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It's Of Little Importance

Down through the years we have taken it for granted that Christopher Columbus was the discoverer of America, having died with the satisfaction of knowing he had discovered a new world. Now some historians that place some shadow of doubt about the matter, even to the point that the man's name we learned in school was the wrong name.

Other historians have pointed out numerous flaws in the much memorized story of the discovery of America, and that instead of Columbus encouraging his men to "Sail On, Sail On" it was another man, as Columbus was ready to turn back.

These points seem beside the point, especially since it all happened more than 450 years ago. The fact that we today are enjoying the liberties of America, the freedom of America, is by far more important than the secondary incidents of four and a half centuries ago.

As for our part, we are thankful we were born, and can enjoy the advantages afforded here in America.

Haywood Products On Parade

When the State Fair opens in Raleigh Tuesday morning, there will be at least five different items from Haywood farms on display, in addition to the junior dairy production program to be shown by a group of future dairymen.

It has been many years since Haywood has so much on display at the State Fair. For the past several years there have been apple exhibits, and a beef cattle exhibit, but other than that, the county has not participated.

For the 1948 Fair there will be apples, beef cattle, dairy cattle, corn and burley tobacco. This will make an impressive group of exhibits, and should show the thousands of visitors to the Fair that Haywood has a diversified agricultural program underway, and is producing quality crops.

Knowing the amount of time that has been spent in selecting the exhibits, we can expect some favorable news to come from the fair grounds on the Haywood products after the prizes have completed their work on Tuesday afternoon.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should you argue with a superstitious person?

Answer: You might as well save your breath. For superstition expresses emotions which are older than our thinking powers and of which we may be entirely unconscious, so that arguments have no effect upon them. Convince a man with a guilty conscience, for example, that black cats are harmless and he'll only be that much more careful about walking under ladders, since he'll go on dreading the "bad luck" he feels is coming to him. On the other side, belief in magic goes back to our childish idea that our parents had limitless powers.

We Heartily Agree

The Asheville Citizen suggests editorially that the matter of a highway from Western North Carolina to Tennessee be talked over calmly. The suggestion came as part of a reply to The Mountaineer's editorial on the matter.

The Citizen further suggests... "In any case let us turn light rather than heat on a matter which concerns the welfare of the whole mountain region."

To all this The Mountaineer heartily agrees. And as we suggested in our editorial, which in reality was prompted by the statement of Highway Commissioner D. Reeves Noland, we are willing to let engineers select the logical route after surveys have been completed, bearing in mind the original state road program of 1921.

The Mountaineer was trying to throw light on the subject in our editorial by explaining Haywood's patience in waiting for completion of the 1921 road program in this state. We are sure that The Citizen, and any other newspaper, could not blame any county for being a little "warm under the collar" after waiting 27 years for a project, and then see that things were trying to work against its reality.

Now that the subject has been discussed frankly—if not too calmly by us—and the light has been shed on the matter, we trust that before long the State Highway Commission will find the time and money to do something about the much discussed road.

Local Altitudes

In a letter to the editor, published today on this page, Dr. E. W. Gudger, noted scientist, points out that most people in this area are prone to quote incorrect local altitude figures.

He cites an instance of where a recent article published in this newspaper about apple orchards put the orchards "too high". We feel that if Dr. Gudger would study a recent authentic TVA map he would see that the majority of orchards in Haywood are now within the 3,000 and 4,000 foot altitudes. In defense of Dr. Gudger, we must hasten to say that during recent years the orchards of Haywood have steadily pushed up the mountain sides, and now there are many hundreds and hundreds of apple trees at the 4,000-foot level.

As to the altitude figure used by the Chamber of Commerce we presume it is more of a matter of habit than anything else. We are sure that no one would intentionally use a false figure, but so few people can remember the accurate figure, while 3,000 is a comparatively easy figure to remember.

And in discussing the altitudes of this area, we are reminded of the pun our summer visitor pulled this summer, when a similar discussion arose, and he said in mentioning land: "It's all too high—in price."

Looks Like Old Times

Tuesday morning as 9 men boarded a bus for Greenville, S. C., for their physical examination under the regulations of the new draft law it looked like old times.

Uncle Sam has called for 15,000 men by December, and it is expected that a number of the 515 in the eligible group in this county will help make up the national quota.

