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Whew, A 340-Pound Bear!

The mere report that 244 deer and 11 bears were killed in the current Big Game Hunt in Pisgah National Forest only gives the statistical side of the picture.

Just imagine the thrill, the excitement the 244 hunters had when they saw their game slump to the ground. Just imagine the hundreds of tense moments those hunters lived again in reciting in minute detail the events leading to the kill, and their experiences afterwards.

Free Of Floods

The heavy rains throughout the South recently caused many areas to suffer from floods, some of a serious nature.

Nestled here in these hills, we do not give much thought to floods, as do other sections of the state and nation. While it is true that some of the lowlands here become temporarily flooded, it is rare that much damage is done.

No doubt there are but few people living here who ever give this matter much consideration.

Startling Growth

The report of activity of the Library during November indicates that the Bookmobile put more than 2,576 books into circulation than the last month the Library operated without the mobile unit.

The fact that 2,225 books were circulated by the Bookmobile alone is proof enough of its popularity. Then too, many a book is taken from the Library direct, by patrons who perhaps got started with the Bookmobile.

The increase in circulation is astounding, and shows the use people of Haywood are making of the facilities of the Library.

The Special Election

General sentiment prevailing in the five counties of the 32nd senatorial district seems to indicate that the average voter feels it is a waste of time and money to stage an election at this time to name a state senator to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mrs. E. L. McKee.

The North Carolina law does not provide for filling this important vacancy in any other way except by a general election. There are three places in our state government which cannot be filled by appointment. They are, state senator, state representative and a representative in Congress.

The law which prohibits filling these three places by appointment stands on the grounds that such office holders are direct representatives of the people, and not subject to appointment.

The law further takes the position that for the sake of democracy, the people must be directly represented in the three lawmaking bodies of the state and nation.

While the existing law might, in rare occasions, mean an extra expense in holding an extra election, such as the one scheduled for this district on the 18th, we are sure that there are not many citizens who would be willing to change our democratic election laws.

Chemists say the plan is fool-proof, and a sure way of getting the facts. We don't believe that an ordinary toy balloon could stand up under the "breath fumes" of what some habitual drinkers around here use.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO - Miss Josephine Cabe returns from visit to relatives in Washington, D. C.
10 YEARS AGO - Santa Claus arrives by train. Several thousand persons are on hand to welcome him.
5 YEARS AGO - A toy will be admission price of benefit movie at Park Theatre.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

- "What do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?"
Mrs. Frank Kennedy: "I'd like most of all at Christmas to have all my children home, including my granddaughter."
Miss Nita Davis: "Anything would please me."

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON—Margaret Truman is more determined than ever to be a success as an opera singer despite the increasing formality, fuss and festivities crowding her life as the President's daughter.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are there men who can't believe a girl could love them?
Answer: Yes, for all we hear of "masculine conceit"—which frequently is an unconscious defense against just this form of self-doubt.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

lective attitude toward law and order. There are fewer murders in Great Britain where murderers are hanged than in any state I know of where they are not, but you cannot prove that hanging is the reason.

Letters To The Editor

"HIGH WATER MARK"
Editor The Mountaineer: I am not sure but that your issue of November 30 is your high water mark. The issue was full of interesting Haywood news, and especially the full coverage of the Tobacco Harvest Festival, which was a great success.

WHAT DOES SHE THINK SHE'S DOING?



Rambling 'Round

How observant are you? Have you noticed the new arrangement of the top of the Presbyterian Church steeple? We were not quite sure whether it had been there all the time, or whether it was a new addition.

Capital Letters

THE HUCKSTERS—And here, in the home of the huckster, Mrs. C. B. Etnier, Mrs. Carl Goetz are now developing a sort of North Carolina business directory. It is being called that, but it is going to contain more facts, figures and advertisements than you can shake a dogwood stick at.

Inside WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—President Truman is devoting much of his post-election days to consideration of the cabinet to serve him in his second administration.

CHINESE PUZZLE

Certain Washington strategists are upset that might be expected concerning the Chinese military reverses. They do not like to see the Communists making such gains against Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces.