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Shoestrings

Shoestrings keep your feet from running around with their tongues hanging out.

In a world which can't get along, shoestrings offer a symbol of co-operation; they show, day in and day out, what can be accomplished by seeing eye to eye and pulling opposite sides together. Shoes, it is true, not only buckle down but are straight-laced about meeting their obligations.

Before shoestrings came into vogue, buttons held forth if not on shoes. But they sooner or later got the hook or vice versa, and shoestrings took over as a matter of pull.

While shoestrings aren't of any given length, they're still mighty cheap. The long and the short of them are determined by the size of your foot, the fat of the span over which they've got to serve as a drawbridge.

The chief complaint we have to make about shoestrings is that they always break at the most inconvenient time. That's largely your own fault, though. You notice a worn place here or there and promise yourself to buy a new pair of shoestrings that very day; but you don't and that's the fatal rub of it. Always count on the parting of the frays on a morning when you're in a particular hurry and are already running late. Which takes more time, knitting two ends of the broken shoestring and then working the knot through the eyelets or wetting the strands of the broken end, rolling it between your fingers and then feeding it through, has never been officially determined. After you perform this operation for several days, forgetting all the while to get those new shoestrings you failed to get in the first place, you come fairly adept at the practice and may even go on that way until another break occurs and the pieces insist on being retired instead of retired. Eventually that's what happens to all shoestrings when they've frayed threaded their way through life.

When you do put in new shoestrings, they carry their own lesson, too; it's absolutely necessary that they start at the bottom and work up. When shoestrings get in a hard spot, don't blame them for the jerk you make of yourself.

If it weren't for shoestrings or some such contrivance to assure a foothold, you'd probably have to have your shoes nailed on, like horses.—Greensboro Daily News.

First Time In History

It remained for The Wilmington News to remember that when Joseph Melville Broughton takes the oath as a United States Senator next winter, it will be the first time in history that two former Governors of North Carolina ever represented the Tar Heel state in the upper branch of Congress at the same time. Broughton will share honors with Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

The News poses a question for historians as to how many former Governors have gone to the Senate from North Carolina. The only one except these two which the editor could recall, since the Constitution was adopted in 1868, was Zebulon B. Vance.

That may be true of elected Senators, but Cameron Morrison was in the Senate for two years by appointment of Governor Max Gardner upon the death of Senator Lee S. Overman in 1930. Morrison and Hoey each served as Governor of North Carolina, United States Senator, and a member of the National House. However, Morrison was twice defeated for election to the Senate—by Robert R. Reynolds in 1932, and by Clyde R. Hoey in 1944. The 1944 campaign was the only one in which two former Governors ran against one another.

It is common practice in South Carolina and other states for Governors to resign to take a Senate seat. The only instance of that kind in North Carolina history was when Zeb Vance moved from the Governor's office to the Senate in 1879.

North Carolina's policy is to elect good men to the Senate and keep them there. The only Democratic incumbent Senator who was serving by election to be defeated at the polls since 1900 was F. M. Simmons, who was ousted by J. W. Bailey after a tenure of 30 years, as an aftermath of the Al Smith campaign. Senator Robert R. Reynolds voluntarily retired at the end of his second term—presumably because he became convinced that he would be defeated if he stood for reelection.—The Hickory Record.

Marriage and Divorce

Another North Carolina judge has become disgusted with the divorce laws in the state. He is Judge Paul Frizzelle, and he declares that the divorce laws of North Carolina are such as to encourage fraud.

In discussing the alarming increases in the divorce rate, he said that this is due to the lack of Christian character and real manhood and womanhood.

He believes that relief will come only through the enactment of federal laws to control marriage and divorce.

With marriage as easy as it is in most states today, it is no wonder that divorces are increasing. Many who marry in haste without due regard to the obligations which they are assuming do so because they know how easy it is to secure a divorce.

The laws of marriage and divorces are alike in no two states, and this serves to encourage those who have no idea of making a permanent thing out of marriage.

The matter will have to be taken out of the hands of the states and put under federal control if the stability which is so essential in marriage is to be established.