A large number of young men in Haywood are volunteering for service, and after December, this is expected to cut down on the call from here. It will be recalled that back in the early forties, that it was several months before any draftees went from Haywood, due to the heavy number of volunteers. In fact, before the war ended, the late President Roosevelt said that Haywood had more volunteers per capita than any county in the nation.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

done something which you are ashamed of, or which you fear may have painful consequences, one way to get back your peace of mind is to "undo" your blunder by an act of just the opposite kind, even one that has no real importance. Having been extravagant about a hat, milady walks home to save bus fare.



Do we depend too much upon others entertaining us?

Answer: I believe so. With all respect to "show business" and so-called "spectator sports," I think most of us should find more ways of entertaining ourselves instead of depending upon hired entertainers. It's using your faculties and talents that keeps you alive and growing, and you no more sharpen your wits by laughing at Jack Benny's jokes than you exercise your muscles by watching a horse race. A game of croquet you play yourself does more to keep you young and active than shouting your head off at a ball game.

They'll Do It Every Time

GETTING SQUATWELL OUT OF THE HAY ON WOKKADAY MORNINGS IS WHAT IS KNOWN AS A COLOSSAL TASK



THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO JOSEPH HAROLD 2314 N 17TH ST. PHILADELPHIA, PA.

By Jimmy Hatlo

UT COMES IT A SUNDAY OR A HOLIDAY—HE'S UP BANGING HIS GOLF CLUBS AROUND BEFORE DAWN...



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Two new buildings at the England-Walton Tannery are nearing completion.
10 YEARS AGO: New petitions asking for election on liquor stores in Haywood are likely to be circulated soon.
5 YEARS AGO: Twenty-one pre-Pearl Harbor fathers leave during October for armed forces.

Letters To The Editor

HAYWOOD'S ELEVATION
Editor The Mountaineer:
The Chamber of Commerce and various individuals exaggerate the elevation of Waynesville to 3,000 feet. The railway station is about 2,000 feet above mean sea level, and the highest point in town—Prospect Hill—is 2802 feet above level, determined by a series of levels run by an engineer from the "bench mark" at the depot.



WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON—Officials planning the capital's mammoth sesquicentennial celebration to be held in 1950 say they hope to give the nation "its greatest lesson" on the background of their country. The theme of the celebration will revolve around American traditions and history, with all 48 states and the various territories participating in the year-long program.

OUTCOME THE SAME

BUTLER, Pa. (UP)—They were different wars but they amounted to the same thing to Camello Garbielli, Avella, and his son Mario. Both are in the veterans hospital here; the father for treatment of gas poisoning in World War I, the son because of the leg he lost in World War II. Father and son received their combat injuries in France.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Since Hallow'en comes on Sunday this year, when do you think it should be celebrated?
Mrs. C. J. Reece: "I think children had rather celebrate Hallow'en on Saturday since it isn't a school night. It is bad to have the stores marked up on Sunday but it can't be helped once a year."
Mrs. N. F. Lancaster: "Saturday. I think Sunday would be a bad day to have hoodlums around."



Rambling

RAMBLING—We rambled for awhile this past week-end, and visited those places that will remain in our memory all the rest of our lives. One of them was the Hiwassee Dam (left) into Fontana; and the other was Fields of the Wood. The play of God, about twenty-nine beyond Murphy.

Capital Letter

TRUMAN SPEECH—Although President Harry Truman's visit to Raleigh is still several days off, his speech around 10 p.m. (local length) is already being waited for him and by this time is probably in the hands of the news services, key press correspondents, and some of the larger newspapers.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Obnoxious child, 5 Malt beverages, 9 Mountain spinach, 10 Plant of nettle family, 12 A great African clan, 13 Sharp, 14 Writing fluid, 15 Pronoun, 17 Jewish month, 18 River (Eur.), 20 Samarium (sym.), 21 Tart, 24 Elf, 27 Two-wheeled vehicle (E. Ind.), 29 Foot coverings, 30 Comes in, 32 Finishes, 33 Norse god, 34 Parrot (New Zea.), 36 Bull, 38 Jumbled type, 39 River (Switz.), 42 Voting "Yes", 44 Full of news, 46 Girl's name, 47 Fruit, 48 Dingy, 49 Speaks, 3 Division of a play, 4 Flower, 5 Constellation, 6 Well like fabric, 7 Substance in suspension (photo), 8 Located in, 9 Giraffe (Jap.), 11 Lamprey, 16 Bitter vetch, 18 Border, 19 Goddess of Harvest, 21 Escorted, 22 As a, 23 Circumlocution, 24 Large word, 25 Word, 26 Weak, 27 Salt (chem.), 28 Girl's name, 29 Off, 30 Viper, 31 Cereal grain, 32 Talk, 33 Expect.