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Helping Others

This morning marks the beginning of the annual Red Cross drive in Haywood. The chairman of the Waynesville and Canton areas, Noble W. Garrett, Waynesville, and Norman Freel, of Canton, are two civic-minded leaders, who have named an efficient corps of workers for the task.

The Waynesville area has a quota of \$2,006, while Canton has a quota of \$4,392. Both quotas were assigned by national headquarters, and are based on needs, and several other determining factors.

The story of the Red Cross, and its work is known to every American; in fact, the Red Cross symbolizing in many ways the life of Americans, "helping others in time of need."

We have every confidence that Haywood citizens will respond readily to the call this year, and can be thankful that the quotas are far less in the days of peace than during the trying days of the past wars.

Seeing Things (?)

A national magazine carries on their page "Late In These United States" a story about the Great Smokies. The story reads: "Motoring through the Great Smokies, I stopped to look at a particularly colorful display of hooked rugs at a roadside cabin. A barefooted old woman in a faded cotton dress sat rocking on the porch, corned pipe in mouth.

"What kind of tobacco do you use, Gran'm?" I asked. "The old woman took the pipe from her mouth and smiled. "Truth is, son, I don't ever smoke. I'm just providin' local color."

The above was published as humor, and for the purpose of giving the reader a laugh. No doubt it did, especially to those familiar with this area.

Chances are that the reader of spreads was from some other section of the country, just in the business during the summer months, and not a mountaineer at all.

Further chances are that she wore slacks instead of a dress, and wore such modern sandals that she appeared barefooted, and no doubt the smoke from her cigarette might have looked as if she were smoking a pipe.

Now don't get us wrong. All the article in Readers Digest said might be every word so—we don't drink this mountain liquor, so we don't know just what you see after a few shots.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Is driving a car "a simple matter"?

Answer: I have been taken to task for saying so by several correspondents, including a former instructor of motorized field artillery now teaching in a military school. But I still think that at least avoiding accidents is largely a matter of ability to concentrate attention on a set of basically simple operations, and that inattention due to some sort of emotional disturbance like being unable to forget your troubles or stop looking out for pretty girls has caused more smash-ups than a below-average "IQ."



Are suicides insane?

Answer: As a rule, No. There are some types of insanity, especially acute depression, which may make a patient commit suicide if he is not carefully watched, but the great majority of men and women who kill themselves

are neurotics. They may be "unreasonably" angry, depressed, or discouraged but have not lost contact with reality to the extent of suffering from hallucinations such as the insane have. We call them neurotic because what they believe are the reasons for their wish to die are never the real ones.



Did World War II bring new psychiatric problems?

Answer: Not so far as fighting men were concerned, says Dr. Karl Bonhoeffer, a German psychiatrist who served in both wars. Neither war drove basically sane men insane and both wars produced the same types of battle neuroses. The only new psychiatric problems of World War II are those of civilians subjected to bombing attacks, and in concentration camps, to torture and starvation. But while this has had such results as a rise in drug addiction, the most striking lesson of both wars is how much a healthy human mind can endure.

A Dangerous Sport

Flying kites in and near power lines is a dangerous pastime. Not many boys who fly kites give the matter a passing thought, but as the local representative of Carolina Power & Light Company pointed out earlier this week, the practice is dangerous, because no power lines are insulated. A damp or wet kite cord coming in contact with high voltage wires has proven fatal to more than one person.

In an area such as we have here in Haywood, there are plenty of wide open spaces away from all lines to fly kites. Parents would do well to help their youngsters select such places, and stay a good distance from the power lines.

Parents And Schools

A highlands man was fined \$5, and costs of another \$5.75 for violation of the compulsory school attendance law. The man has five children. Some of the children only attended 42 days out of 180 school days.

The parent said he had taken his children to school and thought they attended.

We do not know the details in the above case, but venture to say this parent never attended a parent teachers meeting, or discussed his children with one of their teachers. Had he done either or both, he would have learned whether his children were staying away from school. Wonder if he ever questioned them about their work, or progress in certain books? We doubt if school was ever mentioned in the home.

