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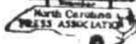
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ABC Store Profits A Live Question

During the past 12 months, the five Alcoholic Beverage Control Stores in Asheville did a gross business of \$4,629,758. This was for the first year of operation in our neighboring county, and the profits hit \$650,000, according to the chairman of the stores.

These facts will be the basis for many a discussion in the weeks and months ahead. These facts will be used in many a sermon, to show the tremendous amount that is being spent for whiskey.

Those favoring the establishment of ABC stores in Haywood will point to the big profit derived from the sale of the liquor, which they will argue would have gone into the pockets of bootleggers and out-of-state liquor stores.

Bootleggers will cast a longing eye at the figures, and gear their activities to the potential business which is reflected in the sales by the Asheville ABC stores.

Members of the 1949 General Assembly will have the figures tossed at them by many groups, as the proposed state-wide referendum becomes a vital issue.

Yes, the figures on the business of the five Asheville ABC stores will be discussed much more than the national debt.

Regardless of how much the liquor question is discussed, it is still a serious problem, taken from any standpoint. As we have said time and again in these columns, the only solution for the liquor question is personal control. How to put that into force is something the world has so far failed to solve.

Crabtree Telephone Delay Not Serious

There will be a tinge of disappointment in the fact that there will be a delay in getting the telephone line completed into Crabtree by January first. However, the delay is not a serious one, as the vital parts are expected by the end of January.

The Southern Bell has pushed rural telephones during the past few years, and here in Haywood we have already felt the results of this rural program, with lines going out to Bethel, Jonathan Creek, Clyde, and now into Crabtree-Iron Duff. Eventually, we trust, on down to Fines Creek.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is a child's "I.Q." affected by his family background?

Answer: Definitely, reports John E. Robbins of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, Canada, on the basis of a study of nearly 10,000 fourth-grade children. Combining their records with facts listed in the census indicated that the higher a child's "I.Q.", the more likely it was that his family owned their own home, that his parents lived together, and that they enjoyed a comfortable income. Children of professional people had higher "I.Q." than those of unskilled workers, while those from small families outranked those from large ones.

Can you take "world problems" too hard?

Answer: Yes, unless you're actually dealing with them and can do something about them. I know there is a great need for all of us to be intelligently interested in what goes on outside of our own immediate circle, but if you "can't

106 Without Christmas

It is hard to realize that in a county as prosperous as Haywood, that there are 106 people classified by the Welfare Department as being in "destitute circumstances".

These are the facts, and the 16 families, comprising 106 people, face a dreary Christmas unless something is done for them by the general public.

The Mountaineer has listed all 16 cases in the hope that each case will be taken by some organization or individual who will see to it that a happy Christmas is provided for them.

We have watched on many an occasion, people who were doing for others, and they have gotten more out of Christmas than the group that tried to build Christmas within themselves.

The Welfare Department has only listed those whom they feel need immediate attention. Of course there are literally hundreds of others on their rolls, but many have been provided for in one way or another by special groups, or individuals, and in some cases neighbors. The 106 are without a Christmas sponsor. Surely in Haywood there are those who will want to enjoy their best Christmas ever by taking one or more cases. The Welfare Department can give complete information, and stand ready to assist in spreading cheer to those who otherwise will have "just another day" on December 25th.

REA Still Growing

The Haywood Electric Membership Corporation continues to grow and expand, always adding on new members in Haywood and several adjoining counties.

The latest loan application has been approved by the state for \$212,000.

REA has done an outstanding job in providing electricity for rural America, and few places have enjoyed the facilities more than Haywood and the neighboring counties in which the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation operates.

Minerals Are Profitable

This area affords unusual opportunities for the manufacturing of roofing granules, according to a report of R. T. Isley, assistant industrial engineer of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Granules, as we understand it, are materials used to cover asphalt-impregnated felt in the manufacture of roofing. The hard, colorful rock found so profusely in this area, is termed as just "the thing" by roofing manufacturers, and the average price at present is \$8.25 per ton.

We trust that some manufacturers will become interested in this plentiful raw material in these hills, and set up a plant to utilize them.

In this immediate area, mining and kindred industries are not so plentiful, yet there are apparently lots of potential raw materials available for unlimited use.

They Help Our Needy

The Lions Club is hoping that the public will reimburse them \$1,200 they spent on clothing for needy children here last week. Last Friday marked the beginning of the Dime Board and from that source they hope to get back their \$1,200.

The Lions have done a splendid piece of work, and we have every reason to believe that many a dime will go on the board to show appreciation of the leadership the Club has taken in looking after many needy people.

The Salvation Army is also doing a splendid piece of work again this year, and are making an appeal by letter as well as with their well-known kettle on Main Street.

Both groups warrant our financial support as far as we are able to give.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

sleep for worrying" about international relations or the possibility of a third World War, it's a pretty safe guess that you're substituting these more sophisticated issues for what really scares you. It is your own private problems that you can't solve, and absorption in world affairs helps you dodge them.