Young people need to understand the seriousness of a marriage and one of the best ways for them to realize this fact is to make the rules nation-wide in scope.—Stanly News and Press.

With Democratic Convention getting underway Monday, July 12, it looks like President Truman has the nomination in the bag provided he can keep the delegates in line who wish to put up Ike Eisenhower.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

WELL, WELL—HERE'S A BEAUTIFUL CONTESTANT—WHAT'S YOUR NAME? OH, MRS. LOOPIE DUMBULB! THEN YOUR HUSBAND'S NAME IS MR. LOOPIE DUMBULB—RIGHT? HEH-HEH! WHAT DOES HE DO?—WHAT DO YOU DO?—WHERE DO YOU LIVE?—OH, HE'S A PANTS DRESSER, HEY?—DO YOU LIVE IN EAST SMOKEY COVE OR WEST SMOKEY COVE? CHILDREN? WHAT ARE THEIR NAMES?—

WHAT D'VA EAT? HOW D'VA SLEEP? WHO CARES? WHAT WE WANT IS THE JACKPOT QUESTION!

I NOMINATE HIM SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF USELESS INFORMATION

AND HE GETS FIVE GRAND A BROADCAST FOR THAT. A CENSUS TAKER WOULD BE FUNNIER

TEE-HEE—NO—I MEAN—YETH—THEIR NAMES ARE LUDWIG, ATLAS, LOOPINA AND...

C'MON, GET ON WITH THE SHOW!

GETTING ALL THE GRUESOME DETAILS ON THE QUIZ PROGRAM
 THANK AND TIP OF THE HATLO HAT TO KARL BARBER, HORTON, KANSAS, ROUTE 2.

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
 Bill Cole and Ralph Howell win boat races at Lake Junaluska Fourth of July program.

Hubert F. Lee, editor of Dixie Business, sees opportunity for Waynesville to become an outstanding resort city.

Cleveland Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Thomas M. Scawell win first round in bridge tournament at Hotel Waynesville.

Miss Minnie Burgin leaves for visit to Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Miss Fannie Campbell and Misses Bessie and Daisy Boyd leaves for Chicago's World Fair.

10 YEARS AGO
 Lake Junaluska Assembly stages all day celebration for Fourth of July.

Mrs. J. M. Kellett is now connected with the Tray and Woody Arts Company in the capacity of bookkeeper.

Mrs. Charles E. Ray is hostess of dinner complimenting Gov. and Mrs. Clyde Hoey following address by the Governor on Haywood County Day.

Mrs. Charles E. Huffman of Douglas, Wyo., is visiting relatives in the county.

5 YEARS AGO
 Private Carl Head, who was wounded in combat in North Africa, is now a patient at Moore General Hospital.

Ensign Claud Davis, with his wife and children are visiting relatives here.

Miss Betty Blalock and Miss Frankie Williams are visiting friends in Detroit.

Mrs. Robert Foskey of Los Angeles is honored at dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Phillips and children return to Waynesville after making their home in Newport News for the past three years.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Nowadays coats made of chinchilla start at around \$35,000 apiece and soar upwards.

The boys who raise the little animals, which look like a cross between a rabbit and a squirrel, say there are only about 25 to 30 coats made of chinchilla in the United States—and some of these are about 60 years old. C. C. Bilderback, a pioneer in the chinchilla field around the capital, told me that Charlie Chaplin, the movie star, once bought two of these fur coats. One says Mr. Bilderback, cost about \$100,000. That one, he says, Chaplin gave to silent-screen actress Theda Bara. He doesn't know how much the other coat cost or to whom Chaplin gave it.

Mr. Bilderback, who first got interested in breeding chinchillas when he was working for M. F. Chapman of California (the man who introduced chinchillas, which are indigenous to South America, to this country in 1923) says he has actually seen about 16 coats. One, a full-length number belongs, he says, to Metropolitan Opera star Lily Pons. He says it's worth about \$60,000. He also arranged once to have Wendy Barrie, movie star, pose with a chinchilla wrap, worth thousands, for publicity purposes.