Parents have a responsibility other than just getting their children to and from school. That is just only the beginning. The follow-through, with sincere interest is important.

"Seek And Fine"

"The Creator did not put all the beauty of the world in one place, but scattered it throughout the globe," thus spoke Angus Mitchell, of Australia, and president of Rotary International, as he addressed some 300 civic leaders in Asheville last week.

The Creator gave man the ability to make friends and enjoy friendship throughout the world," he continued.

There is much in both statements that perhaps we take for granted these days. We hurry through life without proper regard for beauty, and for friends. No matter where one lives, there is something of beauty nearby, and certainly, one does not have to go far to find friends, if he or she is first of all friendly themselves.

Too often, we learn too late in life that the most worth-while things are those things that are free right in our own backyard.

A Deserved Honor

Wayne Corpening deserves all the recognition given him when he was named "man of the year."

The honor could well date back several years, because he has worked hard on many civic matters, and promoted numerous worthwhile events throughout the years.

Interesting enough, the programs on which he has put the most time, have reflected in immediate profit for other people, and never resulted in any monetary gain for himself. It is seldom that you find people who carry on year after year on such a level.

This newspaper is happy that Mr. Corpening received the recognition. The Lions Club, sponsor of the award, made a wise choice, and have started a good movement.

The General Assembly has kept many a person from enjoying this mild winter.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



ONE CHOW MEIN! SIDE OF HOT CAKES! ONE FRIED CHICKEN. ONE T-BONE SMOTHERED WITH ONIONS...

WE CLOSE AT TWELVE

FIFTEEN MINUTES TO CLOSING--THE GRILL AND KITCHEN ALL CLEANED UP--THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME. THANK TO JACK FISHER, BROOKSIDE INN, CORTLAND, OHIO.

Looking Back Over The Years

10 YEARS AGO

Alexander's Drug Store is bought by T. C. Smith and Company of Asheville. Dr. J. C. Murphy is named active manager.

W. L. Massie, 92, one of three Confederate veterans in Haywood County, dies at his home on Short Street.

March 1 marks 50th anniversary of appearance of locomotive in Waynesville city limits.

Patsy and Ruth Burgin have joint birthday party.

Mrs. Adora Bayne goes to New York to visit her niece, Miss Jos-

ephine Holtzclaw, who is a student at the Finch School.

Bethel Dramatics Club was first place in county one-act play contest held at the Waynesville High School.

5 YEARS AGO
Red Cross Drive reaches half-way mark. Goal is \$6,100.

Fourth War Loan Bond Drive closes with Haywood \$268,000 over the quota.

Pfc. Walter L. Hyatt is honorably discharged from U. S. Marines.

Pet. George Wolf, Jr., arrives

at the Finch School.

Mrs. Bill Prevost and children leave for an extended visit to Florida.

Mrs. J. H. Howell, Sr., state president of work among the Indians, is attending the state conference of the North Carolina Society of the D.A.R.

Senior banquet is held at Waynesville High School, "South Sea Islands" theme is carried out.

American Legion Auxiliary has party for Senior Service Girl Scouts and the troop of Boy Scouts sponsored by the Legion Post.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Governor Scott wants the people to vote on a two hundred million dollar road bond issue. The Senate has cut the amount in half. Which figure do you feel the people would approve?

Bill Cobb: I believe they would approve the two hundred million dollar issue, as we certainly need the roads fixed, not only for our own use but for the out-of-town people to come in and not pass us up because of the condition of our roads.

Mrs. Grace Stamey: I think the people would approve the Senate's idea—\$100,000,000, as there are other needs which are even more pressing.

Howell Crawford: I think the Senate's cutting in half is still asking for an awful lot of money from the people.

Ernest Edwards: I feel the people would be in favor of Governor Scott's recommendation.

Mrs. Sam Queen: I feel they would approve the \$100,000,000 more than Governor Scott's recommendation.

