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Another Good Year

The Chamber of Commerce had an interesting financial report for last year. It showed that more was spent on activities than on salaries, which is often the case with many civic groups.

The organization raised \$6,678 for the year, and spent some \$2,000 on advertising, including the big sign at the Lake, and \$1,000 on the Cherokee historical association, in addition to sponsoring two community banquets, and assisting with the Tobacco Harvest Festival and similar projects.

The organization's program of last year was well within the scope of the money received and catered to the sources of income well in proportion to the contributions. For example, firms and individuals catering to visitors gave \$900, the industrial group gave \$1,200, the merchants about \$3,700, and farmers and others \$300.

While the organization did not operate entirely within its budget for 1948, many of the things for which money was spent can well be termed as permanent, or capital investment items. All in all, the year can be termed a success, under the direction of Wayne Corpening, the president.

Cap Pistols Still Dangerous

A bill has been introduced in the legislature which if passed would allow cap pistols to be used in North Carolina. Two years ago, a law was passed which prohibited the sale or manufacture of fireworks of any description in the state. Before that time, Haywood had been operating under a local law which prohibited fireworks.

While it is true that some fireworks are used in Haywood every Christmas, as well as around the Fourth of July, the quantity is not as much as it would be if the law were not in force.

Cap pistols appear harmless, yet they are a source of danger, both from fire, and children getting burned with powder contained in the small paper cap.

Perhaps we are still old-fashioned, but we are of the opinion that the world would be better off without toy pistols of any kind, and certainly do without forever the cap pistols.

Lake Expansion Program Underway

Some months ago, the board of trustees of the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly launched an expansion program, which included a number of major projects. The program is a long-range one, covering many years of growth. In fact, the expansion program is not much more than a master plan for development of the Lake for the next 25 years.

The group in charge of executing this program are making a close study of the needs for both the present and future, and are putting those things that need the most attention first. That is the reason work is already well underway on the construction of a sewer system on the Lake grounds, costing some \$50,000.

This sewer system will take the place of the septic tanks, and will divert all sewerage into the main line of the Waynesville-Hazelwood line, and empty into Pigeon river.

The fact that the new sewer line will be completed by April first, or at least by June, is a note of encouragement both here and to the thousands of visitors who enjoy the Lake during the summer. Now that the Lake will be cleansed, the management plans to inaugurate a varied water sports program on the 250-acre lake. This was not practical before this time.

It is also encouraging to note that the expansion program is actually underway, and not still in the "talking stage." The men behind the program seem determined to push through, and the sewer line is just one of many important steps at the Lake.

Another important phase of the new sewer line at the Lake, other than from a health and sanitation standpoint, is the fact that the Lake will provide new and unlimited recreational facilities for this wide area. This area can well use more water recreational facilities, and we look forward to a full development of the Lake Junaluska Assembly.

Increased Production Of Corn

In agricultural circles, Haywood is known for its quality of beef cattle, apples, burley, dairying, truck crops, and now comes another top-notch ranking crop—corn.

The Haywood Hundred Bushel Corn Club is not just an idle pastime name for a group of farmers. They really produce 100 or more bushels per acre. The membership of the club will be increased by many members for next year, and with a favorable break in the weather, there will be many more than 15 to exceed the 100 bushel mark.

In fact, some state specialists felt that Haywood would have gone near the 200-bushel per acre mark had not a storm hit some acreage at a crucial period, thus cutting production.

However, the fact remains, that 135 bushels were grown on one tract, and 127 and 126 bushels on others.

Haywood farmers have always been great believers in following proven practices with all crops, and now that the spotlight is being put on corn production, we expect to see some high yields for 1949 and the many years to follow.

A Needless, Destructive Pest

Today marks the beginning of the campaign on rats in Haywood. Similar campaigns in the past have meant the destruction of thousands of the rodents, and this year the results should be just as good.

Rats are wasteful, filthy, and useless. Only by a consistent, county-wide campaign can they be controlled. That means everyone must do their part in declaring war on the pests.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO: Survey shows June primary in Haywood will find many seeking office. Eleven names are mentioned for sheriff.
5 YEARS AGO: Dr. Mary Michal is named president of Haywood Medical Society at a recent meeting of the organization.
10 YEARS AGO: Awards are given at annual 4-H Club Achievement Day. Carrol Holland is named outstanding club boy in the county for 1938.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

"What do you think of Governor Scott's proposed highway program, asking for an election on a \$200,000,000 bond issue, to be financed by an additional one cent a gallon gasoline tax?"
John Rogers—"I am for the program, and hope the people vote it in."
Joe Palmer—"It sounds like a good plan to me, I think it is a good thing, I would like to see the program go through."

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON—"Our high schools don't make sense for 60 per cent of our kids. Of every 100 youngsters, 55 drop out of school, boredom and frustration are factors behind the drop-outs."
These are charges made by the Commission on Life Adjustment Education for Youth in a publication now being distributed to school administrators throughout the country. The publication—"High School—What's In It For Me?"—was prepared by the U. S. Office of Education and produced by the American Technical Society at Chicago.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do all boys aspire to be men when they grow up? Answer: Consciously, all normal boys do, or at least would be ashamed to admit that they don't, even to themselves. But the deeper and unconscious aspirations of children of either sex depend on which parent they regard as holding the superior position in the family—that is, which appears to them to have more authority and to get more fun out of life. If a boy is brought up in a home in which his mother is "boss," he will hesitate to assert his manhood, and unconsciously attempt to satisfy his ambitions by feminine techniques.

