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Tobacco Picture Brightens

The tobacco picture has taken a turn for the brighter side, since the government has announced that between 30 and 40 million pounds will be sent to occupied Germany.

With the opening of foreign markets again for American tobacco, there is every reason to believe that the prices will remain at least to the 1947 level, or perhaps higher.

The state department of agriculture has just released figures showing that here in Western North Carolina, the 1947 burley crop hit almost 15 million pounds, and sold for \$6,355,000, for an average of 42.3 cents per pound.

The Flood Hits Us

When the Columbia River went on a rampage on the Pacific coast, we read about it, and our sympathy went to those who suffered from the severe flood.

From a wholesale seed buyer, we learn that much of the cover crop seeds grown in that rich valley were destroyed, and that there will be a definite shortage during the coming season.

The small acreage and unfavorable weather conditions in the midwest have cut the crimson clover seed crop to about fifty per cent, our informant told us.

O. H. Tedford, who recently came here and entered business, is a veteran of the seed business. He processes seeds and keeps up with the national market.

We've Just Put It Off

A midwest editor who was here with the National Editorial Association, recently wrote of his trip and remarked: "I fail to understand why North Carolina has not told the world more about her majestic mountains and the inspiring scenery that is found in all parts of Western North Carolina."

The visiting newspaper man is not the first to call this to our attention. We know the need, but just for first one reason then another, have not gotten around to doing as much about it as we should.

Would It Be Mrs. Governor?

Down in South Carolina, there are six candidates out for the place as governor for 1950. Among the six is Mrs. Graham Payne Curry, a pretty 28-year-old mother of two children.

She is hoping that her campaign will induce more women to offer for office, and take more interest in public affairs.

Those of us in North Carolina who are still in the midst of a campaign for governor, will look with interest on the coming campaign just to the south of us.

Since Mrs. Curry is a former professional ballroom dancer, we expect she is ready to keep on her toes, and perhaps step on the toes of her five opponents.

Can Vandenberg Swing N. C. Into GOP Column?

Monday in Philadelphia the National Republican convention will convene and about four or five days later, a nominee is expected to be named by the delegates.

Of course there is a lot of speculation as to the man the convention will name and in this connection, the Chapel Hill weekly says that if Senator Vandenberg is nominated that North Carolina may shift over into the Republican column as it did back in 1928.

This is what the editor of the paper in the University City has to say on the subject:

"A prominent citizen of Chapel Hill who has never voted for any presidential candidate except a Democrat in the 49 years since he was 21—he is the kind that is spoken of as a 'rock-ribbed Democrat'—tells the editor of this newspaper that he has made up his mind to vote Republican this year if Vandenberg is the nominee.

"When he says that, he is reflecting the opinion and intention of many North Carolinians. How large a body they make up, nobody knows, but it is by no means impossible that their number is large enough to turn the balance and put North Carolina's electoral vote in the Republican column. North Carolina went for Hoover in 1928. True, that was because of a widespread bitter religious prejudice, and no such fanatical motive is present this year. But there is widespread hostility to Truman, who is, of course, the inevitable Democratic nominee, and thousands of voters who are not actually hostile to him are so indifferent to him that they will kick out of the party traces if the Republicans put up a man they admire.

"No formidable number of Democrats will bolt their party to vote for Dewey or Taft or Stassen, but they will desert in shoals if they have the opportunity to vote for the Senator from Michigan. In North Carolina as elsewhere in the nation, no man who has a chance of being nominated for the Presidency, on either side, stands so high today in the public esteem as Vandenberg."

Competition

Many of us who live here within a stones throw of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, sometimes forget that there are many other national parks in the nation that are making their appeal to the potential vacationist.

In today's column from Washington printed on this page, Jane Eads writes for the Associated Press about national parks as a vacation spot.

The Great Smokies have several advantages over western parks—and in the same breath let us hurry to say, our own park also has some distinct disadvantages—as yet. Among the advantages favorable to the Park here in our backyard, is the fact we are so near the center of population in the nation.

The fact that there are no hotels right in the Park, and living quarters must be secured outside the Park boundary, means that the adjoining territory must provide the necessary accommodations.

This area must realize that we have been competing when it comes to seeking the traveler's dollar as other sections of the country are making a strong bid for the same business.

Cross Sonic Barrier

With the announcement that U. S. planes have crossed the sonic barrier, approximately 800 miles an hour, comes the thought that with the next total eclipse of the sun it will be possible for scientists with photographic equipment to go aloft in one of these sonic planes and photograph the eclipse at totality, which is normally about eight minutes, for as long as they wish for with a plane going at that speed in the same direction as the eclipse is moving, which is approximately 1,000 miles an hour, or in other words the speed of the earth's revolution.

