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Nearer A Normal Plane

It is a common knowledge that the past few years have been the most difficult in the history of the world. The economic conditions are such that the normal plane of living has been almost completely obliterated. The people are suffering from a lack of money, and the government is unable to provide the necessary relief. The situation is so dire that the people are beginning to lose faith in the future.

A Loan Fund That Made Good

Edward W. Wilson, noted author, who was a member of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, reports that the Loan Fund, organized in 1947, has made a fine record. The fund has loaned money to over one hundred people for their education and that the money has been repaid in full.

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The Christmas Story— (Luke 2:1-20)

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone in his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David; To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings and great joy, which shall be to all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And they all heard it wondered at those things which were told by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things in her heart. And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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This Community Likes Good Music

A decision to proceed with plans to bring the North Carolina Little Symphony here next spring was reached last week, after deciding earlier to abandon the plan. The Symphony has made a "hit" with music lovers of this community for the past few years, and the thoughts of doing without it this spring brought "to the surface" the determination of getting out and digging for memberships to bring the group back. There are not many communities that love and appreciate good music more than this one. Few communities support more musical projects than this one. We say that in defense of what has already been accomplished in the musical fields in Haywood. We have a band and choral chorus that should not be mentioned in the same sentence with a dollar sign. Both of them have provided numerous concerts and music on many occasions. Their programs have been outstanding. The community not many weeks ago invested some \$2,000 in the three concerts to be given under the sponsorship of the Community Concerts.

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO - Bradley-Davis Company, insurance dealers and real estate agents, move to former Dr. Allen office on Main Street.
10 YEARS AGO - Miss Marian A. Boggs operates a bird banding station at her home.
5 YEARS AGO - Roger Babson says 1944 business depends on the collapse of Axis.
The Mountaineer wins Award of Merit for assistance in the campaign to increase pulpwood production.
J. H. Trantham, office manager of the Chicago office of Charles Scribner and Sons, publishing company, returns to his home after visit to his mother, Mrs. M. E. Trantham.
Sleet storm hits the community Christmas Day, delaying travel.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

If you could have one wish granted for Christmas, what would it be?
Alvin Ward: "That every child in the Waynesville area be made happy by the Loan's Christmas Cheer Fund."
Floyd Rippetoe: "My wish would be that we had more funds to be used for underprivileged children."
Mrs. Frank Miller: "I'd give every underprivileged child the most Christmas possible."
Mrs. Homer Platt: "I'd wish that all needy families have a nice Christmas."
Mrs. Irving Leatherwood: "I would wish that everybody could be well and happy and families could be together."
Mrs. Ralph Crawford: "Good health for everybody."
Mrs. Roy Campbell: "I'd wish that we had Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men."

