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Nothing To Worry About

Some North Carolina newspapers have seemed rather disturbed over the suggestion of a Tennessee veteran that a 43-foot tower of stones from all over the world be erected on top of Clingman's dome...

We feel that both the Tennessee and the troubled Tar Heel newspapers are both jumping at conclusions.

The Tennessee veteran has a worthwhile idea of getting stones from over the globe and building a memorial to his deceased fighting companions.

The disturbed editors were too quick to jump at conclusions, and some possibly actually feared the Volunteer warrior might carry out his plan of adding to the height of Clingman's Dome.

We have no such worries about the project down here in the valley, almost in the shadow of the Dome. Perhaps if the truth were known, the veteran in Tennessee just added that part of making Clingman's higher just to see how sensitive and how big the chips were on the Tar Heel shoulders.

A Splendid Record

One cannot read the annual report of the Haywood County Library without taking a bit of pride and joy in its accomplishments.

When one realizes that some 45,000 books were borrowed last year, besides all the other services rendered, it is indeed gratifying to know that such an enterprise is available to the residents of this county.

As soon as the bookmobile is put into use, the services will increase many fold and the number of patrons served will increase in proportion.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are "locker-room stories" really funny? Answer: Very seldom. Most of the off-color stories which men tell each other when they're sure there are "no ladies present" are far-fetched, long-winded build-ups for some vulgar word or phrase which as a rule can be anticipated in advance.

The Score, 107 Out Of 5,000

For the past few weeks, citizens of North Carolina have perhaps given more thought to health, sanitation and proper care of themselves and families than at any time in the past.

Not only have we had a spraying program going on to combat flies and insects, but we have been constantly reminded by health authorities about measures for warding off summer diseases, with polio always uppermost in the minds of everyone.

Besides all that, we have here in Haywood, four X-ray units of the State Health Department, which are making a chest survey. So the number of people to avail themselves of the X-ray facilities has been surprisingly low and needless to say, disappointing to the sponsors.

Not for one minute would we believe that there is a lack of interest in the chest survey program, but rather the fact that most people, in such a rush, have just neglected to get out and go to the units.

Out of 5,000 who have had the X-ray so far, 107 have been asked to come to the health office for a larger picture to take to their physician.

Good Financing

The board of county commissioners acted wisely when they held to the 1947 tax rate for 1948, even in the face of an increased valuation of property.

Last year the board was able to spend \$70,000 out of the budget on two school building projects in Canton, and under the same circumstances this year, can completely pay for the buildings.

The commissioners also are to be commended for being able to finish the year with a surplus from the 1947 budget rather than a deficit, as so many counties and towns are experiencing.

In their annual financial statement as published in this newspaper Friday, it was interesting to note that about \$10,000 had been collected this year in taxes prior to 1945 and penalties.

Just a Reminder

The town board of aldermen have formally notified the citizens that there is an ordinance requiring garbage to be placed in a closed metal container, and all other material must be put in a substantial container to avoid scattering.

There has been some complaint along this line and the town is wise in calling attention to the existing ordinance.

Garbage put in open cans or boxes is subject to flies and destructive dogs, who delight in scattering the contents to the four winds.

We are happy that the town is issuing fair warning that the ordinance will be rigidly enforced.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. What do you think will be the outcome of the special session of congress? Lashlan Hyatt: "It's going to be a flop. Mr. Truman is going to pay the price for his bid for minority group votes in the North."

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

President Roosevelt signs order authorizing expenditure of \$1,500,000 for completion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

10 YEARS AGO

Mayor J. H. Way is featured in August issue of North Carolina

Municipal News

Miss Anne Albright returns from summer session on international law which was sponsored by the University of Michigan.

5 YEARS AGO

County tax rate is reduced 15 cents. The rate has been set at \$2.30.



WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—James Mason, Jr., a North Carolina real estate man, has turned a unique 14-year-old hobby into a profession which he estimates is ultimately good for more than \$50,000 a year.

A graduate in law from Vanderbilt University and engaged in business in Durham, N. C., Mr. Mason has developed a rare craft—mosaic portraits composed of thousands of inlaid chips of vari-colored woods.

Whether to depict him as a giant or a little child. When he was doing George Washington, he said he couldn't stop thinking of the cherry tree story and came up with an angelic expression on the General's face.

Death Valley National Monument, in eastern California and Southwestern Nevada, is about 140 miles long and from four to 16 miles wide.

His Blocked Driveway Remains Blocked

JANESVILLE, Wis. (UP)—A truck-mounted Janesville home owner has vowed to count to 10 the next time he sees an unattended road grader.

The man climbed aboard the big machine and started into gear to clear his driveway. He soon expelled taking matters into his own hands.

