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The "Forgotten State"

We feel that North Carolina would be justified in spending every cent asked for an education, if it would get just one thing cleared up for once and all time.

Too many people in and about Raleigh, including too many state officials, think the western state line is the French Broad River. Little do they think—or remember—that the North Carolina line is some 125 miles west of the French Broad.

The Raleigh News and Observer in discussing the appointment of a successor to the late Senator Broughton, said in typical Raleigh lingo: "Somewhere east of Asheville a future U. S. Senator..."

The 1940 census shows a population of 136,104 in the counties west of Buncombe, and west of the French Broad. In 1946, more than 41,270 votes were cast in the Congressional race in these counties—Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay, Graham, Cherokee and Transylvania.

We have not included any of Henderson or Buncombe, although a large part of both counties are west of the French Broad.

The officials in Raleigh always make it a point during election time to well remember that there are upward towards 50,000 votes in this "forgotten State" west of the French Broad.

Yes, we feel the money that is being asked for the education fund will prove a good investment, in that those now in school may not continue to make the error their parents are making, in knowing the boundaries of their own state.

Goodbye Stray Dogs

It looks like the days are numbered for stray dogs, and their owners face a stiff fine, according to a warning from the police department.

The records show that more complaints come into the department about stray dogs than any other one thing. There is an ordinance that points out that stray dogs must be disposed by officers, if the owners fail to keep them up.

This is not an idle warning on the part of the police—they mean business, and the business they mean is to clear the streets of stray dogs by using bullets, if necessary.

Designed For Better Living

From now until noon Saturday, the third annual appliance show will be in progress at the Armory.

This year promises to bring on display, the latest in the appliance field, together with programs from specialists who know how to make for better living with the modern inventions of man.

For the past two years the show has featured water systems for rural farm-families. Hundreds of rural homes now enjoy the advantages of water. Others will be installed this spring.

Now that REA lines run into almost every nook and corner of the county, there are but few families who are deprived of the advantages of electricity. The full use of electricity, of course, is not realized until the home has an ample number of appliances.

All indications are that a large crowd will be on hand to see the latest development in the electrical field, and one fine feature of the show, there's no charge for looking.

Elbow-Grease Where It's Needed

The Waynesville Jaycees have undertaken a project that has long been needed in this community—that of cleaning up and reviving the City Park on East Street.

At one time, there was a lot of civic interest shown in the park, and it had great possibilities. The park was built as a WPA project, with assistance from the Town of Waynesville, Chamber of Commerce, and if memory serves us right, the Rotary Club built the wading pool.

The Jaycees are spending their Wednesday afternoons working on the park, and plan to make it an ideal place for picnics as well as recreation. Among the projects is the resurfacing of the tennis courts, which are sorely needed in the community.

We like the manner in which the Jaycees have gone about this project—they rolled up their sleeves and went to work, instead of doing a lot of talk, and telling others what to do. Their actions have proven their sincere interest in the project, and their determination will see it through.

The organization has started a good project, and no doubt, will see it through to completion, and then we hope, they will see that it is kept up and maintained.

"Uncertain Times"—Bosh

When a speaker starts out a talk by calling our attention to the "uncertain times" right then and there we lose all interest in what he has to say.

Can any speaker point to any era in this world's history that was not "uncertain"? Life itself is uncertain.

It is uncertain just how long this world will continue to revolve around the sun.

Of course, we know the average speaker is trying to impress his listeners with the fact that the future is a mystery. Certainly it is—even today is a mystery.

Oh yes, we are concerned about the future, but why hang crepe on something until we are positive it needs the funeral shroud?

These speakers that dwell on these "uncertain times" could much better afford to instill in their listeners the importance of learning to enjoy living today, and get the most out of life, and then no matter what the morrow brings, one will be better prepared to take the joys or sadness as it comes.

Sure, these are "uncertain times", but what are you going to do about it? Your worry won't help. And doctors are too busy to treat any more ulcerated stomachs.



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Haywood County is made part of the Sanitary Health District which the United States Public Health Service is setting up in Western North Carolina.

Waynesville Chamber of Commerce and the Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce merge to establish one organization.

Among those enjoying a stay in St. Petersburg, Fla., are Miss Effie Chambers, Mrs. G. D. Green, and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Head.

Mrs. Emmett Valentine honors mother, Mrs. T. L. Green with handkerchief shower.

10 YEARS AGO

Rabies reporters are appointed in every township in the County to avoid the serious situation of last year.

W. L. Hardin, secretary to Congressman Zebulon Weaver, named head of congressional leaders.

Mrs. J. C. Galusha leaves for two weeks' visit to West Palm Beach.

Ruth Rogers of Clyde is named chairman of the rules committee for Sports Day at Woman's Club here.

5 YEARS AGO

Tom Alexander assumes duties in Washington as consultant on prices of pulpwood.

L. J. Porter Frady spends 10-day leave at home.

Trague Williams and his brother, Robert Williams, meet aboard ship during a battle in the South Pacific.

The building formerly occupied by the Green Tree Tea Room is being torn down.

L. Sam McElroy receives commission as second lieutenant and pilot wings at Seymour, Indiana.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Would you prefer the inauguration of the Community Chest plan here, or the continuance of individual drives for worthy causes?

A. P. Ledbetter: "There are so many causes that cannot be included in a Community Chest, I don't think it would work. If the Community Chest could take care of all causes, it would be fine."

Dick Barber: "I prefer the Chest Plan. It would save a lot of work and a duplication of effort in seeking funds for a number of local benevolent purposes. Of course, we would still have the national drives, but the local drives could be cut to one."

Mrs. Ethel Hayes Fisher: "I definitely would like to see the Community Chest. It would eliminate so many drives and so much begging from the same people. I'm sure as much of our money would be given to people who they wouldn't be asked again for local drives."