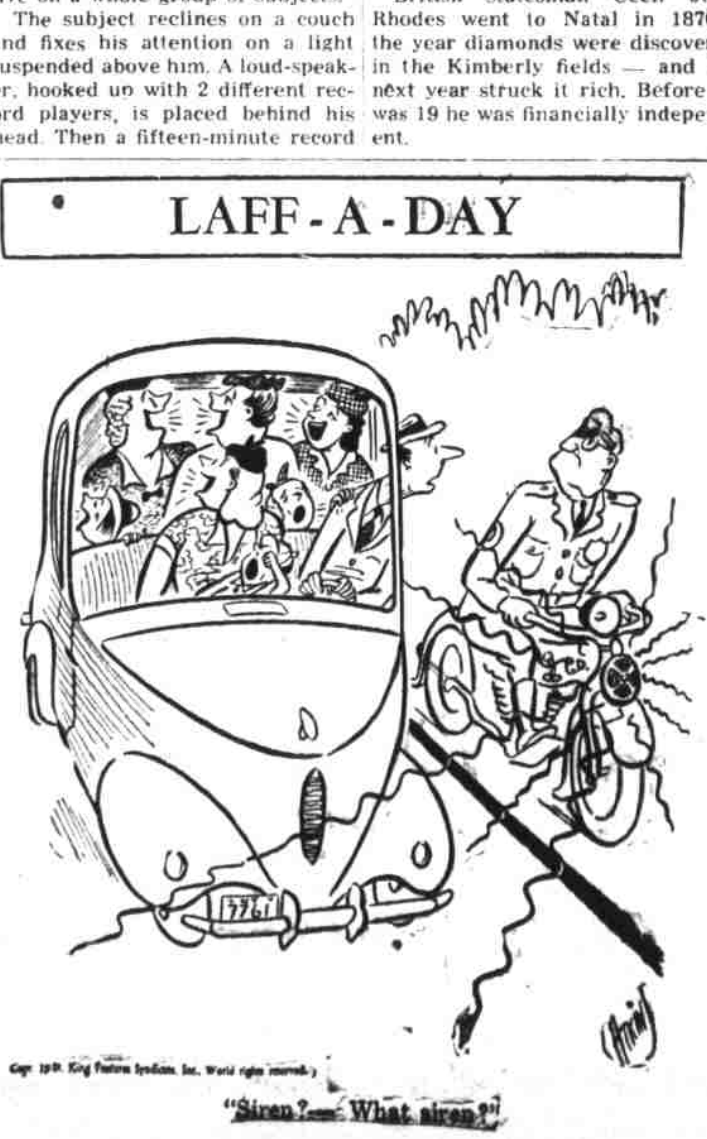
Views Of Other Editors

WIRE TALK
Some statistician has figured that the people of this country are now making 154,000,000 calls a day over the telephone. This is more than one piece for every man, woman and child in the United States. And we know of some folks who do not have telephones and others who are too young to use the instrument. That would run the average up for the rest of us.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON—A pair of psychologists have worked out a way to hypnotize people by means of phonograph records of a hypnotist's voice. Mental specialists sometimes use hypnosis to look into the subconscious. Elton B. McNeil of the University of Michigan and Paul Sparrer of Harvard say the phonograph method:
1. Saves time and labor for the hypnotist, who can take over where the record leaves off with his subject well in a trance—provided the subject is actually hypnotizable.
2. Enables the investigator to select good hypnotic subjects from among a group of people, without going through the time-consuming preliminaries himself.
3. Provides a standardized procedure for accurately measuring the depth and effectiveness of hypnosis among a number of different hypnotizable subjects—since each hears exactly the same thing.
McNeil and Sparrer made their report in the Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology. They said they used the method to induce hypnosis in 21 of 24 undergraduates tested. Most of the trances were induced individually, but on several occasions two subjects were hypnotized at once by the same record. The scientists believe the technique might eventually be effective on a whole group of subjects. The subject reclines on a couch and fixes his attention on a light suspended above him. A loud-speaker, hooked up with 2 different record players, is placed behind his head. Then a fifteen-minute record designed to induce sleep is played. Here's an excerpt:
"Relax completely. Let every single muscle of your body go limp. Listening carefully to my voice, breathing deeply and evenly and completely relaxed. You are beginning to grow tired now, tired and sleepy... You are very drowsy now. Very comfortable and relaxed and feeling more sleepy every moment... sleeper and sleeper..."
After 15 minutes of this sandman-wooing, the operator throws a switch that starts up another 15-minute record. This contains five minutes more of the sleepy-time stuff and then the recorded voice begins to make suggestions to the subject—such as the subject can't open his eyelids even if he tries, that the subject's arm is stiff and he can't bend it. Response to these suggestions provides a means of measuring the depth of the trance.
"In a few moments," drones the record, "you will hear a new voice just as readily as you have been responding to mine... When I count to three you will hear the new voice. One... two... three..."
Then, the psychologists say, the experimenter himself can take over.

LAFF-A-DAY



Rambling 'Round

Have you ever seen any pretty sight than the lighted Christmas trees, both out-doors and through the windows? Each year except the war-draw war years, it seems a thousand the fixings and decorations are more beautiful, and new ideas come into reality.
The glory of Christmas morning to many happy youngsters. But how about those youngsters whom circumstances have prevented from enjoying even a stocking filled with anything?
It isn't too late even now for that some less fortunate child or older person, can look back to being a Merry Christmas. The Lions Dime Board is an excellent place to start and you will find the going easy from there on. Call on, Let's go!
It might be that he had enjoyed his Christmas spirit a little ahead of time, else he never would have walked up to a strange man on the street and

