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Progressive Step In Extending Town Limits

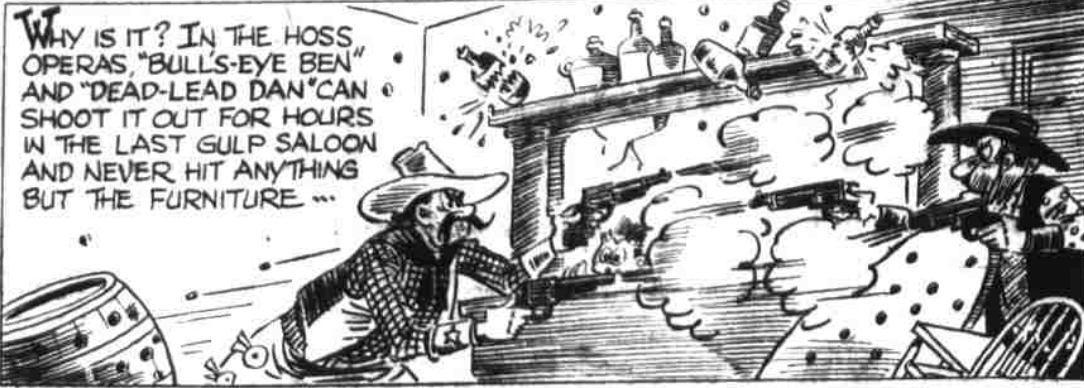
A progressive forward step was made last Thursday when the town board of aldermen passed an ordinance extending the town limits to include the greater part of East Waynesville.

Now that the East Waynesville area has been taken into the town, the people in that section will enjoy reduced water and light rates, in addition to having garbage disposal service, and in time, better streets and extended and large water lines, which mean better protection against fire.

The town government will no doubt spend many times what will be received for taxes for several years on the improvements. In time, the taxes will repay the investment. The East Waynesville area is just one of several such areas which should be brought within the town limits, although we hasten to say that to expand too rapidly would be detrimental to the town, because of the extra obligations and responsibilities.

Now that the board has extended the city limits to include East Waynesville, we trust that they will continue with this program on a conservative basis, and plan for additional areas to be included within the town.

They'll Do It Every Time



WHILE NEARSIGHTED "HAND-SOME HARRY," WITH A SINGLE SHOT FROM THE HIP, CAN ALWAYS POLISH OFF THE HEAVY AS HE GALLOPS OVER THE HORIZON FIVE MILES AWAY



Rambling 'Ro

Bits Of Human Intere...
She was "stylish" and...
freshly groomed and...
at a glance that she was...
valued cook and "mama"...
She was walking toward...
under her arm, a large...
collars. Lucky lady, admi...
a treasure!

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Haywood County votes two to one against repeal of the 18th amendment.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee entertain house party at their home at Balsom.
Mrs. N. M. Medford has sewing party for Mrs. K. E. Montgomery of Asheville, former resident of Waynesville.
Mrs. Joe Rose returns to her home in Cincinnati after a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Smathers.

of baby contest held at East Waynesville School as part of the Halloween Carnival.
Dr. A. P. Cline of Canton is elected president of Duke Alumni Association of Haywood County.
Softball league is organized. A. P. Ledbetter is named president.
R. Gregg Cherry is chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.
Kathryn Hill is named editor-in-chief of year book at Salem Academy.

Thanksgiving War Food Administration says turkey sales may be resumed next week.
Wayne Stamey of Bethel wins top prizes at Western Carolina Fat Calf Show in Asheville.
Grace E. Mitchell finishes WAVE course at Bronx, N. Y.
Maj. M. H. Bowles makes inspection of 8th battalion of N. C. State Guard.
Miss Mary Elizabeth Francis is married to Locke Holland of Salisbury.
Miss Sara Phyllis Terrell is prominent on the campus at Western Carolina Teachers College.
Pvt. Hugh C. Palmer is spending furlough at his home in Hazelwood.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

How many votes do you think will be cast in Haywood county Tuesday?
Frank Rogers: "I think probably there will be more voters in this election than four years ago. I would say about 11,000."

Mary Medford: "My guess would be about 10,000."

Grover C. Clark: "Somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,000."

Rufus Blanton: "I imagine around 12,000."