The above paragraph perhaps seems rather involved so to make it somewhat more obvious let us remember that the earth is 25,000 miles in circumference and makes one revolution every 24 hours or at the rate of approximately 1,000 miles an hour. It is evident then that a plane traveling at 1,000 miles an hour could get into the total eclipse and go with it for the distance of the earth's circumference, of course provided his fuel would last.

Another analogy would be that a plane could go up in darkness and travel at 1,000 miles an hour and stay in darkness forever if his fuel would last that long. Which it might in the atomic future.

The managers for the defeated candidates in the May 29 primary are now jockeying for position on the winning candidates bandwagon, but so far some of them are not sure just which way to jump.



Rambling 'Round

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

A statement made by Phillip Chase: "I am a Yankee, but I must say Southerners are more religious than the people up north. I was impressed when a large group of business men had a member return thanks before sitting down to their business luncheon meal. The Lord will bless the South because the South is blessing the Lord."

Of course there is a pathetic side to the situation but from the general way the world feels about it, there was something particularly funny about the lady fainting at one of the stores the other day. She had been feeling very bad but was trying to get her shopping done before completely giving in. But it DID seem sort of apropos when the chairman board of elections: "It will not take long to count the ballots on the 26th. The people should get the news pretty early, since there are just two names on the ballot."

QUOTATION: Rev. Paul B. Throver, Hazelwood. "I rejoice to get back to the Mountains. Once you live in the mountains it is hard to make anywhere else feel like home."

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Close to 10,000,000 Americans are expected to flock to their national parks on vacation jaunts this year. From Maine to Florida, from the East Coast to the Pacific, and on beyond to the Hawaiian Islands, from the Texas boundary to Canada and on into Alaska, these parks are located. The exhibits they boast are as diversified as their geographical locations. There are geysers and hot springs; volcanoes, in various stages; canyons and caverns; great glacier-covered mountains; petrified trees, and living trees that were growing in days of Ancient Rome and Greece, and even when Babylon was at its height. There are high water falls, tumbling cascades, and beautiful blue mountain lakes; prehistoric "apartment houses"; and sites connected with important events in our history.

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Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO — Homer Henry is named head of welfare work in County.

10 YEARS AGO — Local funds are sought for relief among the Chinese.

5 YEARS AGO — Plans being made by Farmers Federation to build frozen food locker unit in Waynesville.

Bean crops are fine. Cannery plans to begin operating soon.

Local State Guard Unit makes preparation to go to Fort Bragg for 10 days.

Clyde R. Hoey speaks at Haywood County Day program at Lake Junaluska.

More than 1,000 persons attend the marriage of Miss Cecelia Dometriou and Chrest A. George. The colorful and impressive ceremony of the Greek Orthodox church takes place at First Methodist Church.

Miss Louise Rotha and Miss Harriet Boyd leave for Chicago to attend World's Fair.

Miss Abbie Faye Henry graduates from Woman's College.

William's Stock Company starring May Blossom, comes to Waynesville.

Petitions asking for an election on liquor stores being circulated in Haywood County.

Asheville Bar Honors Judge Felix Alley at banquet.

Miss Elizabeth Martin is married to Franklin Fricks.

Bridge tournament is underway at the Hotel Waynesville.

Waynesville Tennis Team defeats Canton team.

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MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are children of neurotics handicapped? Answer: I'm afraid so, though it isn't because they "inherit" the neurosis. They acquire their handicap as children from the way their parents take out their neurotic feelings on them. For instance, a mother who is neurotically jealous of her husband is likely to make sure she will never "lose" her children by letting them grow up so dependent on her that they cannot leave her. Or a father who has feelings of inferiority may attempt to crush his children's individuality so that he may know that someone recognizes his importance.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

"Are you in favor of the law which would allow 200,000 displaced persons to enter this country." Rufus Finger: "No, I am opposed to it. It is alright to feed them and help them in any way over there, but there is no reason for allowing them in this country."

Felix Stovall: "I am opposed to it. Let's help them, but they would be taking jobs and homes which are needed here."

Hugh Rogers: "I am not in favor of letting them in too freely. Foreigners who come into this country should be carefully screened. There may be worthwhile citizens among them, but there are also trouble-makers."

Dixie Campbell: "It is alright, so long as we don't open the doors for all of them. We should limit the entry of displaced persons."

Ida Lou Gibson: "I am not too strongly in favor of the law. It may interfere with our own security."

NOT INVITED SALT LAKE CITY (UP) — The Women's Breakfast Club Party decided they'd made a mistake when they picked Harry E. Earl as "Best Liked Boss of the Year." Earl did not show up for the award, The women later learned their mistake. Earl hadn't been invited.

Capital Letters

REVERSE — In the campaigning before the election, Kert Scott, candidate for Governor, was accused of mud-slinging. He replied that he was only giving the mud-slinging mud-slingers mud. Campaigning is a dirty business, and it is only the losing candidate who slings mud. Campaigning is a dirty business, and it is only the losing candidate who slings mud.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

