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Patrolmen vs. Undertakers

This newspaper has always been a bitter opponent of drunken drivers. We deem them potential murderers on our highways, and have no sympathy for them having to pay heavily when haled into court and stripped of their driving privileges.

Feeling as we do about drunken drivers, you can well imagine our feeling when, during the course of discussing highway safety with several of our efficient Haywood patrolmen recently, found that they termed "racing drivers" on the highways far more dangerous than a drunken driver.

Naturally that makes us feel even more unkindly against racers. Patrolmen pointed out that a drunken driver will eventually hit something that will stop him—even if it is an approaching car.

A racer is far more dangerous, they said, in that he is at heart a dare-devil, out for a thrill at any expense. His very nature calls for taking unnecessary chances, at the risk of his own neck and that of innocent ones along his route of travel.

Patrolmen further point out that a racer is depending upon speed and power, while a drunken driver just had to trust in the Lord to get through. Our patrolmen term both groups dangerous and keep a keen eye for them.

All cars being stopped now by patrolmen are being warned to have a blue mechanical inspection sticker before January first. This is the law, and its enforcement is being pushed from Raleigh.

The usual last-minute rush is expected to over-run offices and lanes, and that is the reason we are making mention of these "musts" at this time.

4,842 Haywood Students Ride The School Buses

Among the many things we take for granted among the public services are the school buses, operated by this state at a cost of five million dollars a year, or an average of \$14 per pupil per year.

But let's bring the matter closer home—right here in Haywood, there are 46 school buses in operation, carrying an average of 4,842 students daily out of an enrollment of approximately 9,000. This means that more than fifty percent of all Haywood school children are dependent upon school buses to get to and from school.

Nine cents of every school dollar goes to operate and maintain the school bus system in this state.

At present, almost all the cost of operating the school buses and all of the cost of replacing them is borne by the state. All of the cost of additional new buses, school bus garages, and garage equipment is borne by the counties.

A special committee studying the school bus situation in the state have recommended that the state share with the counties the costs for all new buses, garages and equipment for garages.

The commission felt that the standard for present school buses are adequate, and that the average bus is in good condition despite the fact that many of them are more than 3 years old.

This is just another of several problems which the 1949 legislature will be called upon to solve. The school bus matter is a serious one. Take right here at home; the lives of some 4,800 students, twice daily, are taken into the buses. That is a big responsibility, and one that will steadily increase as the student enrollment increases as it has in the past.

An Investment In Health

Every year at this time we are called upon to purchase the colorful Christmas TB Seals. These little seals just literally glow with radiant health, because after all, they do represent health, in that the money given for them is used in restoring health, or preventing disease.

Three-fourths of the money spent for these seals is kept at home, with a major part being spent for nourishing food for children in school lunchrooms. The other large item is medicines for needy and deserving cases.

This year \$200 was used from the fund for paying expenses for the mobile X-Ray unit here, which photographed the chests of thousands of people in the search for any trace of tuberculosis.

The little seals are playing a big part in our health work, and the good they are doing is worth far more than their cost.

No doubt this area will buy far more than \$500 this year.

"Hear That Whistle Blow"

Hearing the shrill whistle of the diesel locomotives now operating on the Murphy branch—to pull long freight trains—gives the impression of "big time railroading" through here.

But hearing any kind of a horn or whistle on a passenger train on the Murphy branch would be worth recording.

Appreciation

The rapt attention the 450 music lovers gave every minute to the Don Cossack chorus here last Sunday afternoon was evidence of the deep appreciation for the excellent performance.

Such courtesy speaks well for both the audience and artists.

They'll Do It Every Time



BUT SAY SOMETHING ABOUT GOING TO A MOVIE... WOW! THEY POLISH THEM OFF IN TEN SECONDS FLAT...



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Dewey Potter is sentenced to 20 to 25 years for murder of Thomas Price. Proposed Park-to-Park Road would go through Balsam. Little Miss Virginia Kellett entertains teachers from Central Elementary School at tea. Miss Katherine Morgan of Hillsboro is bride of Jasper Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan of Waynesville.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What were you doing seven years ago when the news came of the attack on Pearl Harbor?

Mrs. James L. Kilpatrick: "I was in Chicago and had been horseback riding. When I came in the elevator boy said, 'Have you heard the news? We are at war!'"

Mrs. Billiard Atkins: "We were having a late family dinner when the announcement came of the Japanese attack. That was the end of the dinner and we spent the rest of the afternoon at the radio."

Dr. J. R. McCracken: "I can't remember exactly because I was getting ready to be married and couldn't think of anything else."

Mrs. Jimmy Reed: "I was in Birmingham getting ready for a date with a boy in the Army. When I heard the news, I just undressed and went to bed."

Mrs. W. H. F. Miller: "I think I was sitting at home quietly when the news came. I was rather stunned and useless for the balance of the day. It was the next day before I could really start to think."

Views Of Other Editors

SWING SHORT, SWEET CHARIOT. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

One of the less amusing anomalies of our times is the relationship between the sizes of modern automobiles and the space needed to contain them. As our streets become more congested our cars become longer, broader and more commanding in appearance. The appearance is undoubtedly the root of the whole matter. Our craving for majestic design and dual appointments is so strong that it excludes all considerations of convenience, economy and safety.

