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Zeroes Are Pesky Things

Anyone handling figures realizes that a little zero can often cause a lot of trouble.

In two recent editorials, we seem to have had "zeritis."

In trying to compare acreage for growing food crops to the size of Lake Junaluska, we dropped a zero and said ten instead of one hundred. A lot of difference, and an error we discovered "too late."

In another editorial about the Allens Creek church we mentioned their contribution for the year to the Baptist Hospital. We said \$1,000, when actually the gift was not that much. However, in fairness to ourselves, we took the figure from a printed report furnished us, but also learned "too late" the report was in error.

The Allens Creek folks are generous in their gifts, but did not want the world to get the wrong impression.

Yes, those little round figures can make a lot of difference, and they are so small when being handled that they are easy to drop, or cling together. However, we are sorry for all the extras that get in, or for all we fail to get in.

Pajamas And Politics

We wouldn't have believed it if the United States Department of Agriculture hadn't told us. We are talking about the conclusion from a recent poll that only about half the men in the country wear pajamas.

Civilization, where are thy fruits? However, we are not going to let this grave deficiency pass without questioning the polling methods of the Department. Only 2,200 men were questioned and they were supposed to represent a true cross-section of 55,000,000 men over 16.

We wouldn't put it above the night-shirt crowd to run in some votes against the pajama continent, if they had heard about the poll.

Anyway, we were thinking pollsters were a little more careful with their job since last November.

Of course, maybe they are only more careful, when it comes to political candidates. And the only relation between pajamas and politics is that both cover the subject.—The Shelby Daily Star.

Unity And Progress

The entire county is interested in the news that the First Baptist church has climaxed their expansion program by purchasing the Main Street lot adjoining their property for a modern and large auditorium.

It seems fitting that such a decision, and announcement was made during Holy Week, and just prior to Easter.

The expansion program of the church was launched several years ago. Nothing definite at the time was decided upon. The plan back then was to start getting money for the program, and make necessary decisions as to how, what, and where at the proper time. That decision has now been made.

The exact details of the modern auditorium are to be worked out by officials of the church and an architect. The church in conference, voting unanimously for the entire program, and stipulated that the auditorium seat about 600.

The church is solidly behind the program. The fact that there was not a dissenting vote on any of the final propositions presented to the church, within itself assures success.

A number of proposals were considered for expanding the facilities of the church. A remodeling program was studied at length. One major problem which confronted the Baptists in remodeling was finding suitable quarters for carrying on the work during the construction period. Under the present plan, the erection of the auditorium will not in any ways interfere with the church work. Buildings now in use will not be bothered until the new unit is finished.

The First Baptist church has grown steadily, and at times, it might have appeared to have been too slowly to please some, but perhaps that is over-shadowed by the unity that exists, and the definite goal for which all the 801 members are striving.

The Big Chicken Farm—and Preachers

Hilliard D. Moody is convinced that the future of the poultry industry is staple.

After experimenting with chickens for several years, Mr. Moody is now going into the business in a big way. In fact, he is completing a project which will take care of 40,000 chickens at one time. Such a project takes experience, faith and money.

We have every reason to believe that Mr. Moody will succeed. Certainly he will if location has anything to do with the chicken business—his gigantic plant is just a stone's throw from the entrance to Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly, and is there any group that can eat more chicken than Methodist preachers?

It looks like Mr. Moody knows his chickens—and his Methodist preachers.

A Tourist Getter

The State News department did themselves proud when they produced the pictorial map of Western North Carolina.

The colorful map, which was made available to the Chambers of Commerce in the area at cost, is different from the old stereotype map. The map is interesting, informative, and tells at a glance just what the traveler wants to know.

For more vivid details, the entire back of the large sheet is devoted to a word picture of places to see, and the best routes to take for getting there.

This piece of information will be valuable to all the state this season and the seasons to come. It is one of those things you just can't put down until you have finished reading every word.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Board of directors of the Building and Loan Association decide to resume making conservative loans.

Norman Platt of Bethel is winner of district declamation contest sponsored by the Building and Loan Association of the state.

Members of the graduating class of the Waynesville High School are entertained at annual party given by Alexander's Drug Store.

Doris Grahl has birthday party.

10 YEARS AGO
Dixie Rose, owned by T. G. Boyd, wins in puppy class in the Tryon Hound Show.

E. C. Wagenfeld is re-elected

president of the Industrial Baseball League.