Kenneth Lowe: "About 13,000."

Mrs. Arthur Kelly: "I would say that over 12,000 people will vote today."

Mrs. Cornelia S. Nixon: "I suppose around 10,900 will vote."

Views of Other Editors

FIREARMS ACCIDENTS UP
Close to 10 million Americans will go into the woods this fall on hunting trips. It'll be the biggest hunting season ever and, warn safety experts, wild game won't be the only victims.

Safety experts point out that every year more than 2,000 persons accidentally lose their lives because of careless handling of firearms. The total was 2,500 in 1947. Most of these needless deaths are in hunting accidents.

- 1. Wear clothing which contrasts with surrounding foliage. Red has been proven the best and safest color.
2. When climbing fences or other obstructions either unload your gun or be sure the safety catch is on. Always unload a shotgun.
3. Keep gun pointed away from hunting companions at all times.
4. Don't snap-shoot on the spur of the moment. Know for certain no other person is beyond your target.
5. Don't drink while hunting. Gin, guns and gas don't mix.
6. Protect your health while outdoors. Don't over-exert yourself, wear warm clothing and change wet clothing. - Marion Progress.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON — It was high noon, and we were all sitting around on brocaded chairs in the elegant salon of the Ecuadorian embassy. The doctor began passing around human heads shrunken to baseball size.
Already he had stocked us to the edge of the chairs when he popped a big balloon with a bamboo arrow shot the length of the room through a six-foot blow gun. He told us that in the jungles of South America a native can hit a hummingbird at the top of a 30-foot tree. Often however, they prefer human targets, dipping the arrows in poison which knocks off their victims within one and a half minutes.
It was the weirdest press conference I've covered in many a day, and I've covered some zany ones — including one with a "wild" man from Borneo and another where the Imam of Yemen gave away amber beads and silver filigree cigarette cases, while champagne and caviar were served.
Dr. Wilburn H. Ferguson was "unveiling" for the first time in the United States his rare collection of human heads taken from jungle Indian tribes in South America.
Dr. Ferguson is a United States physician who has lived in Ecuador and Peru for 18 years. He has devoted time and study to collecting tropical drugs and seeking information on the secret tribal rites of Indians practicing head-shrinking. He is in this country to seek support for setting up a modern teaching hospital at Quito.
According to Dr. Ferguson, the eight human heads were collected by nomad tribes called "jivaro" who live back in the jungles. Although it is outlawed in every country in Latin America, some 60,000 natives living in the Amazon river basin still practice head-hunting. It's a part of their religious and social life.
"The head-shrinking rite is the most mystic and secret formula among all Jivaro religious and medical practices," Dr. Ferguson told us. The shrinking business (after bones are removed) is done by the local witch doctor, or "brujero," chief, with a tightly-guarded solution, the formula of which is passed from generation to generation. Boy-members of the tribes get their first lesson when they are six or seven. They are not ready to practice the business until they are between 25 and 30 years old.
"My research has shown that the powerful solution used in the shrinking process not only shrinks skin tissues down to any desired dimension but also reduces cartilaginous tissue," Dr. Ferguson explained. (Continued on Page three)

Liberal Donations

We do not recall a year that had so many Halloween carnivals as were staged recently at the various schools throughout the county. That is all well and good, but in almost every instance, where there were prizes, and these were donated by merchants who wanted to see the schools make some money for various projects.

Two often we take such things as a matter of fact, and do not give them a second thought. These prizes or gifts from the merchants represented dollars and cents, and by the time all schools had been taken care of the total amounted to a sizeable sum.

Now don't get us wrong, or jump at conclusions in this matter, we merely write this editorial on the subject in order that all of us might have a deeper appreciation of what the merchants are doing for our many schools throughout the area by liberally donating prizes from which the schools realize a nice sum of money. The schools almost have to have extra funds for various activities which are not covered by the state school fund.

Yes, the merchants have given liberally this year, and we are sure we voice the opinions of all school patrons that their generosity is fully appreciated.

Parkway At Wagon Road Gap Closed

Yesterday saw the closing of the five mile section of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Wagon Road Gap to Bennett's Gap. The section has been open since early spring, and thousands of motorists have enjoyed the trip which affords a view of the thousands of acres of Pisgah from atop the world.

