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The New Alderman

Felix Stovall, the new member of the board of aldermen, should prove to be a valuable asset to the town administration.

He has devoted much of his time to the workings of the fire department here, and knows the needs of the department. He has the information as gathered from first hand fighting of fires during the past 10 years.

He is a successful and hard-working business man. We feel he will make that kind of alderman, too.

One Vote Difference

Haywood has more than neighboring interest in the Jackson county primary for state senator, because the candidate nominated will in all probability be one of the two state senators from the five-county district.

The official count showed Mrs. E. L. McKee led her opponent Crawford by one vote. The official tabulation showed 1,662 and 1,663. This is the closest we ever recall of a county-wide race.

Mr. Crawford announced he would call for a recount. As this is written, the matter still stands, and in all probability, there will be more news coming from the state senator's election in Jackson.

A Month of News

June has been called the month of brides. Also dairy month, and within its limits comes father's day and pesky bean beetles. However this year, there could be added another title, fight month. On the 21st the National Republican convention will convene in Philadelphia, and then on the 23rd in New York. Joe Louis meets Jersey Joe Walcott. Now there will be two good scraps—and the GOP will not likely be through with their duties before Joe meets Joe.

Right here in Haywood there will be an unusual sporting event, the Musket Rifle Meeting on Fire Top, June 30th. This will attract hundreds of people.

It looks like June is going to be a month of interesting news events.

Inviting Thieves

The car owner who leaves his car parked with the key in the lock is extending a cordial invitation to some car thief to get in it and merrily drive away.

With cars as hard to get as they are today, thefts have been on the increase, especially where late models are concerned.

No one can be assured their car will not be stolen, but a car which is locked both inside and out is not nearly as likely to be taken as one in which doors remain unlocked and the key in the switch lock. And it's surprising how many people leave their cars just this way.

Last week a car was stolen on Elkin's Main street near the Lyric theater. We do not know whether or not it was unlocked, but we do know there is no sense in inviting trouble by making things easy for thieves.—Elkin Tribune.

Atomic Energy Control

The fact that the Atomic Energy Commission reports an impasse has been reached in the branch of the United Nations which sought to secure an international agreement on controls, is disheartening but not necessarily tragic.

As one commentator says, it means that UN has been forced to confess failure in a vitally important undertaking. Coming as it does on the heels of the Palestine muddle, it serves to focus attention anew on the East-West rivalry that dominates world affairs to the exclusion of all other considerations.

—Hickory Record.

Public Opinion and The Schools

We have long believed that public opinion is an excellent guide to the course which should be followed in any matter, but the difficulty has been in obtaining correct information as to what that opinion may be.

The State Education Commission, which is making a very comprehensive study of education in North Carolina, has been finding out a great deal about public opinion regarding schools and education.

The latest information released by the Commission states that the citizens who have answered questionnaires about the schools feel that more emphasis should be placed on how to get along with others, how to study more effectively, religious training and sex education.

This expression of public opinion compiled from information received from every section of the state, fits into the thinking of Albee and Stanly county citizens with whom we have talked.

Quoting further from the release by the Commission, here is what citizens think about the schools:

"The public called for more emphasis on developing a well-rounded personality, and preparing for marriage and parenthood. The citizens also believe that the schools should give more attention to understanding the operation of government.

The majority of the citizens favored teaching high school children about economic theories, such as capitalism, socialism and communism, and a slightly smaller number desired the teaching of religions, such as Christianity and Buddhism, and political parties, such as Democratic and Republican.

"Of every 10 answering the question, 'Which of the following should all children be required to take in high school?' nearly 9 said English, more than 8 said history, and 7 said reading and science. Between 6 and 7 said homemaking and vocational education. Five out of 10 would require algebra and plane geometry while 3 out of 10 would have all pupils study foreign language.

"In criticizing the present curriculum, persons answering the questionnaire said that not enough attention is given to the individual pupil, and that schools try to hold all pupils to the same standard of work. They asked for better health education and services, more vocational training, and 'encouraging pupils to think clearly, logically, and independently.'"

We trust that when the Education Commission has completed its studies that those who are in charge of our schools will follow public opinion as closely as possible in re-vamping our educational system.

