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Never A Miss

Tommy Gibson must feel a sense of pride and joy in having completed 11 years of perfect attendance at school. While Tommy has doubtless gone to school when he did not feel like it, he must out of necessity, give his older brother and sister some credit for his achievement. Had it not been for them bringing home the usual children's diseases before Tommy started to school, then Tommy would not have been able to attain his record. It is just another case of proving what co-operation can do.

Off To A Good Start

The season at Lake Junaluska got off to the pre-season prediction—a good start. The large crowds of Sunday morning, and the steady influx of summer residents and visitors during the past week gives every indication that 1948 will be one of the best, if not the best, in years for the Methodist Assembly. Dr. Frank S. Love, superintendent, has prepared an outstanding program and is bringing to the Lake platform some of the best known lecturers and entertainers available. The program is varied and from last Sunday to August 29th, promises to be something worthwhile every day. We have often said before, yet we feel it bears repeating ever so often, and that is that Lake Junaluska is one of Haywood's most valuable assets. The start of this year's season makes us want to say it again in capital letters.

Out Of The Mud

The highway projects as announced this week by D. Reeves Noland, tenth district commissioner, shows that there is more activity in improving our highway system than most folks realize. The state recently allocated some special money for re-treating black top roads, and gave each district and each county their proportionate share. This will be useful in repairing many of the worn black-top roads. New funds made available for use in every county will be spent on roads that will best serve the most people. Here in Haywood Mr. Noland quickly acquired money for putting 15,000 tons of crushed stone on the rural roads. This will go a long way in improving the roads next winter. One by one the rural roads are being paved. While it will take time, and lots of money, one can have patience if he knows a planned system is being worked. And that is what Mr. Noland, and his co-workers have in mind. They have definite plans for getting the counties out of the mud, and constantly improving the road system. Mr. Noland has only been highway commissioner for a short time, but he has quickly grasped the situation, and since he already knew the road needs, he is not losing any time in getting action. We have never known of Mr. Noland hating anything, but judging from his road program, we are beginning to think he really hates mud, as he is determined to get the farmer out of it when it comes to state roads.

Beating The Deadline

Motorists whose names start with C and D are finding the days of June are slipping by fast, and that the 30th is not too far away. That is the last day they can get a driver's license under the new highway safety law. The last-minuters are giving the officers a race to get their licenses before the deadline. Those whose names start with C or D had better not wait too near the 30th, as the crowds might be too large for you to get waited on, and given a road test.

Whoa, There!

We had always thought, that next to Haywood, the best cows in the world were raised in Texas. Now comes the startling news that in the city of Houston alone, the residents there have been eating 200,000 pounds of horse meat a week. The probers said the Texans thought they were eating top grade beef, but those who are supposed to know say it was plain horse meat, selling at a fancy price. Among the witnesses, was a man who said live horses had jumped in price from \$2.10 per hundred to \$4 per hundredweight. It is not so pleasant a thought—yet a horse just eats oats and hay and good clean grass.—beg your pardon, what did you say about chicken?

Picking The Winners

News men in Washington conducted a secret poll among themselves this week, and predicted Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan would be the next president. The same group picked Thomas E. Dewey as Vandenberg's running mate, or Harold E. Stassen. The newsmen felt President Truman would be renominated, and his running mate would be either Governor Wallgren of Washington, or Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming. These men who are such an influence in molding public opinion, pride themselves with their accurate predictions of the past. Anyway, it will be interesting to watch, and see what does happen. The first thing of course, will be the national Republican convention which convenes June 21 in Philadelphia, just five days before Tar Heels go back to the polls to nominate a governor. That's going to be some political week, the week of June 21st.

The 12th Star In The Flag

Next Monday is Flag Day, according to the record of coming events. It is a day set aside to give recognition, and proper thought to the flag of our country. It is distressing to think what a small percentage of the American people know how to handle, and perhaps we could say, even respect the flag. The story and significance of the flag was among those things we learned mechanically in school, while our minds were on baseball or the next fishing trip. In case you are interested, the 12th star in the flag represents North Carolina, and the ratification of the state constitution was on November 21, 1789, at which time this state was admitted to the union.

Dr. Frank Jeter

During the 32 years that Frank Jeter has served as agricultural editor of State College he has had many honors bestowed upon him. This efficient man is now Dr. Jeter, by virtue of the honorary award of Doctor of Science given him this week by Clemson College, his alma mater. Mr. Jeter has served the state well, and in more recent years he has added radio to his duties. Now he has a daily program, in addition to the numerous special articles he continuously sends out for special occasions. And as an after dinner speaker he is very much in demand. Those of us in Haywood who have worked with him for many years feel the honor rightfully deserved, but it is going to be hard to say "Dr. Jeter" because all these years it has been just "Frank."