Joe Cline: I think the people would approve the two hundred million dollar plan, as the rural people usually carry the vote and they are definitely interested in having better roads.

UNCLE ABE'S LETTER

11 State Street, West Asheville

Here I am, takes, back home safe, sound and satisfied. I'll 2 Appytites radiated, hearty and normal appetite—glory be!

An' thanks to Horned Joe, he handled my case, his fine, neat, mostly a-kolog, champagne with out any a this here consolation in an weldin' outfit and patch in'. Obediences after a good few wood say:

"Now, les walk 'round with Uncle Abe, an' ell a little exercise."

"I want to write a little—but best off my letter to the 'A' people, sez I one mornin'.

"No, this is the main part of the treatment," Joe replied: "I'll set your mind, eyes an' stomach off of food. Won't do for you to go in the house all the time an' eat, an' sleep, then into steen, eat an' sleep—eat, rite. That's why you got like you wuz." So we waz out in the deep forest, up the big trees, the catypines, an' deep cliffs, listen to the chirp an' call of the birds, an' sometime hear the cry of a mewlavin' the whoo-hoo of an owl an' the squall of a wildcat! An' with this, Joe sometimes give' ex-lamas here an' a little story there, makin' more interestin'.

Our Last Nite Together
Then, at nite he wuz praps relate some of his experiences in the Wilderness he has had here now nigh onto 40 yrs.; but I never did ax him any more personal questions. That fore, I don't have anything like a connected story of his life.

But the nite 'fore I let' he got more talkative—"We must never see each other again Uncle Abe"—"Don't say that, Doc Joe," I interrupted; "I'll come back here to see you sometime, sense you don't git out yourself hardly ever."

"Now, you must," sez he, "don't make it too long; an' maybe, I'll tell you more bout my early life—wuz back here I ever come here."

"Then he drap his head an' gazed into the far I waited, 5 minutes I press, fore he spoke: "I must go back soon," sez he, "back to whir I come from; it all depend on whether I'm able for the trip or not. I think ever'thing's elud up over that now."

Then he look up—"I'm not a natural born hermit, I believe Uncle Abe," sez he; "this life wuz fored on me — here or somewhars else—I had to leave an' look away somewhars."

"Well, this wuz a good place to look away in 40 yrs. ago," sez I. "Wuz better go I' bed," sez Joe, concludin' for the shovet to kivy for the fore. "I've ranged with Mr. Wain on to take you out early in the mornin'; he has to be at his work by 8 o'clock, so must come here for you first. We'll have a howe breakfast by 5:30 o'clock."

Announcements: To Mrs. J. P. Dicus, Joe S. Davis, Mrs. Ruth Kelly, Mrs. G. C. Clark and Grovino Mr. and Mrs. David Underwood, Mrs. Annie McCracken and Mrs. Ann J. McCracken and Tom Kirkpatrick of Finnes Creek; Mrs. Ralph Cartwright of Asheville, and Mrs. Georgia Green of way up in Salem, N. J. — all have writ in, phoned or otherwise. Thanky!

Uncle Abe,

Views Of Other Editors

SUNDAY NIGHT RADIO

Sunday night radio in the United States has become too nearly an equivalent of old-time Saturday night vaudeville. And the so-called is that a good many radios are silent on Sunday evenings.

A few programs do keep above the general level but they are so few that the Northern Baptist Convention recently called national attention to the dearth of musical and other cultural material offered by American radio systems on Sunday evenings. And shortly before that the Christian Century carried comment on the same subject, "It is a long time," says the Christian Century, "since one editorial paragraph has produced so many letters to the editor."

Well, for many of us Sunday is just a bit different from other days. It begins on a different note and pursues a quieter tone, and by evening many family circles are in a mood for conversation or other entertainment somewhat removed from the pressure of the assembly line and the rasp of the juke box. But down in radio row, apparently, Sunday night is just like any other, only more so.