We have complete faith in the wisdom of the citizens of North Carolina, as revealed in the answers to these questionnaires.—Stanly News and Press.

Who's Guilty?

Opinion in Congress seems to be almost unanimous that the government is spending too much money. Not a voice of dissent was raised when Senator Byrd quoted columns of figures to show that by 1951 we shall have a national budget of \$50 billion and a deficit of \$20 billion.

All congressmen except a few openly agree that such spending means more and more inflation. They know where we are headed, and yet they go right on voting for more and more expenditures. Why?

Most of them are men of ability. Very few could be classified as stupid. But they want to be re-elected.

The people in a county at one end of a congressman's district are clamoring for a harbor dredging job; those in the upper county are demanding a flood control dam; and those in the middle want more social security and federal aid for this and that.

The congressman needs the votes of all of those counties. If he offends any one of them he might find himself a lame duck come November. So he votes for all of them.

He consoles himself that all of the projects are worthy projects and will benefit numerous people. To be sure, but worthy projects like that all over the country add up to a \$20 billion deficit in 1951, more inflation, higher prices.

Who, then, is responsible for all this governmental extravagance? Who is putting the pressure on the congressman to vote for worthy projects that he knows will put the government in the red?

You, Mr. Citizen. You and nobody else. Don't try to pass the buck.—Charlotte Observer.

Highway patrolmen are finding that too many motorists are following each other too closely for safety. In the past few weeks there have been several crashes on Haywood highways that were the result of a motorist following too closely behind another and taking for granted the lead vehicle would not stop or change his speed.

The old adage of "keep your eye on the driver just behind the driver in front of you" is still good advice.

ALL THE HUNGER PROBLEMS AREN'T IN EUROPE!



Rambling 'Round

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

We express thanks for the following clipping sent in: 'CHINESE WISDOM'... We deeply bow our thanks. She wasn't as big as a minute and her curly head just did show above the counter. But her manners were those of a grande dame as she deposited five pennies and asked for a copy of the paper. Somehow, we visualized that grandparents had a hand in her raising... Each day we extend the hand of welcome to summer residents (Continued on Page Three)



WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Young America will take to the highways this summer when thousands traveling "under their own steam" and inexpensively will bike and hike and bus it all over this country and others as well. They will be aided in their adventures by the American Youth Hostels which provide cheap overnight accommodations, planned itineraries, and trained leadership. Youth-hosteling began in Europe in 1910 and is now as popular there as automobile riding in this country. It was introduced in the United States in 1934 by Isabel and Monroe Smith and has its headquarters at Northfield, Mass. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, is president and Mr. Smith is executive director. All hostellers carry a youth-hostel pass. For those under 21 the pass is \$2. For those over 21 it's \$3. A foreign travel sticker for those going abroad costs fifty cents. In the United States some 20,000 young Americans between 4 and 94 held AYH passes in 1947 and 57,165 "overnights" were recorded in 200 hostels scattered over 28 states. The hostels are usually farm buildings with separate dormitories for boys and girls, kitchens (Continued on Page Three)

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Contract is let for building the new brick nurse's home at the Haywood County Hospital. Six large spot lights are being installed at side and front of Court House. Eight students finish work at Tuscola Academy under William B. Ferguson. Dr. F. O. Garren arrives to assume charge of new Smith's Drug Store. Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick gives luncheon at LeFaine Hotel. 10 YEARS AGO: Four hundred vocational teachers attend meeting at Lake Junaluska. Joe Davis is named assistant cashier of First National Bank. Tuesday is last day to get shoes with Stamp No. 17. Mrs. W. H. F. Millar gives Rotary Club first hand information on work of Red Cross in recent Mississippi flood. Charles Ray is named director of United War Fund for North Carolina. Mrs. Henry Tuttle and Miss Virginia Kelleff are new members of St. John's School faculty.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should all a wife's interests center on her husband?

Answer: No. A woman may be interested in no other man besides her husband, but she can't help having other interests that are independent of him. The idea some men have of finding a wife who will "live only for them" is a relic of the way they wished to have their mothers feel when they were babies, and of their resentment at having to share their interest and affection. Even if she tried, no wife could meet this demand without ultimately breaking down because of the frustration of her normal need for self-expression.