Incidentally, Mr. Bilderback says it takes about 120 to 140 chinchilla pelts to make a good coat, and it takes a good chinchilla at least a year to grow a pelt worth snatching.

Chinchilla breeding is a growing business in the area around the nation's capital. Two years ago a group of about 24 chinchilla "fans" banded together to form the Potomac Chinchilla Ranchers' Club. There are eight chinchilla ranches in and about the district, says Mr. Bilderback.

Mr. Bilderback bought a pair of chinchillas from Chapman for \$3,200. The pair had three babies in their first litter. All were females. This was exceptionally good luck. Then the original pair, which he sold four years after he bought them for the price he had paid, had more than 55 babies in all.

Now Mr. Bilderback says he has a little more than 200 of the creatures and sells "just about all the increase" every year. If you get a pair from a pair every year, he says you're doing all right. The average chinchilla rancher usually sells from 15 to 20 chinchillas a year for their pelts and about 25 pairs for breeding purposes. "Any one who has from 30 to 40 pairs could sell from five to 10 pairs a year," says Mr. Bilderback. "With-out affecting their herd." And he says, the chinchillas usually sell for \$1,000 a pair or more. Most chinchilla raisers start out with two to four pairs until they grow a herd.

EVEN WATER COSTS MORE
 CARL'SLE, Pa. (UP)—Consumers in this community have been paying no more for one of the necessities of life than they did in 1878. Water rates have not changed in 70 years. But the times have caught up. A new rate schedule will increase water prices an average of 40 per cent.

Library Notes
 By MARGARET JOHNSTON
 County Librarian

Story Hour
 Every Friday morning at 10:30 children up to the fourth grade are invited to the story hour. The boys and girls have been enjoying the stories told by Mrs. Lane. It lasts about 30-45 minutes. Plan now to bring or send your child. This group in our Travel Reading Club is fast covering the children's room with pictures. They put up a picture for each book read. Perhaps your first, second, or third grader would like to join.

Travel Talk
 Boys and girls in the fourth grade and on up are invited to a talk on France and Belgium on July 7th at 10:30. Rolf Kaufman, a recent Senior at the Waynesville High School, will tell of his boyhood in these two countries. Don't miss these special programs! If your child isn't already a member of the Travel Club, I hope you will bring him down and let him join the fun. The world map on the big bulletin board is being covered with names as the children read of our country and of others too.

An ostrich egg weighs about three pounds. The empty shell can hold the contents of 18 eggs of domesticated fowl.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

Can good-looking clothes help sick children get well?

Answer: Definitely. Members of the New York Junior League who volunteered to play with child patients at Bellevue Hospital found that the children were depressed at having to wear "sack-like garments" with the hospital's name stamped on them, and arranged to have some of them dressed in brighter-colored clothes of their own choice. The improvement in morale and rate of recovery was such that the plan will be extended to all younger patients. Ugly, dark clothes make children feel unloved, and without love they cannot be well or happy.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist.

ing around and to him with events and problems of his childhood. Though he does not realize it, a neurotic husband "identifies" his wife with his mother, and is either afraid of her, or resents the fact that she won't spoil him as his mother used to. A neurotic wife may see her husband as a brother she once envied.

Is refusing to grow up a sign of mental illness?

Answer: It IS mental illness. What we call a "sick" mind is one whose development has been arrested or turned backward. The neurotic or psychotic actually "lives in the past" and unconsciously confuses what is happen-

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

"What purchase have you made since the war shortages which gave you the most pleasure?"

Mrs. Charles Ketter: "An electric stove."

Mrs. W. L. Hardin, Sr.: "All the sugar I want. I think I enjoy having sugar more than anything because I cook a lot."

Mrs. Aaron Prevost: "My Bendix."

Mrs. A. P. Ledbetter: "The combination dishwasher and washing machine which I bought. I certainly have enjoyed it."

Mrs. Ned Tucker: "Nylon hose."

Mrs. Joe Cathey: "Dress material because I sew so much."