Nevertheless there are counter-currents which may be observed if one looks closely. The delusion of grandeur which is supposed to accompany the act of steering a shining chariot along the public thoroughfares is being neutralized. Driving has become an admitted ordeal to many. Moreover, parking space is harder to get, insurance rates are going up, repairs are more costly than ever. Then there are the midget cars. Several designs, including two foreign makes, are now on the market and whatever their other virtues or defects, they are obviously more maneuverable in traffic.

Perhaps a demand for a new conception of what an automobile is for, is in the making. What seems to be dictated by the common-sense necessities is a movement in which all manufacturers will participate. Fame and fortune, we believe, awaits the manufacturer who will start it by favoring life, limb, the family



WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — The Freedom Train, Uncle Sam's rolling showcase of democracy, is off on what may be its last journey.

The tour of the seven-car red and blue train, 34,965 miles when it checked in here last time, has been a smashing success. The train was opened to the public in Philadelphia Sept. 17, 1947. Constitution Day. Its doors are scheduled to be closed on Jan. 1.

When the train was here Marine Col. Robert F. Scott, commanding officer of a detachment of mounted leathernecks who guarded the train's load of precious historical documents, said that 3,000,739 had gone through it. "We have visited every state, stopped in 313 cities and held 355 exhibition days," Col. Scott said. "And 10,000 people came aboard the train each day."

W. H. S. O'Brien, a representative of the American Heritage Foundation—which was formed to underwrite the cost of the tour—said there had been "no lessening of enthusiasm from the first day to the last. We have received a great number of letters asking for return visits," he said. "But if we tried to get around to all the requests it would take us another 30 years! Then another generation would be asking to have the train continued."

O'Brien said the train was a "battleground" for democracy in

budget and an easier flow of traffic instead of the costly principle of conspicuous waste.

Gold can be extracted from the sea, but the cost is greater than the value of the metal.



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By The Mountaineer Staff

Have you ever noticed how the civic spirit of the town has been "Blue" Robinson, for in fact, the movement toward the adoption of Waynesville, not only interested but active—which is what counts.

We have very often heard of bicycles built for two or even three. But our attention was called to a bicycle built for one but having four passengers joyously riding along Main street.

We looked up in surprise when we heard the waitress say, "Here comes a cup of tea." The waitress teared up and tipped the scale, sure as feet and two hundred pounds, that bulk, a cup of tea and a companion for breakfast seemed unusual companions.

When you have stopped making mistakes, you have stopped doing anything.

If you happened to have been on Main street shortly after the completion of the Paper Box Co. plant Saturday, you will remember the steady stream of returning cars.

Capital Letters

WATCH FOR THEM: On afternoon last week a young man who appeared to be about 30 years old walked into a Raleigh drug store and asked the manager to cash a check in the amount of \$47.99 for him. The check was made out to Robert L. Pearson and was signed "United States Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, Carl L. Kunsting, M.O.C."

Then this gentleman went to a grocery store and had a check for \$49.79 cashed. He then moved on to another firm and made out with \$49.79 with the same name. He was accompanied on each visit by a lady who he said was his wife. They always made a few purchases before flashing the check.

Prior to reaching Raleigh he cashed three similar checks in Durham using the name of Robert L. Belvin.

The N. C. Merchants Association, working in cooperation with the State and Federal Bureau of Investigation sent out over the State full information on the check-flasher. However, on Saturday night the check-flasher was still at large.

FAVORITE TIME: Reports have also reached the Association table in the past week that being five, ten, and twenty-dollar bills are being passed in several sections of the State and Nation. Now, when the Christmas rush is in full swing, the counterfeits and check operators are busy. They know the merchants should have time to check on the authenticity of the bills and check who is cashing them.

Store employees, managers and owners who are not on the alert between now and Christmas may regret it.

POTATO PROBLEM: The North Carolina Irish potato production is the highly profitable crop. The commercial variety grown in Eastern North Carolina has not been good for a number of years.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is anyone born with a good disposition? Answer: Practically everyone is, and most people would retain it always if they were not "soured" by unwise or unkind treatment in their earliest years. Even though he may have little fits of temper, there's no sweeter disposition than that of a mentally and physically healthy baby, and if he grows up into a tyrant or a grouch, it is because he has been made to feel that the world is against him, and that there's no way of getting what he wants except by fighting for it or by bossing others so that they will have to give it to him.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

Its normal pleasures and can only earn the right to live at all by driving himself to exhaustion. The more tiring and unpleasant his work is, the more secret relief he finds in it. With a woman, unconscious guilt feelings can become associated with dirt or disorder and make her a slave to trivial and unnecessary housework.



Are all "allergies" mental in origin? Answer: No, writes Dr. Harold A. Abramson in The Nervous Child. People with allergic symptoms like migraine headaches or asthma seem to be of three types: those whom tests show to be physically over-sensitive to substances—like eggs—which have no effect on others; those in whom no signs whatever of this type of allergy can be found; and a third group whose symptoms do have a physical basis but are more severe than this accounts for. Members of the second and third groups should have psychological as well as medical care.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Resorts, 5 Asterisk, 9 Begin, 10 Made of oak, 12 Immense, 13 Marsh bird, 14 Permits, 15 Bite off, 17 Turn to the right, 18 Full of ore, 20 Norse god, 21 Musical instrument, 23 Goddess of death, 24 Eating utensil, 27 Silk fibers, 29 Metal fastener, 30 Information, 32 Like, 33 Sea gull, 34 Sabine monkey, 37 Mix, 39 Watch tower, 42 Fashions, 44 American explorer, 46 Slant, 48 Killed, 49 One of the bears. (Astron.)