The color in the foliage in the area is about gone, and with the hunting season opening, and the dry forests, it is always a policy to close this section at this time of year.

This newspaper has always felt, and expressed itself editorially on many occasions, that this section of the Parkway should be kept open from late spring until about this time each fall. We are sure that motorists who travel that section of the road on top of the Pisgah ledge have a greater appreciation of the general plan for developing the Parkway from Virginia into the Great Smokies.

We look forward, as the gates are closed on a successful season, to the time next spring when they can again be swung wide open to motorists hungry for some more awe inspiring mountain views.

Our Musical Students

The hundreds who heard the High School band and chorus on Thursday night were literally "sweet off their feet". The two groups gave their first concerts of the current school year last week under the direction of Charles Isley.

It is almost unbelievable what has been accomplished in the music department of the high school, and we have noted with interest that the grammar school students are looking forward to the day when they will be high school students and can participate in the band and glee clubs.

The concert last week certainly gives due notice to all comers at the state contests that Waynesville will have to be reckoned with more than ever this year. All through the years the band and glee clubs have maintained high ratings and won high honors in state contests. This year will be no exception.

Few people are aware of the fact that there are three bands in the high school. A junior band, a marching band and the concert band. With an assistant band director, the grammar school children could be taught the fundamentals of band work, and when they got to the seventh grade, would have six full and successful years as members of the band.

It is a matter for serious consideration. It is already a proven fact that there is musical talent galore in the schools, and with training, and leadership, these talents can be put to useful work.

Economists, whose opinions often are of no more value than those of the average layman, foresee a slight recession in 1949, with production dropping in some lines. Prices are also expected to decline in some cases, with wages holding about at the present levels, although there is some possibility of another round of increases. It is generally agreed that certain adjustments are in the making, and they will not be too difficult if the business men and manufacturers of the nation do not become frightened. Fear is what converts mild, helpful recessions into disastrous depressions.

Every registered voter in the county is obligated to go to the polls Tuesday, and vote the five tickets which will be handed to him.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should you make it a rule to "keep smiling"?
Answer: No. Smiling is one thing you should never do "by rule," except perhaps when politeness demands it. A consciously-forced smile will seldom fool others, while one which you do not realize is forced may mean you are fooling yourself dangerously. "Looking on the bright side" is a good idea if you do it spontaneously, but to force yourself to ignore things that frighten you or make you unhappy only lets them do more damage to your real, unconscious feelings than they could if you allowed yourself to face them.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

new surroundings and make new friends. Dr. William W. Wattenberg in Education Forum says that children's having moved from one town to another is a significant factor in producing "mal-adjusted behavior," and urges that schools and teachers make a special effort to help young newcomers feel at home.

Are most criminals caught and punished?
Answer: By no means, to judge by recent figures of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For each thousand crimes reported, only 140 offenders are caught and convicted. Certainty of being punished is not the main reason why "crime does not pay," any more than fear of punishment is what keeps most people law-abiding. To be happy, you must have the approval of your neighbors and know you deserve it. If you feel yourself an "outlaw," you'll not only live in endless tension but may wind up getting yourself caught to and the suspense.

PROPOSAL FROM A "TWO GUN MAN"



Inside WASHINGTON

Hush - Hush Atmosphere
Flying "Berlin" Talks

Special to Control Press
WASHINGTON — During the past few weeks the Berlin crisis, the press...
able were less informed than...
days of the war.
To avoid any tipoff...
high policy makers, the...
department during the...
Sir Oliver Franks

the building, the department...
presence. However, reports...
Another important...
is British Ambassador Sir...
ington's plushiest lounge...
it is seen parked outside...
as a billboard.

SUPER-FOOD—After...
tists have come up with...
to any used in World War II...
is in liquid form, this...
emergency rations—lock...
Norwegian soldiers...
KG-12 as their only...
Early in September...
middle of Oslo fjord, were...
life rafts. Two men were...
equal amount of the best...
scientists reported.

POLL TRICKS—The...
polling agency make a...
foreign policy problems...
nation's policy.
Now, however, probably...
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involved the question of...
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enter the United States...
Only 34 per cent of these...
A similar group of...
question: Should American...
sent the news freely from...
spondents be allowed to...
Eighty per cent thought...
be allowed to report freely...
press should have the...
basic question: Should...
in this country?