Are your "first impressions" likely to change?

Answer: Yes, says a Finnish psychologist, Dr. A. Lehtovaara, after studying the first impressions that 1000 people of all ages made on members of his classes. Most of us react at once and strongly to the people we meet, but are more apt than not to feel differently as we get to know them better. The reason for this is that the way you feel about someone whom you have just met depends mainly on your feeling about other people of whom he unconsciously reminds you. But the first impressions that we get in childhood usually last forever.

They'll Do It Every Time

VERMIN BRINGS ALL HIS GRIPES AND WOES HOME FROM THE OFFICE AND DUMPS THEM IN MAMA'S LAP...



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT DOES SHE EVER HEAR OF HIS GOOD FORTUNE... LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BONUS HE GOT TODAY? HEH, HEH!



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Tobacco growers to a total of 16 or 17 cents per pound for tobacco, including sales on warehouse floors and amount from the government under the adjustment administration.

Donald Dunham and Angus Craft lease Wigwam Hotel in St. Petersburg, Fla., for the winter.

Holiday business shows increase over 1932.

Annual Christmas celebration sponsored by the Woman's Club for underprivileged children is great success. Santa Claus is on hand to distribute toys.

10 YEARS AGO

Court House offices to close for Christmas holiday with the exception of the sheriff's office. 20 prisoners will have chicken and dumplings for Christmas dinner.

Survey shows shoppers started early and are still going strong. Stores are selling large number of toys. Merchants feel business was stimulated by presence of Santa Claus at his igloo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Killian, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Queen, and Leon Killian, Jr., leave for visit in Miami, Fla.

5 YEARS AGO

Pvt. Goldman G. Trantham of Clyde suffers no pay cut in transfer from his job in a shipyard to the army. He is the father of 9 children and his family will draw \$268 per month.

Dorothy Jones of Route 2, Waynesville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones is listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

Homer Franklin, Haywood man who was in the thick of the fight at Salerno, Italy, is now at the Thayer General Hospital, recovering from wounds.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Where do you plan to spend Christmas this year?

Mrs. J. T. Christenberry: "I plan to spend the Christmas holidays in my hometown of Central Kentucky. Next to that my choice would be here in Waynesville although I'm now residing in New York."

Mrs. T. C. Brown: "Since all my children will be at home for the first time in a number of years, I plan to have a homecoming this Christmas."

Ray Reed: "I plan to take the family to Florida for Christmas."

Joyce Moody: "My plans are to spend Christmas here in Waynesville with relatives and friends."

Fred Chambers: "I suppose I will spend the Christmas holidays in New Orleans since I will be there for the Sugar Bowl game New Year's Day. I also have several relatives there with whom I plan to visit."

Mrs. M. B. Reeves, Jr.: "I plan to spend Christmas with my husband's parents and my parents here in Haywood county."

Views Of Other Editors

NO HARMFUL ADS

In quietly turning down a \$10,000 contract for tobacco advertising, the National Grange Monthly has again carried out in practice the ideals of the oldest of the American farm organizations. The tobacco revenue available to a farm paper with a circulation of 160,000 and a subscription price of but 25 cents a year would have been substantial.

More than that, the Grange magazine could reap a still larger harvest of dollars if it accepted liquor advertising. But during the 45 years it has been printing a monthly for farmers the Grange has steadily kept its advertising free from alcohol.

Its policy naturally reflects the stand the Grange, now an organization of over 800,000 men and women, has traditionally taken for the betterment of rural life. The Grange, for instance, welcomes youngsters into its juvenile department at the ages of five to fourteen. When they join they must take a pledge not to drink or smoke.—Christian Science Monitor.

GETS QUOTA QUICKLY

MADISON, Wis. (U.P.)—As far as Loran Wilson is concerned, Wisconsin's nine-day deer season ended 10 minutes after it began. The Madison garageman started to hunt at 7 on the morning of opening day. At 7:10 he shot a 160-pound buck. Wisconsin laws permit one deer to a hunter during a season.



WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

By CLARKE BEACH

WASHINGTON—"You'd be surprised how much time the President of the United States has to spend worrying about the problem of government office space in Washington." So remarked Donald C. Stone, director of administration for the Economic Cooperation Administration, who worked with both President Roosevelt and President Truman on office space problems. He was then assistant director of the Budget Bureau.

The top problems for Washington officials today are the loyalty programs and office space," Stone continued. "Space is an old problem here. There's never enough of it in Washington. People who have it cling to it until they are pushed out. You have to be constantly shifting various offices, contracting and expanding."

"When a high official has been occupying a good building and a fine office for a long time, sometimes he simply can't be persuaded to move. It hurts his dignity for you even to suggest it. Many a time you have to take it to the President, and he has to review the problem, try to reconcile the official to the change or just order him to vacate."