No Place For Eddie

The Evening Banner, of Greenville, Texas, recently told, in an editorial, the sad story of Eddie, an inefficient and discourteous clerk in a store. One day a customer noticed that Eddie wasn't present and asked about him. "He's just not working here any more," the proprietor said. "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?" the customer responded. "Nope," said the proprietor. "Eddie didn't leave no vacancy." As the Banner added, "There's no place for the Eddies because the days of competition have returned and customers want to be waited upon... they want to see clerks take an interest in their requests, give them courteous, attentive service and try to make them feel at home. That's just human nature." During the war, many a store, from the big chains down to little shops, had to employ poor and disinterested help, because nothing better could be had. But we're getting back to normal now, and we're seeing again that retailing is a career, that it calls for very special talents and mental attitudes and capabilities, and that it isn't a job that anyone can do. The customer is entitled to interested and intelligent service, whether he's after a pound of hamburger or a complete spring outfit, and retailing is giving it to him. That small percentage of stores which takes no interest in this basic form of public relations won't be in business long. And like Eddie, they'll leave no vacancy. —The Times, Brevard.



Rambling 'Round

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

In discussing reincarnation, you'd be surprised at the desires some folk have expressed. For instance: one very attractive matron desired to come back with deep red hair and peachy complexion. As for us: our joy would be supreme if our return found us a Pullman bar porter. That's how much we like traveling on a train.

She came in to buy a paper and was about four. Dark hair in two tight pigtails, she looked like a picture book baby. The pennies she deposited on the counter were decidedly warmish and sticky... but her smile was like a glimpse into Eden.

It seems as though we were losing a good friend by slow death. For years, we have admired those trees (there used to be three) in the County parking lot next to the LeFaine Hotel. In the spring, theirs was the first to show their green welcome, and in the fall! Then was when they came out in all their glory... each with a different coloring. One was bright red with golden touches; another was all gold, and the third blended the two and added a brilliant bronze for good measure. But the advent of progress made the parking lot necessary and a retaining circle of stone around the trunks of the trees slowly sapped away their vitality. One has gone and another is showing its offense at being "fenced in."

Visitors are most profuse in their admiration of our snappy, up-to-the-minute business streets. Our store fronts, street fighting and merchandise are quite a surprise to those coming from large cities. And, believe

it or not, some express their opinions that even stores of larger cities cannot compare with several of our stores.

One of Waynesville's best known young business ladies over the week-end, had her picnic companions all-a-dition, and wondering from her actions if she had too much sun, or what was the matter. The pretty young picnicer wandered out to the edge of the picnic spot, and with much gusto called for her companions to come kill a snake on a large rock. The group rushed to the scene, but found the rock resembled Mother Hubbard's cupboard—it was bare. With raised eyebrows, and eatty glances, they went about their duties preparing the picnic lunch.

About 30 minutes later the young lady called again—loud and long. Again she wanted a snake killer. The group slowly wended their way towards the cries for help, and sure enough, there on the same rock was a 5-foot snake, coiled and enjoying the pleasant outdoors.

The young snake-hater gave two sighs of relief as a big rock smashed the snake's head.

She was so frightened her permanent straightened out, but \$10 will get her another this week-end.

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READ THE WANT ADS

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.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

"Do you think Main Street has adequate street lighting at night?" John Penny: "I think it would make a better impression on visitors if we had a more modern lighting setup for them to see when they enter town."

H. W. Burnett: "I really believe that we have enough lights for a while."

C. C. Hill: "It never hurts to have more lights along a big street like this."

B. C. Cody: "I think more lights could be used along here."

Dr. John Smathers: "Even if we do have inadequate lighting, I know that the city is in no position to support more lights at the present."

Howard Freeman: "I think we have plenty of lights."

His Luck Still Holds But He's Wondering

BOSTON (UP)—Mike Sobolewski, a window cleaner, is afraid his luck will run out some day. In 1942 he fell 90 feet but recovered from his injuries.

The other day he was cleaning the windows of a downtown building when the catch of his safety belt loosened, leaving him dangling 75 feet in the air. A second safety catch held him, however, until a fellow worker rescued him.

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Joe Shackford wins honors at Duke University.
10 YEARS AGO: President Roosevelt sends stone taken from grounds surrounding home at Hyde Park for Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap.
5 YEARS AGO: County casualty list is now 12.
\$18.50 is needed to complete fund to send 200,000 cigarettes from here to men in the armed forces overseas.
James R. Thomas, Jr., arrives safely at his destination somewhere in South America. He is with the Southern Mapping and Engineering Company which is engaged in defense work.
Swiss chard is a close relative of the beet.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Male sheep
4 Subside
7 Surgical instrument
9 Nostrils
12 Happen again
13 Push onward
14 Type measure
15 Music note
16 Seaport, Prussia
17 Bowl underhand
19 Plague
21 Part of iris of eye
22 Doctor (abbr.)
24 Drink slowly
27 District Attorney (abbr.)
28 Jewish month
30 This
32 North Latitude (abbr.)
33 Guide's highest note
35 Coin (Chin.)
37 Kind of star
39 Shore
40 Dry (wine)
42 2nd U. S. president
44 Rough lava
47 Radium (sym.)
48 Kind of cap
49 An advance, or loan (Brit.)
51 Color
52 Harmonize
53 Father
54 Male child
DOWN
1 Fabulous bird
2 Touch end to end
3 East
4 Holds in affection
5 Yeast on brewing liquors
6 Newly married woman
7 Introductory performance
8 Dismissal
9 Evening (poet.)
11 Coin (Jap.)
18 Exist
20 Editor