Mrs. Virgil Smith: "I would approve of the Chest plan if it did not conflict with the national drives for Red Cross and Pops. There are too many drives coming too close together."

Mrs. Billiard Atkins: "I think the Community Chest plan would be a relief if it would eliminate so many drives."

J. E. Massie: "I don't believe in a small place like this the Chest plan would work. We would still have to carry on the National drives and I don't believe we would get as much money in any one drive for the local charities."

UNCLE ABE'S LETTER

HAS ANOTHER DREAM

"Hit was last night I dream I was in a Revere's Meeting and Tom Medford said on his zither harp an' sang 'Haven O' Res' an' all folks, we all got happy. An' that good of him kept a-ringing in my ears on it I think I must be a-havin' another fall."

So, while my brockin' was a-sittin', I mused and it to Mrs. Mc, told 'er I sorta think I had another call to go preach.

"No, I don't think so," sez she, "Why not? Last relat' to my dream."

"Well, in the last place," she sez, in a sober tone, "I think you'd better get back on your feet, an' in the 2nd place, you'd better keep up your zither for Mr. Bue's Cafe, an' you'd better write my white-headed lubber an' share with."

"Glor' be!" sez I, dreamin' me of hid to the sea, an' jumpin' up an' down so the cat not see me, an' sez, "That's the way to go."

DESIDES TO WRITE

No, I'm not a-savin' back to preachin' Mr. Editor, neither 'on the stump' nor on the radio. Caze, in the first place, I can talk to 20 thousand people than you kolyums, an' then in the 2nd place, if any of 'em ever gets up an' turns his broadside to me an' waxes out, i. e., 'Ingeritive' speakin', I don't know em'neither 'bout it—no, sir, I don't."

Opinions of Other Editors

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR S. C. CLAPP

With the admiration, affection and respect of the farm people of Western North Carolina and of the State, Professor S. C. Clapp retired on March 1, 1949.

His life has been a service of inestimable value to the farm people of this state and to the cause of agriculture.

Letters To Editor

BUT THESE ARE HONORABLE MEN!

Editor The Mountaineer: If I understand the purport of Senator Byrd's letter in your issue of March 8, he means to instruct the voters of North Carolina on how their representatives in Congress should be instructed to vote.

Senator Byrd it seems is all for economy in matters pertaining to social welfare. That I suppose goes for education too—the kind of economy that has put Virginia schools next to the bottom on the national list. I note that Senator Byrd did not hesitate to vote for the 70-group air force in the 80th Congress, an economy under which it was proposed to shovel specie from the National Treasury into freight cars for the benefit of six super-colossal airplane factories.

Senator Byrd, however, is consistent; throughout the course of his long public career he has always been against everything in the interest of the plain people, and for anything that would bene-

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Rambling 'Round

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

She had two attributes that make her the most popular woman in her set. She was a good listener, and she was a good conversation-start-er. All she had to do was to tell or start something about herself...

Upon returning from a three-weeks visit to Florida, a lady opened up her reserve pantry and was a bit embarrassed to find that mice had emptied a new box of dry cereal, a box of pancake flour, two boxes of crackers and a box of rice. Only the vacated boxes with a left-tale hole in the corners were left.

The man waited patiently until the watering wagon had passed, then made his way across the street only to have a heavy truck come suddenly around a corner and hit the only puddle that could possibly splash on the gentleman's trousers... which is what happened.

Perhaps we are a bit old-fashion-

AGAINST 100% more money than she made in a year against U. S. Senator of North Carolina...

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Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

NEW MAN Governor Kerr Scott was having the time of his life last week. Just when things were looking darkest, he became again North Carolina's most powerful political figure.

The reason for the about-face was clear. The Governor, and only the Governor, had the power to name a new U. S. Senator to succeed the late J. M. Broughton. He could name whom he chose...

Although the term would run only until next year, the man who received the nod would have his foot in the door as a candidate for the next full term.

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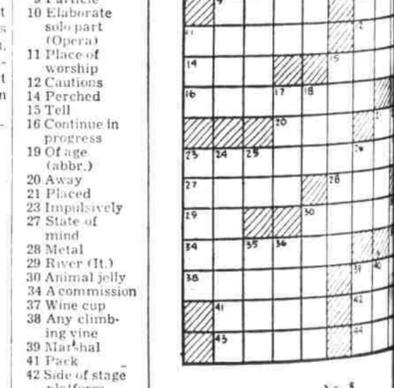
CANDIDATE IN 1950 — One thing is sure, however, William B. Waxnick, the man who was edged out by Broughton is now a can-

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Horizontal
1 Lint
5 One of two equal parts
9 Particle
10 Elaborate solo-part (Opera)



- 15 Denied
17 Girl at a co-educational school
18 Lizard
21 The moon-goddess (Rom. Relig.)
22 Roman pound
23 Urge forward
24 Pertaining to the Moors
25 Petty officer (abbr.)
26 Lubricate
30 Chews

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can a wife try too hard to please?

Answer: Yes, not only for her own good, but eventually for her husband's, much as he may enjoy being treated as if his least wish were her law.

Do school "awards" make good citizens?
Answer: They have little effect, one way or the other, judging by a study of the later history of high school students in Ames, Iowa, reported in the Journal of Experimental Education. For years it has been the practice of this school to

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Can you volunteer to help the mentally ill?

Answer: Yes, though so far the only specific opportunity is with patients in the Veterans Administration Hospitals. I am told that in each Area Office of the American Red Cross, arrangements have been made to enroll and train applicants for Voluntary Service in Federal Hospitals, and there surely is no group of people to whom your interest and help will mean more than the too often forgotten mental casualties of two World Wars.

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