of this newspaper. The headline read: 'Haywood Spinach Crop Cut 50 per cent.'

Or perhaps, the average youngster today, after studying vitamins and the necessity of a green food in the daily diet, has become reconciled to the once "fun-poked-at" spinach, and enjoys it as much as any food put before them.

On the serious side, Haywood growers suffered a heavy financial loss in their crop of spinach, which always demands a high price on the market, because the type grown here seems to have a flavor that is distinctively all to itself.

Haywood is forging ahead in the green vegetable market, and such things as dry weather are just one of several hazards which farmers must face. We trust that somewhere along the line, there is a break in the weather that will compensate them for their losses on spinach.

Going After Blue Ribbons

It looks like the boys taking agriculture at Clyde really mean to bring home some blue ribbons from the annual fat calf show this fall, judging from the way they have started out this summer.

The group of Clyde boys already have 17 calves in the grooming for the show. They know that an early start, and constant care of an animal is what gets the blue ribbons at the shows.

Under the direction of their supervisor, R. C. Evans, we shall await with interest the outcome of these determined future farmers of the Clyde school.

Law Breaking Leaders

A recent survey made by the State Highway Commission provides some material for serious thought.

The check revealed that 32.4 per cent of the busses checked traveled at speeds in excess of the legal limit of 55 miles per hour on the North Carolina highways.

Second worst offenders were the tractor-type trucks. Among those on which a check was made more than 33 per cent of them traveled faster than the 45 miles per hour limit placed on that sort of vehicle.

Then the regular passenger car traffic survey revealed that this class of vehicle exceeded the legal limit of 55 miles in only a comparatively infinitesimal 7.2 per cent.

Thus it can be seen very easily that the professional drivers of heavy vehicles difficult to control and requiring much greater road space than the conventional passenger cars are the real menace of the highway if speed is any barometer for measuring safety.

One would expect the professional driver who depends on his vehicle and the public's highways for a livelihood to exhibit more care and caution and display a more scrupulous respect for traffic regulations than his brother in the smaller, lighter, more flexible vehicle who uses the highways largely as a matter of pleasure and convenience.

Effects of bus operators to maintain close and reasonably fast schedules probably is a factor in the indisputable percentage figure of speed violations. But regardless of the motivating forces the fact remains that the busses with their loads of human freight, the most precious of all cargoes, lead the parade of speed law breakers endangering the lives of their passengers as well as those of others traveling the roadways.

A careful and constant check should be kept on the speed of busses and lines guilty of persistent violation should be required to forfeit their franchises. One or two applications of that penalty would doubtless result in a most meticulous observance of the state's laws.—Greensboro Record.

Killing Rats

Unless a concerted effort is made by North Carolina farmers to destroy rats and mice on their farms, they stand to lose 250,000 bushels of corn during the coming year, according to Director I. O. Schaub of the State College Extension Service.

Since corn and other grains are so vitally needed, Director Schaub says that the citizens of this state, both rural and urban, should make a concerted effort to rid their premises of these damaging pests.

"Not only should these wasters of food and feed be killed now," he said, "but definite measures should be taken to prevent later infestations." While 100-per cent control isn't practical, certain steps can be taken to materially decrease the losses.

It is fitting that Memorial Day should come within two days after the primary. With more than half the candidates destined to be defeated, we expect that Sunday morning will be observed by many as "Memorial Day."

Whatever else may be said about Saturday's primary, it must be recorded that it created a lot of optimism. To date we have not seen a candidate admitting his defeat.

LIFE WITH FATHER



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should children be told of a parent's former marriage?

Answer: No fact which a child is likely to find out—or be told by a neighbor—should be kept a secret from him, since discovering that you have done this will both make the matter appear more important and weaken his confidence in you.



Are there warnings of oncoming "alcohol addiction"?

Answer: The real danger point—though it is often reached gradually that it's hard to recognize—is where you start drinking from necessity instead of for pleasure—where you feel you've

Rambling 'Round

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

To those who are devotees of the home magazine covers they can find the most beautiful of these come to life in the twin gardens of Mrs. Jimmy Boyd and Mrs. John M. Queen.

And speaking of roses: last Saturday we saw something that attracted our attention. It wore a hat (felt) of the 1898 vintage and on either side of the front was placed most coquettishly, a flaming red rose, slightly the worse for wear due to the hot sun.



WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—John J. Deviny, public printer of the United States, says what happened to him should be inspiring to every employee of the government.

Looking Back Over The Years

Table with 3 columns: 15 YEARS AGO, 10 YEARS AGO, 5 YEARS AGO. Contains various historical events and news snippets.

They'll Do It Every Time

Advertisement for 'HAT TO EDITOR' featuring a cartoon and text: 'DUMBULB IS STRICTLY AN ARMCHAIR ENGINEER...' and 'PUT GET A CLOSE-UP OF HIM AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK...'

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think there will be a heavy vote in the primary tomorrow? Roy Francis: "No, I don't think there will be a big vote because we have no local races that will bring out the voters."

Capital Letter

Editor's Note—The opinions and views as expressed in this column are those of Mr. Greenwood and are not necessarily those of The Mountaineer. COUNTY COMMISSIONER: More important to you, probably is your county commissioner...

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Source of cocaine, 5 State of insensibility, 9 Precious stone, etc.