The runaway machine ruined half a block of blacktop surfacing, tore a hole in a gravel road and snapped off two road signs.

The driveway remained blocked with gravel.

Farmhouse Quits Moving As Gusher Is Capped

PLANO, Ill. (UP)—Clarence Hoover's farm house has finally come to a standstill.

The house began moving after a gusher broke through the ground while a driller was sinking a well.

By the time the well was sealed off, the large house had one wall cracked and had settled several inches away from a new chimney that had been added to its rear.

WELL SUPPLIED

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (UP)—Little Karydn Elaine Worm came into the world with an ample supply of living ancestors.

Rambling

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

He was higher over six feet and shoulders like Atlas and surely must have been in line for an All-American rating.

Giant puffs of smoke clouds rising slowly over the mountain tops, and misty veils swathing them after a rain make our mountains look like gigantic houris.

When he came in to buy a paper we had to hide our smiles for he was decidedly bald and had absent-mindedly scratched his head with inkily fingers.

There were six of them—the mother and five offspring

Capital Letter

NEW LOOK WANTED—They are not shouting it from the rooftops, but four North Carolina Congressmen fear that the cohesiveness of Western North Carolina Republicans while they are in Washington doing their master's bidding during the next few weeks.

Most in demand for the battle are J. M. Broughton and W. Kerr Scott, both of whom are keeping in trim for this final bout.

The principal worry of the Democrats is not the election of state officials, but Congressmen then too, there is Truman. They must

Inside WASHINGTON

Hague Out on a Limb; Then, Again, Maybe Not

WASHINGTON—One of the amazing features of a debacle is that such an astute politician as the slender Eisenhower limb.

James Roosevelt, Jake Arvey and other stateside "movement" were careful to hedge saying whatever against President Truman except that he could win.

It may be, however, that the tactical Hague simply believes in the long run. And it may be a barefaced bluff.

THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF GOP Thomas E. Dewey and Senator Robert A. Taft will not further talks of legislative splits which would split Congress wide open.

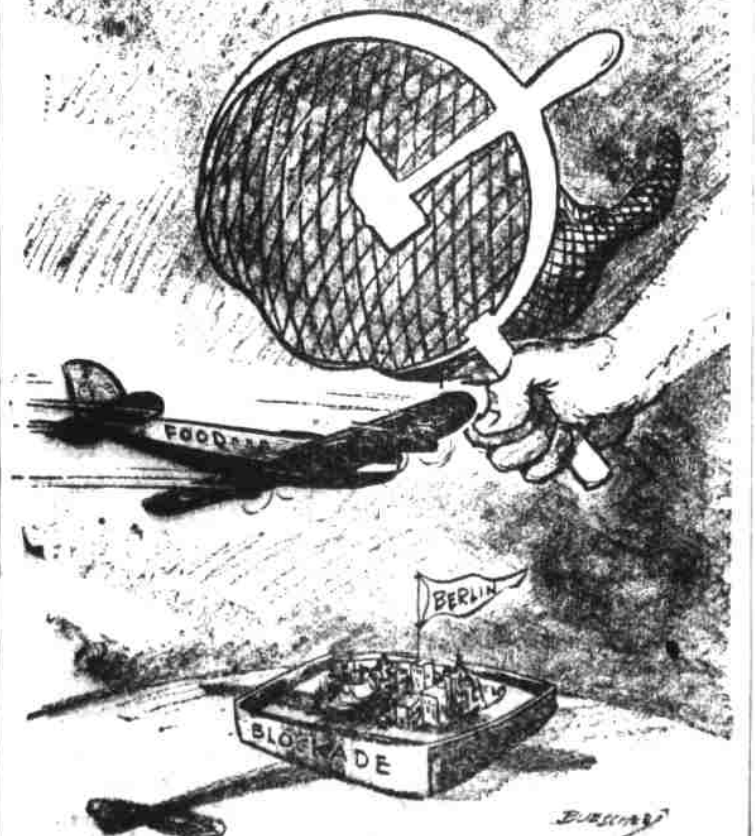
IN THE BAG—There's good news in the offing. For many years the gals have been demanding something about the 20 per cent wartime tax hardships.

"POLITE" SUGGESTIONS—The State department is exactly the anticipated response from the State Dept. The box is set up in the ornate lobby of the State Dept. originally to house the War department when Secretary George C. Marshall was chief of staff.

Employees and foreign service officers may receive from \$10 to \$1,000 in pay raises.

Thus far, suggestions have asked to know why couldn't be improved, why the department couldn't be moved from its "Foggy Bottom" site in Washington.

THREAT OF THE IRON MESH



Frank Knutti: "I think it was a good piece of strategy that backfired. But I think calling the special session increased Truman's chances of election."