One of the classic stories about Presidential intervention concerns President Roosevelt. In 1939 he wanted the Budget Bureau—probably a President's handiest and most-used tool—to be moved into the old State, War and Navy Building, just west of the White House.

But the State Department had the building. Diplomats protested that valuable traditions and prestige would be destroyed if they were moved from the hallowed halls.

Finally, to get to the bottom of the matter, Roosevelt announced he was going over to see about it himself. He had them roll him across the street in his wheelchair, and he inspected the enormous pile from top to bottom. He barged into one office after another, asking questions, creating vast consternation.

He sailed into a big file room on the top floor. Are all those files necessary? he asked. Are they current files? The clerks and bureaucrats assured him they were. The President wheeled himself up to a drawer, drew out the first folder in sight and read:

"China, Wild horses, 1905."

The Budget Bureau moves in! The President announced, wheeling himself out without another word.

Beleaguered Citizen Proves His Point

BELVIDERE, Ill. (U.P.)—Jack Weber complained to city engineers about a mud hole in front of his home.

He told them he was tired of calling tow trucks to pull his car out of the hole.

A city truck, loaded with cinders to fill the hole, drove up to his home. The truck bogged down in the hole.

THE "PETRIFIED FOREST"



Rambling 'Round

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

We noticed a thoughtless driver committed the other common traffic injury. Yet, we feel confident that the danger his act poses to the sidewalk while he is coasting with some one in another car, equally across the walkway. Traffic was stopped for a moment to make it all the more difficult. It was raining and the gutter was running full of water.

Dark, heavy curtain of cloud shutting out the view of the mountains.

Her coat was a brilliant color, the ribbon in her hair its vibrant contrasting red. But her eyes were turned up in a look of wonder, ran true to form and were bronzed blue.

Have you ever noticed how absolutely perfect a spider web can locate in a spot inaccessible to

Capital Letters

CROSS—Let it be known by all and sundry that J. M. Broughton did not turn down Hathaway Cross as his administrative assistant. It was the other way around. Matter of fact, Cross accepted the job in early September, as reported here at the time, but after 10 weeks decided he would prefer to live in Raleigh and practice law. It takes a man these days to refuse a \$10,000 position, but Hat Cross did it. He's expected to inherit some valuable Gates County farm property, and that may have had something to do with his decision to remain in North Carolina.

PORTS—Robert W. Redwine, itinerant advertising, newspaper, and public relations man, will do the lobbying in the 1949 Legislature for the N. C. Ports Authority. Since his influence with the members of the General Assembly will be in the heavyweight division, our ports should have easy sailing in time. J. M. Broughton was instrumental in our receiving \$300,000 from Uncle Sam for a port survey.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Compromise Shaping Up On Civil Rights Legislation

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—A compromise is shaping up on legislation—a compromise that will have a slight with President Truman, and actually take shape in Congress.

One of the first moves was a letter from Senator Burnet (D), South Carolina, to the Democratic high command he will work all-out for the president's economic program.

Maybank is a key man in that plan, much as he probably will become chairman of the Senate banking committee, which will legislate, in place of the aging Senator Robert Wagner (D), New York.

Maybank's statement is construed to support the Truman economic program, but when the matter is in the hands of the House and Senate, the bill will be pressed.

President Truman will not budge on the program, but when the matter is in the hands of the House and Senate, the bill will be pressed.

NEW TWIST ON CABINET SHIFTS—Out of the million possible changes in the Truman cabinet committee that the president would like to move State Secretary Marshall into the national defense post and get a secretary.

These sources represent the president's line of thinking on Marshall, with his lifetime of military experience, balanced years as secretary of state, would make the most effective secretary obtainable.

The shift would remove Marshall from the foreign post where he has been subjected to criticism in connection with handling of several key issues, including aid to China and the time situation. Forrestal has expressed his unwillingness to for four more years as defense secretary.

STATES TO SUPERVISE DP'S—The displaced persons situation is toying with the idea of asking states to set up groups to have a hand in the placement and supervision of newcomers under the DP act.

Its plan is in a formative stage and will be kept under the DP act.

It was learned that some commission officials would like to place some state and local responsibility to prevent the "repatriation" of DP's who come into the areas and take jobs and to coordinate national and local levels.

In general, the idea apparently would fit into the pattern by such Capitol Hill leaders who like to leave as much responsibility and authority as possible with state and local governments.

WELFARE FUND REGULATION—Some government officials have been talking about a provision in the new labor law to regulate union welfare funds but there is no sign yet that administration will adopt the idea.

One proposal would create a new division in the labor department to supervise and control union welfare pension programs such as insurance companies.

are now regulated.

The division's chief purpose would be to audit the books at regular intervals and check up to see that the welfare funds are being expended properly. Unions expected to kick up a fuss with John L. Lewis in the forefront of opposition.

The Taft-Hartley Law provides for joint employer-union administration of industry-financed welfare funds and the matter is supervised. However, Lewis would fight the creation of a government regulatory bureau.