Lena Wyatt wins reading contest sponsored by the Woman's Club for girls in the Waynesville High School.

Leo Buckner, Jr. of the USS Yorktown, here on a visit to his parents, is called back to his ship on account of the European situation.

President Roosevelt sends message to Chancellor Hitler for a ten year peace term.

5 YEARS AGO
Haywood cattle average \$375 a head at Statesville sale.

Glenn C. Palmer, R. E. Sentelle,

and S. L. Sanderson are in the race for nomination as representative for Haywood County.

N. W. Garrett is elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Extra canning sugar will be made available to those who apply to ration board.

Mrs. W. R. Arrington has five sons in the service.

Expansion at Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company creates more than 150 essential war jobs.

Mrs. Charles Quinlan and Miss Alice Quinlan return from a visit to the former's daughter, Miss Mary Quinlan, in Alexandria, La.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you favor giving university scholarships openly to deserving students for athletic ability as students now are awarded scholarships for academic ability?

Charles Isley: "Yes. Why not go ahead and let it be known, since athletic scholarships are being given anyway."

"For anything a kid is outstanding in music, for instance, go ahead and give him a scholarship."

James Howell, Jr.: "Within reason, yes. Many good boys never would have gotten a college education without athletic scholarships."

"The holders of such scholarships should be required to maintain high standards in their class work. In other words, the emphasis should be kept on the scholarship side of the college education."

Bryan Medford: "I do. A smart boy with good athletic ability ought to be able to get a scholarship for it just as another boy would get a scholarship for being excellent in mathematics or biology."

Dr. James Louis Cobb: "The good athletes always have been getting scholarships quietly, and I've always felt they shouldn't be hidden. Where one boy gets a scholarship for some special academic talent, another ought to get it for his exceptional athletic ability. Athletic scholarships should be given to deserving students, and they should be given openly, instead of on the Q. T. as they are now."

The Rev. I. G. Elliott: "Yes—provided that the boys have high scholastic standings, are hand-picked and screened. But I am not in favor of awarding athletic scholarships promiscuously on the basis of athletic ability and brawn alone, as has been done."

UNCLE ABE'S LETTER

Milk Draps In Price

Mr. Editor, I notice in your paper few days ago that milk had drapt, 'course, you spell it "drop", but in my Dictionary it's spelt rite. Well, I just wanted to say that, in my 'pinion, that's 1 of the most significant draps in history.

Fust, wimmen's dresses drapt—almost to their ankles, I didn't like that drap; then go, drapt a little, nex' wearin' things an' dry goods a wee bit; an' now they say the market on yoyos an' bubble gum is apt to drap soon—that will also be an important drap.

But, if milk has drapt jist a drap, I do say aig-in an' aig-in without fear of successful contra-dick-shun' that it is 1 of the most important little draps in history. An' why? Well, if we can jist hold it at this little drap, maybe we air safe; but if milk draps mitch the farmers will begin to drap themselves, shore as you're born!

That'll be cases of farmers a-drappin' with hart-disease all 'round us—an' that woud be a case o' killin' the goose what laid the gold aig, yes sir-ee!

So, put out the word, Mr. Editor, sump'n like this—

MILK MUS' NOT DRAP A-NUTHER DRAP!

ERENLY BUCKIN'
Well foke, Uncle Abe went aroun' little bit last week in the kuntry, thru parts o' Waynesville. Arn Duff, Crabtree an' Fines Creek, an' I jist want to say, I never seeed so mitch prograss in all my life. Hits ever-whirs—farmers, dairymen, murchants, mekaniicks, laborers—an' from the 3 or 4 hobses an' bums I saw, they seem to be prosperin', too. That jist seems to be a sperit o' frendly buckin' competition all thru the kuntry, 'specially 'mong the farmers; some wantin'

to push ahead or be fust, others tryin' like the dickens to keep up—an' all a-lookin' han's an' sayin', "Let's go!" Ye-ah.

Arn Duff citizens say they're already fust in 3 or 4 ways 'mongst the townships—less povrest, less crime, more home-owners, fust in payin' up taxes, fust to git this an' that to git that. An' now Virge Davis sez they're a-goin' to try to lead in the dairym' industry; I told some o' them that wuz a purty big try. Ennyway, Earl Forgason sez thars no queshun 'bout Arn Duff bein' fust in magistrates.