Presumably, the broadcasting systems know what they think the public wants. So we hope it wasn't (Continued on page three)

NINETEEN FORTYNINERS



NEW ALL-TIME TAX HIGHS

PEAK SPENDING

THERE ARE BILLIONS (RIGHT HERE, PARTNER)

TAX PAYER

Rambling 'Ro

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up Of The Mountaineer Staff

An elderly lady deeply interested in politics, listened avidly to all the radio speeches of the several candidates in a recent election. After one aspirant had made a particularly long and exhaustive tirade on one of his opponents, the lady turned off the radio and remarked: "No one could listen to that 'poor' and not realize that he already knows he's licked."

A rainy Saturday is a disappointment to many of our visitors. They always anticipate a pleasant reunion with those they haven't seen in a week, and the Court house benches make an ideal meeting place.

We often wonder if the person who sits in an automobile and blatantly blows the horn, realizes what a nuisance he is making of himself. In the larger cities, it would only be a matter of minutes before the "blower" would find himself watching a policeman write out a ticket and the horn-blower would be hunting up three dollars.

We can understand now why men abhor carrying a feminine umbrella. We just saw a husky

Capital Letter

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

NO SURPLUS—People throughout the State are still talking about that "surplus in Raleigh." Put this down as a fact: There is no surplus last summer. The Advisory Budget Commission had on one hand this surplus and it dipped into the future and tried to guess what the State's income is going to be from July 1, 1949 through June 30, 1951. So taking the surplus and the expected income, it sat for several weeks and then laid down recommendations as to where the surplus and the expected income will be used. Thus, all the surplus and the expected income have been allocated.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Report Gov. Dewey Refusing To Become 'Another Bryan'

Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—Reliable sources report that Chairman Hugh Scott's disavowal of Gov. Dewey's possible candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination in 1952 came after consultation with Albany.

Scott, who held his chairmanship by a four-month effort to unseat him at the GOP Omaha meeting, received word that Dewey had accepted another William Jennings Bryan ticket three times and was to attempt Dewey, already voted GOP standard bearer, as said twice as a candidate is enough.

Thus Scott's hands were charged with leading the GOP committee with Dewey now, and he was not supporting the New York Republican "old guard" Robert A. Taft and Rep. Charles McNary of Ohio, looks with interest at Dewey's move for 1952.

Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols

AIR FORCE CUT—The move to a 48-group Air Force may permanently cripple the plane-building industry.

He is Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols, who with Hap Arnold and other pioneer prophets of air power brought might to the peak which crushed Germany and Japan.

Echols isn't arguing with President Truman's group Air Force is all that the country can afford, but simply states the condition of the plane-building industry.

"First, the war forced an abnormal expansion of the V-J Day, orders were cut to nothing. The skilled labor force and its subcontractors. They were gradually getting back their labor and subcontractors, because these people did not want to be out of peacetime work."

"Then, bang, another cutback. If this one goes, manufacturers will never be able to lay back the letting them go a second time."

ARCTIC WARFARE—Russia's "peace offensive" any ice with the Navy or Air Force.

The Communists may talk "peace" but the services are silently and expeditiously preparing plans to prepare for Arctic fighting.

Navy Seabees will move into the Arctic area and fabricate a base designed to provide summer degree-below-zero weather. The barracks is to be Barrow, Alaska, this winter.

The Air Force, meanwhile, will be conducting operations on radio-controlled bombs and V-1 type missiles to be used by the Germans against Britain.

PRICE OF EDUCATION—Senator Albert W. Harris has a strong argument for federal aid to education that in the past the well-to-do have paid in their own pockets. He explains: "Selective Service rejections in World War II were five out of 10 for the country as a whole. However, in areas where education facilities were good, seven men out of every 10 were accepted. Where education facilities were poor, only three out of 10 were accepted.

"Thus, the burden of service rested on certain areas because they neglected education, the wealthy paid times with the lives of their children." Thomas says that federal aid to education would be forwarded in attempts to "overcome this situation."