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD
FIRST WOMAN - If present plans do not go astray, Gov. Kerr Scott will break yet another precedent by having a woman as his private secretary.
Miss Myrtha Fleming, who for years taught school, Latin in 1900 please—is in line for this position which should pay in the neighborhood of \$5,000 per year.
Miss Fleming in 1936 tired of teaching pupils which at that time were exceedingly numerous in Raleigh's public school Northham Broughton and decided to take a business course. This she did, even though she was around 40 at that time, and in 1937 went with the new Agriculture Commissioner, W. Kerr Scott, as his secretary, official greeter, and general letter-writer.
From January, 1937, until Scott announced for Governor she stayed with him. A tremendous percentage of the letters she wrote for him were composed by her, written by her, and merely carried to Scott for his signature. If she has any faults at all, they are of a minor nature. She has always been exceedingly loyal to her boss. In fact, the only criticism he has ever had of her is that she is "too loyal." By this he meant that her own loyalty sometimes made her a little impatient and intolerant with those who were sometimes prone to be slightly critical of Kerr Scott in his outspoken moment, which frequently amounted to \$9 each hour in the day.
Miss Fleming is a spinster with a splinter's strength and weaknesses. She has given plenty of good education, fine training, and she knows Kerr Scott and his actions, his personality, and his philosophy. She does everything possible to protect him against schemers, plotters, and those who want to use him, even though a times to do so means embarrassing him to her. She looks after his affairs to such an extent that he refers to her in his whimsical way as "Mama."
Miss Fleming, going with Scott shortly after he announced to

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues:
ACROSS
1 Perforated ball
5 Hawk cages
9 Auricle of the ear
10 Belonging to the axis
12 Salad herb
14 Aftershock
15 Foot-like part
18 Fish
17 Yield
18 Begin
20 Fencing sword
23 Music note
24 Exclamation
27 Kind of cap
29 Strained vegetables
31 Obstacle
32 From
34 Herds of whales
35 Sofa
37 Narrow strip of wood
40 American Indian
41 Monkey
44 Melody
45 American poet
47 Five of trumpets (pitch)
49 Wiping cloth
50 Places
51 Male offspring
DOWN
1 A hop-wine
2 Concluder
3 Cuckoo-like bird
4 Kind of crane
5 Masurium (sym.)
6 Correct
7 Expressed juice of grapes
8 Snow vehicle
9 Vitality
11 Female sheep
13 A Dutch cheese
16 Discosan center
19 Tear
20 Subside
21 Size of coal
22 Wander
24 Constellation
25 Border of garment
26 Roman money
28 Also
30 Expression of disgust
33 Not empty
35 Map
36 Ducklike birds
37 Lick up
38 God of war
39 Rise and fall of oceans
41 Stretched
42 Malt beverages
43 Sick
46 Court
48 Bone

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist
due to the fact that most people are right-handed and draw, as they write, beginning at the left so that their hands won't hide the picture. But again, since it is natural to start a picture at the front of what you're drawing, a profile sketch, even of an animal, will usually face toward your left.
Should you confess misdeeds to your friends?
Answer: Only if they are directly involved and you'll clear up a misunderstanding. Telling a friend something about yourself which you are ashamed of just to "get it off your chest" is likely to do more harm than good. For one thing, however loyal he is, it may make him think less of you, and what's more, you are supplying him with ammunition which he may use if you quarrel. On the other side, he may encourage you to make excuses for yourself which will only confuse the issue. Pick a wise, impartial stranger for such confidences.
Do most profile drawings face the same way?
Answer: Yes, says a Swedish psychologist, Dr. E. Ostlyngen. An experiment he made with 253 students confirmed his impression that most people, when required to draw a profile, will face it toward their left. He believes this is

Is the fear of change neurotic?
Answer: Every baby fears change and is disturbed even by strange surroundings, and infantile characteristics are neurotic when continued into adult life. It is neurotic and childish to feel as the woman did who once said to me: "I hate all change, even if it's for the better." But to love change for its own sake also shows emotional disturbance, for someone who feels this way, change involves a promise of escaping problems which he is unwilling to face. Here, as in so many other cases, it's the happy medium that's normal.

In many places, species of rhubarb are cultivated as shrubs for their handsome foliage, instead of as food or medicine.