I wuz jist a-think' Mr. Editor, "What's the cause o' all this prograss?" Course, back an' underneath all is Franklin D. an' the Tennessee; howsumever thars oth'er small local leaders, so to speak, like Wayne Corpin' an' other good county agets, before him, also many individual farmers, dairymen, an' stock men thruout the county to give credit.

An' Mary Margaret Smith should come in for a share, an' some o' our Ap. teachers. Also, in this connection, we mus' mention Jonathan Woody an' the Fust Nat'l. (that's a Fust!), an' the Waynesville M'neer—yes, sig-ee!

An' now—glory be!

PRETTY UP THOSE WINDOWS
You can give distinction to a room which has a pair of short windows side-by-side by hanging a sheer ceiling-to-floor curtain draped in soft folds extending six to eight inches past window casings on either side. The ceiling-high curtain valance should extend across that side of the room. Hang a pair of plain fabric draperies to cover the entire wall on each side of the window.

ENDURANCE TEST



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Letters To Editor

OUR FIGURE WAS WRONG

Editor The Mountaineer:
On your editorial page of Monday under "2 1/2 Acres For Just You," an error in arithmetic occurred. You say, "Take a plot of ground the size of Lake Junaluska—a 250 acre area. On such an area, only enough food for ten people could be grown for a 12-month period." I believe this figure should have been one hundred instead of ten.

I believe that you have worded it a little differently than the agricultural experts intended it. You say, "According to agricultural experts, it takes 2 1/2 acres of land to supply each person with food for a year." I believe that should have read "We're using 2 1/2 acres of land to supply each person for a year." Our agricultural experts are striving to make our land pro-

Rambling

—Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up—
—Of The Mountaineer Staff.

He looked his astonishment. "Do you mean to say," he asked, "that yesterday was Easter?"
When assured that it was, he laughed. "Well, my niece has two half grown chickens by now. I gave them to her a week ago, thinking it was Easter then."

No weapon in war is as dangerous as an automobile with a drunken driver at the wheel.

The tragedy of the little girl who fell into an abandoned well, taught us that the world forgets all differences in the face of disaster. The whole country's heart beat in unison and prayer.

A lady who enjoys a joke on herself, was telling us of an inquisitive little boy visitor. "How old are you?" was one of his questions. The lady laughingly replied, "Oh, I'm twenty . . . and then some." He looked his utter disgust and expressed it in unmistakable terms: "Gosh! You're a heap older than that!"

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

NOTES — Those highway employees who have been whispering opposition to the road bond issue are in for a rude awakening . . . This may smack rather soundly of politics, but the hint comes straight from the Governor's office . . . It now looks as if the Legislature is finally going to let the people vote on the road and school bond issues (totaling a quarter-billion dollars) . . . If the folks turn down these proposals, Dr. Frank Graham will have opposition next year . . . Get it? . . . Although only two or three papers took note of it, the most newsworthy incident at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner here was the tremendous applause given William B. Umstead when he was introduced. It lasted for about five minutes . . . Only FDR has done better in this State, reports say.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is life easier for "gifted" children?

Answer: No, it's likely to be harder, says an article in Understanding the Child. Either high intelligence or special talent hampers a child's learning to get on with others of his own age — all the more since children resent "difference" even more than adults do. Then again, the "gifted" child is likely to be bored with books and lessons which he finds too easy to be stimulating. Parents of such a child should take special care to cultivate his social interests, as well as to see that he has tasks which he feels are worth doing.



Can emotional disturbance cause "hives"?

Answer: Yes, though they may also come from being poisoned by some substance to which you are allergic. Like most skin disorders, "hives" or urticaria are brought on by irregularities in the blood supply to the skin, and the nerves by which this supply is controlled.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

may be affected by your moods and feelings. A woman I once knew said that she developed hives whenever she surrendered to an attack of self-pity, and two eminent psychiatrists have stated that the condition frequently is caused by "states of intense, and frustrated longing."



Does an object that's "something to you" seem larger?

Answer: Yes, report Harvard psychologists in the Journal of Experimental Psychology. And whether what they mean is pleasant or unpleasant is comparatively unimportant. Students were required to estimate the size of three equal disks, one bearing a "positive" symbol (the dollar sign), another a "neutral" one (a geometric figure), and the third a "negative" one (the swastika). Regularly, "dollar" disks were judged largest, swastika disks next, and neutral disks smallest. Things about which you feel strongly seem bigger, and more important.

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COULD YOUR WIFE RAISE CASH

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