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and refusing to say what he has done to offend you than by any outright quarrel. Cruelty of this sort is characteristic of "meek" people, who are never outwardly aggressive but may harbor—and express in this way—more repressed hostility than if they flew into the most violent rages.
Can atabrine cause mental illness? Answer: Yes, writes Dr. Martin F. Griebler in the American Journal of Psychiatry. This new drug, used in place of quinine for treating malaria in the South Pacific, was responsible for 45 cases of "toxic psychosis" (insanity caused by poisoning) which he had a chance to study. However, the illness cleared up once the patient was given a different type of medicine, and no serious permanent results were noted. Atabrine is evidently one more of the newer drugs which must be used with caution because certain people are "allergic" to it.

W. T. Rainer—"We need better rural roads, and we ought to have them. The plan of Governor Scott in getting the people to decide on the matter is the right way to go about it, and I believe they will vote his plan in."
Albert J. McCracken—"Yes sir, I am for the plan, I like his ideas about helping the rural people, and since he is giving the taxpayers a chance to have a say so on the matter, I feel they will go strong for the plan."
Brack James—"I think Mr. Scott will make the best governor we have ever had, I am one hundred per cent for Mr. Scott, and one hundred per cent for his highway plan. His idea is to help we folks that are out in the mud, and I'm ready to pay the little penny tax on a gallon of gas to get out of the mud. I think it will be a good plan, and I'm for it and Mr. Scott all the way."
Will A. Medford—"I am for Governor Scott's highway plan. I like everything about it. The gas tax is a fair way to get the money to pay the bill."
TEST FLUNKED
MILWAUKEE (UP)—William Young pleaded not guilty to larceny in court. He offered a proposition. "You can give me a lie detector test," he told the judge. "If I don't pass, you can give me a year." He flunked the test and got six months in jail.



Rambling

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Of The Mountaineer Staff

On one of those few drizzly, gloomy days that have come our way two friends were prompted by the same kindly thought. Each brought in a bunch of early flowers as greetings from the first breath of spring. We put them in the window so they could be enjoyed both from within and without. Mrs. Rippetoe and Mrs. Gwyn, thank you so much for bringing Spring and ever-blooming friendship right to our doorstep.
That thud you heard was the dropping of a heavy weight off many a shoulder, and the gleeful click that accompanied it was the letter-box flap going back into place after the Income Tax return had been sent on its merry way.
What a bunch of procrastinators we are... apropos of sending in our Income Tax returns. We find so many excuses for postponing unpleasant tasks and the way we can rake abills out of the most unusual hidden places is a caution. We hide the proverb that says: "Never put until tomorrow that which can be done today", and in its place we hang the far more alluring one that reads: "There is always a time and

Capital Letter

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD
OFF THE CUFF... See where the Durham coppers pinched Coach Carl Snavely for speeding... They also got Coach Peahced Walker a few months ago... Prior to that, Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine got his come-uppance via the speeding law in Durham... Appropriately known as the bull city, Durham had better be careful... Remember when the late O. Max Gardner, while governor, was pinched for crashing a stop light in Hillsboro?... Now the main Durham-Burlington highway misses Hillsboro... Speaking of Snavely and speed, the report is that Carolina has scheduled a series of games with Notre Dame... Kerr Scott inherits virtually new Packard long as from here to front door... Gov. Cherry in four years put only 34,000 miles on it.

Taft Already Sighting Guns On '52 Nomination

Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—Senate GOP policy maker Robert Taft already is aiming his guns toward 1952.
The Ohio senator is doing so by facing the issue with President Truman's administration agrees. He has criticized Thomas E. Dewey's campaign had he received the nomination.
The Ohioan's first political bid ahead. On-the-spot observers ground with the public to retain when he comes up for reelection. Taft is gambling all by standing will rise or fall on the record—then in 1952.

NEW UN-AMERICAN ACT

There's a Senate move to let un-American activities probe likely to take the shape of a Senate disloyalty. Rather, the move is a proposal for a special joint committee in which the Senate would have a part, tried on almost exclusively by the House this far.
Senator John L. McClellan (D), Arkansas expenditures committee chairman, will control the former Ferguson investigating committee, supported on a resolution calling for a joint committee, he wants to sound out House sentiment before he continues. However, he doesn't want to have his committee take over the job. Thus, he looks toward a solution while removing the possibility with which the House group has had to contend.

UNIFORM AIR APPROACH METHOD

Recent touch and go "blind" landing at Washington touched off new congressional pressure on the feet and install a uniform instrument approach airports.
The problem of landing an airplane under zero conditions has been under study for 15 years. Departmental wrangling has retarded progress until no accepted system.
The Civil Aeronautics Administration has experimental landing system (ILS) with which the pilot guiding it down a "path" produced by radio on the ground. The armed services have plugged for ground-based (GCA) in which a radar-radio operator on the plane in a scope and tells the pilot what maneuvers effect a safe landing.
Actually, the systems complement each other, prevent their use by commercial planes if conditions 400-foot ceiling and one mile visibility. The pressure in on GCA with three-eighths of a mile visibility mandated by the Air Force which can set its own minimum emergency.

AN AUTO FOR NIKOLAI

For the rosiest possibilities in Russia one has only to consult the slick, not exactly unbiased—USSR Information Bulletin, Soviet embassy in Washington.
The current issue hits a new high, however, in glowing account of automobiles behind the Iron Curtain. The article reports, for instance, that Nikolai Vorobyev, a 35-year-old car barn mechanic with two children, was able to walk into a Moscow auto showroom and buy a new, Moskvich sedan, for pay.
Another worker, a miner named Sviridov, was a much higher priced Pobedas—no waiting list, no ing. Sviridov was quoted as saying the price made his savings, but added he would soon make it up, know, experienced miners are paid very well.
The Information Bulletin reports that Soviet auto output nearly twice as many cars during the third quarter during the same period of 1947. However, no Agri-