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A Gratifying Report

A modern, well-managed hospital is a distinct asset to any community. The average citizen spends little time in a hospital and gives but little thought to their existence until he needs the facilities.

While there is still some work to be done, the projects are well underway, and should be completed within a few weeks. One of the best things to be accomplished, is the establishment of an isolation ward, where patients with contagious diseases can be given medical care, and yet not expose other patients.

This substantial balance, of some \$8,000 will not go far, however, in making all improvements and replacing all the things that are needed in the hospital. However, it will help.

More Good Music Coming

This looks like a full week for music lovers of this community. On Thursday night the North Carolina Little Symphony will give their annual concert, after giving one for students at two o'clock.

Not Quite 100 Per Cent Devoted To Promotion Of Tourists

This newspaper was interested in the discussion of the high school students last week, as they gave their views on their weekly radio forum about the Chamber of Commerce.

Their position on civic matters was well expressed, as well as timely. It was interesting to note how each dwelt on the tourist angle of activity for the Chamber of Commerce.

In checking over a list of activities, and projects promoted last year, we found that far more attention was given to agriculture than to tourists.

The Chamber of Commerce has a big job to do, and we are of the opinion that the directors will remember the arguments of the students as the regular monthly meeting is held tonight.

We Drink More Milk Than We Produce

A note of encouragement to Haywood farmers who are seriously considering entering the Grade A dairying business, should be the report for the State Department of Agriculture that one fourth of the milk used in North Carolina is imported.

This imported milk cost \$5,500,000 last year, according to the official statement, as issued by C. W. Pegram, of the department.

It appears that North Carolina has learned to drink milk faster than to produce it. And that should be encouraging news for those entering the dairying field.

Climbing Towards The Top

The expansion program for 4-H Clubs in Haywood is good news to everyone, because that means more members, and more boys and girls will be taught better ways of homemaking and farming.

Haywood has always ranked high in the work of 4-H clubs, and with this expansion program, the erection of the summer camp here, and increased activities, should put this county at the top of the work in the entire state.

Construction Costs Dropping

The trend in building costs is steadily downward, according to the facts found by the Medical Care Commission of this state.

Two weeks ago bids for hospitals ran \$10,700 per bed for a 100-room hospital. This week bids for the same size hospital in Lenoir brought bids of an even \$10,000 per bed, including equipment.

Three weeks ago a Laurinburg hospital contract went for \$11,000 per bed. In three weeks, the downward trend reflects a difference of \$100,000 on similar buildings.

Mother Nature Has Last Word

Mother Nature is going to put on her own show when she pleases, and without regard for any man made plans. Down in Summerville, S. C., elaborate plans were made for a Camellia show for March 5 and 6.

They'll Do It Every Time

IN THE RING A COUPLE OF STUMBLEBUMS ARE PUTTING THE FANS TO SLEEP WITH A SLOW WALTZ



By Jimmy 'Halo'

BUT IN THE DRESSING ROOM, TWO RIVAL MANAGERS ARE MURDERING EACH OTHER OVER A BUSINESS DEAL



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
J. Harden Howell is appointed local postmaster.
Miss Stephanie Moore wins prize for second week's contest in The Mountaineer "Error Page".

10 YEARS AGO
Harry Evans finds horse shoe in the center of tree which was cut down next to Park Theatre.
Pet Dairy Company has plans for buying bulls for farmers.

5 YEARS AGO
\$5,823.55 is collected on \$6,100.00 Red Cross Fund Quota.
C. R. Eckhoff buys stock and fixtures of Western Auto Store from J. C. Galusha.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think motorists should have to stand an examination for their driver's license every five years?
Charles Metcalfe: Yes, I think it would be a good idea if they had to take them every year...

Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick: No, I should not think it would be necessary.
Fred Walston: I think it would be a good idea to do so. It would go a long way toward wiping out incompetent drivers...

Templeton Lecky: It seems as though every ten years would be all right, except after about sixty. Vision, hearing and alertness are apt to be impaired as the driver grows older.

M. T. Bridges: Definitely, yes. There is a tendency to change traffic laws which would affect the driver. Also any eye, ear or muscular deficiency might develop that would have its effect on the driver's ability to handle the car.

Charles F. Miller: No, I do not think it necessary. In my opinion the change should be made in the age limit, and not allow drivers of fifteen, sixteen, etc., to handle a car.

Mrs. Johnny Ferguson: There should be some sort of a system for renewal, but not necessarily an examination.

Paul Davis: There should be some sort of a supervisory examination. I do not think the laws at present are adequate.

Letters To Editor

SYMPATHY EXTENDED
Editor The Mountaineer: The members of the North Carolina Laymen's Association of St. John's parish wish to extend to their Protestant neighbors their sympathy over the trial and conviction of the 15 Protestant ministers in Bulgaria.

UNCLE ABE'S LETTER

Young Ginerashun Kaint Spell

Views Of Other Editors
SIGNS OF THE TIMES
The magazine section of the New York Times recently reported on a number of signs gathered here and there over the country.

Friendly Dead Fatal
SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A house painter died after trying to do a friend a good turn. Harry Johnson was shaving when his next door neighbor came to the door and told him he was locked out of his room.

After Us The Deluge!
MENACE OF BIG GOVERNMENT
MORE LAWS
MORE TAXES
BUREAUCRACY
REGULATION

Rambling 'Round

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

We are a queer race of people. Why is it that we take a fiendish pleasure in drawing attention to errors, yet we will let creditable acts pass unmentioned? Day after day, a citizen leads an exemplary life...

Tom Lee's little Scottie is such a friendly little fellow, but it was a bit of a shock the other night to have him loom up out of the darkness and press a cold nose against our hand as we went out to get a soft drink at the station.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

STILL SHORT—About a year ago now, armed only with words of courage and \$2,500 in refund from his income tax, Kerr Scott set out to become Governor of North Carolina.

WASHINGT—Many military leaders in Washington they are unable to understand the do-nothing which they insist is hamstringing the Armed Services.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

See Do-Nothing Psychology Hamstringing Armed Forces
Navy May Lose In Settling



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

As this column reported many weeks ago, the Ike was slated to be tapped as peacemaker between wrangling Air Force and Navy. Eisenhower's recent appointment as military secretary to President Truman and adviser to Defense Secretary James Forrester came as the result of long planning between the two services.

RENT CONTROLS—There seems to be little doubt that controls will be extended. The question right now is whether the administration has urged a two-year extension to March 31, 1951, with more authority vested in the director to prosecute violations of rent ceilings.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is there any way to reassure a jealous husband?
Answer: Not if he's neurotically jealous, for in that case the real cause of his suspicions lies not deep in his unconscious mind but in your own mind.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

miles from salt water seemed to show they finally found their way to the ocean by trial and error, not by "instinct." The experimenters say there's no proof that birds possess a "sense of direction" or are sensitive to the "magnetic field" of the earth.

Should children be trained to sleep alone?

Answer: Not too early—during the first year or more of life a baby should at least feel that his mother is always within call. But an older child should have a room of his own if it can be managed.