"WISDOM OF SOLOMON"

CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT

PALESTINE WAR

Rambling 'R
 —Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up—
 —Of The Mountaineer Staff—

Mr. Williams who owns the... that were here for the Fourth of July program, says he ought to get a special fee from the farmers... explained: "During the past few weeks I moved my rides into communities that were suffering from rain. The day I moved in the rain started and put sufficient moisture back into the soil."

"The next time Haywood... rain, just let me know I'll be in, and the chances are it will start raining that day."

Now don't get the impression he gets sore at a little thing like rain—"I figure in the rain business I start the season, so it is just a...

Capital Letters

SCOTT—In one of the shortest campaigns on record anywhere, Kerr Scott was nominated for Governor. In January, Charles M. Johnson virtually had the thing sewed up. Then the lightning struck. Kerr Scott announced he would not run for re-election. At that time he had no idea of running for Governor, contrary to what you might have heard, but the Johnson forces saw him as a possible candidate even as he made plans to retire from public life. He had told his wife in 1944 that he would not run for Commissioner of Agriculture again.

However, there was dissatisfaction with Johnson and Scott was urged to run for Governor by letter, by wire, and by hard-ly legible, pencil-written post cards from throughout North Carolina. There were conferences, meetings, one of which was held in the Governor's mansion, and Scott announced. Then the fur began to fly. The first good break was when Charlie Parker, probably the best newspaperman in the State, consented to handle the publicity. But the folks were scared for Scott. They had been beaten by the machine so many times that they could not imagine his winning. Many men had the opportunity to manage the Scott campaign, but they were afraid, Scott wasn't like the Little Red Hen, he said, "Okay, I'll do it."

Inside WASHINGTON

Mobilize Industrially Now, Sudden Attack Warns Munitions' Chairman
 Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Thomas J. Hargrave, chairman of the War Relocation Authority, is fearful that the United States to arm itself adequately if atom war comes. Hargrave, who has been urging industry to get to work to avoid the mad scramble which characterized the rearmament effort, says:

"If the next war is atomic and the enemy drops there will be no time for the Air Force to chase around and arrange industrial mobilization planning now, says Hargrave. He is pressing for procurement regulations and a government agency or to join the armed services."

Hargrave warns that any delay in the United States faced with power shortage. He points out the reservoir of manpower available which unemployment of 1939-40 hand of the military."

ROYALL RUNS RAILROAD
 While on the point of the threatened Army Secretary Kenneth Royall soon after the government over the lines made it clear he was "going to period."

When the heads of the firemen, engineers and the Pentagon building to confer with Royall the something like this:

"One of the union heads belligerently declared: 'So try to run the railroad.'"

Royall retorted: "I AM running the railroad. The men read the president's executive order? I didn't want to the word 'try' in it."

KOSHER LOBSTER—The State department made over the personal whims and fancies of visiting heads of all, they're guests of the American government.

One statesman the department didn't reckon with. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, chief of the new state of Israel, to being a world-famed scientist, he is also a noted wit.

When Weizmann was in Washington recently, the protocol division made every effort to devise a menu to suit his taste.

Being a Jew, the protocol man knew that his food be prepared kosher-style. This means a rabbit must be from the meat before it is cooked.

So they asked him what he would like to eat. He replied: "kosher lobster."

IF YOU CAN'T SPELL P-E-A-C-E—Senator Easton West Virginia, says we can make every effort to get it but it will all be wasted if the high United States illiteracy rate continues.

Kilgore, who introduced a bill to send adults back to school, asserted that one out of every seven Americans "probably cannot read the word 'freedom' or spell the word 'peace'."

The senator declared that illiteracy has been a national communism "which thrives on confusion and he said: "It takes the written word to make the future of democracy a vital and realistic truth."

ARMY AND POLITICS—The Army's convinced campaign apparently is here to stay—at least until election day.

The department recently warned its officers and the handling of "political hot potatoes" should be extreme care. In fact, it advised if possible simply ignore them.

Then it renewed its policy that "any dissemination of news must be made on an impartial and non-partisan basis."