Can a person's "nose" deceive him?

Answer: Yes. Smelling "imaginary" odors is a not uncommon mental symptom. I've known several psychics who believed that they smelled non-existent flowers when some deceased person whom they loved was "near them," and (Copyright, 1948, King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What do you plan to do for your vacation this summer?

Mrs. John Nesbitt: "I'll be in summer school at Woman's College. I think that will take care of my vacation."

Mrs. Woodson Jones: "I plan to catch up on my home work."

Miss Irma Patterson: "I'm going to had it I can get by with it."

Mrs. J. Phelps Brooks: "I plan to rest a few days, then visit in South Carolina and Georgia and return for a good season—I hope."

Miss Elizabeth Henry: "I haven't made any definite plans yet."

Miss Daisy Boyd: "I'm not going to have a vacation, I'm going to work at home."

Mrs. Carl Ratcliffe: "House clean, read, and go to the beach, I hope."

Miss Frances Robeson: "I'm planning to go to Greensboro for two weeks and then to Virginia for a visit and when I get home I hope to enjoy a vacation here."

Capital Letter

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

NEW EDITOR—This column was started five years ago. Sometimes it has been rather fierce in its attack, but has not knowingly printed a falsehood. It has strayed at all times not to take itself too seriously, but in any event always to be readable, interesting, and maybe a little different from the usual fare of Raleigh stuff.

Several papers in the State during the campaign ran articles on the candidates for state officers, usually beginning with Albright and on down the alphabetical list. The column, figuring that the three principal contenders would be Albright, Johnson, and Scott, decided it would give out with material about these three, but rather than to be like the other columns and papers, would begin with Scott.

There was no beating about the bush when this was done. Scott's article went out. And then, on the first time in five years, an attempt was made to throttle the column.

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Inside WASHINGTON

Stassen Move for Dixie Delegates Arouses Rivals

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Political experts figure that Harold E. Stassen's new invasion of the south has served to concentrate Republican opposition to his nomination at the convention next month. Stassen, with new Dixie delegates from Atlanta, Ga., is openly out for southern delegates and are regarded as the property of Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft.

Anti-Stassen forces believe the Minnesota can be tracked by a concerted drive. Stassen has provided the incentive among camps to "gang up" on him. The payoff will be in the "favorite nations"—Pennsylvania, first ballot for Edward Martin, Illinois, first ballot for Greene, and California, first ballot for Warren.

The play will be to get these delegations behind a single presidential candidate. Taft, of course, is the favorite son. Secondary strength is Taft's nomination. Dewey also counts as a "favorite son" delegation to give him a sary majority. Should both fall, the nomination to someone, such as Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, or House Speaker Joe Martin of Ohio.



TEETH-PULLING IN ANTI-RED BILL—A strong bill to be made in the House to amend the new subversive-control bill by outright banning of the Communist party in the States.

The House un-American activities committee is outlawing the party when serious doubts arise as to the nationality of such a law. Members expect to have a difficult time, however, in an amendment out of the bill if it is offered during which is expected soon.

The bill is expected to win House approval with only opposition votes, but doubt is expressed that the Senate will pass it before the scheduled mid-June adjournment. The legislation, first to be reported in the more than since the committee became a regular standing committee in the House, provides for registration with the attorney general, and makes unlawful conspiracies to establish a totalitarian dictatorship.

HOFFMAN BILL DEAD—The Hoffman bill to amend agencies to supply congressional committees with information stands little chance of final passage and will die with the expiration of the session on Thursday.

Reason is that virtually the entire Republican caucus in the House, Republican leadership in the Senate, have not reserved a place for the bill on their legislative schedule and there seems to be little likelihood that they will.

The House support for the bill grows out of the resentment of several House leaders, both Republican and Democratic, over the refusal of President Truman to supply information they desire.

The most noteworthy instance of this kind was the president to surrender the letter of FBI Director Hoover on the loyalty of Dr. Edward U. Conlon, head of the Standards. The bill did not result from this much of the House support derived from it.