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### Uncalled For Destruction

The destruction of the community signs in Iron Duff last week-end was discouraging news.

The civic leaders of the 100-family community had erected the signs on Saturday morning, and sometime that night, the signs were wrecked. The wrecking was the result of just downright, uncontrollable meanness. The same spirit that prompted the erection of the signs swung into action, and within 24 hours, the wrecked signs had been restored.

The uncalled for destruction of the signs is a direct slap at progress and cooperation, because it was both of these that prompted the forward looking citizens to start the movement to improve their section of the county.

We hope for two things—  
First, that the incident in Iron Duff will not in any way curb intentions of other communities for erecting suitable signs and markers throughout their community.  
Second, that the guilty party or parties are swiftly brought to court, and made to pay dearly for their cowardly actions.

### The People Will Decide

Governor Scott has officially set Saturday, June 4, as the date for the election on the highway bond issue.

Governor Scott wants the people of North Carolina to vote their approval for issuing \$200,000,000 in bonds, with which to finance an expensive as well as expensive road building program. Paramount in the program is the surfacing of some 12,000 miles of rural roads.

Part of the financing of the program would come from the addition of one cent a gallon tax on gasoline, to begin January, 1950.

Incorporated in the bill, is the provision that Haywood county would get \$1,892,000 of the total amount voted. This sum, it is estimated, would surface the majority of the rural roads of the county.

The approaching election will be hard fought in many sections of the state. Many people feel that it is too much money to authorize at one time, while others point out that now is the time to start the program and get the farmers out of the mud.

The matter is being taken directly to the people, and on June 4 the voters of North Carolina will decide the issue.

### MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do we live up—or down—to our reputations?  
Answer: On the whole, yes. Each person tends to behave in accordance with his "ego picture"—his idea of the sort of person he is. And since our ideas of ourselves are inevitably influenced by what we imagine other people think about us, anyone who feels he is admired and trusted will be likely to behave well, while a person who feels nobody has much use for him will be apt to say: "Why bother trying to be decent?" When husbands and wives "beattle" one another, each helps to the other into what he or she is accused of being.

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### Nothing Sensational

Many evangelistic ministers depend upon sensational subjects and performances in the pulpit to attract crowds, and to get desired response.

Dr. Sankey Lee Blanton, dean of religion of Wake Forest College, in opening a series of sermons in the revival meeting of the First Baptist church here, denounced such practices. He explained to his audience: "I am going to tell you just what you have been hearing all your life—the same, yet old, but always beautiful and inspiring story of Christ."

He also said: "I am not going to ask you to do anything that you do not already know you should do."

Such frankness demands respect and admiration.

Perhaps the attendance will not be as large as if the speaker injected a few vaudeville acts, and raised the roof once in a while, but the dignity of the church will be respected more, and the effects will live longer.

### More Chickens In Haywood

It is encouraging to note that the poultry industry in Haywood is growing by leaps and bounds.

Only a few months ago when the program was started here it was felt the poultry field could be easily and profitably developed in this county.

The records now prove that this is true, as some 300,000 broilers are in the poultry houses of the county, and more facilities are being constructed for further expansion of the industry.

Since the arrival of frozen food facilities, there is not the market fluctuation as in the past. Birds can be dressed and frozen when they reach the proper size, and regardless of the current market demand, the product can be frozen for later sale. This change in the industry has stabilized the price, and taken the hazard out of getting on the market with a large flock during a low ebb in price.

Many birds dressed this month may not appear on the dinner table until late next fall.

The poultry industry in Haywood fits in well with the general over-all farm program as now in the process of development. There are many small farms which cannot support a dairy, or even a large herd of beef cattle, but is well suited to take care of a large flock of chickens.

It looks like another big factor in our economic life is being developed more fully each day.

### Little Cost—Big Benefit

There are two places in this community where the highway department could help the traveling public by inexpensive signs.

On Highway No. 284, at the intersection of Love Lane, there is not a sign of any type, and many motorists by instinct start up the hill, only to learn later they are off the highway.

At another spot, at the head of Pigeon Street, also Highway No. 276, there is a sign pointing towards Sviva as "The Smoky Mountains." When motorists look down the street they see the large sign all across the street pointing in the opposite direction. The directions should at least be consistent.

These are little matters to those of us who live here and do not have to rely on signs to make our way around, but to the hundreds of motorists coming here for the first time, the situations are confusing, annoying and aggravating.

The expense would be very small, while the convenience to the travelers would be great.

### They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo

### Looking Back Over The Years

**15 YEARS AGO**  
Longest deed ever recorded in Haywood County is being recorded this week. The deed is for two tracts to the state of North Carolina for the Park.

Miss Edith Long and Bobby Sioax are awarded Citizenship medals presented by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, D.A.R., to students selected from the senior class of the Waynesville High School.

Seo Gap Square Dance Team, leaves for St. Louis for first national Folk Festival.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
One is killed and four persons seriously injured in boiler explosion at sawmill in the Black Camp Gap area.

Sam Arrington, sophomore of the Waynesville High School, wins third place in state essay contest sponsored by the Chilean Education Bureau.

Mrs. Christopher Crittenden and Mrs. Fannie Johnson Reynolds of Raleigh visit Mrs. Charles Quinlan.

Mrs. Hilliard Jones is honored at miscellaneous shower given at the home of Mrs. W. H. Jones.

Rotarians defeat American Legion in first softball game of the season.

**5 YEARS AGO**  
Outstanding high school band members from three states will participate in three-day music festival here next week.

Johnny Shelby is shot in hand when cleaning his pistol.

Pfc. James E. Howell, U. S. Air Forces, arrives safely in England.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, gubernatorial candidate, speaks at court house.

Miss Nancy Killian is new president of the Waynesville Music Club.

Pvt. John Hill is member of company cited for bravery in Italy.

Edna Palmer, wife of Vincent L. Palmer, enlists in the Woman's Army Corps.

Tech. Sgt. J. D. Hyatt, of the U. S. Army finance department, is spending furlough at home.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think the Chamber of Commerce should help promote the annual Ramp Convention as an early-season tourist attraction?  
H. L. Limer, Sr.: "I do. The Ramp Convention has grown beyond expectations. The number of people who attended last Sunday from so many states, show that it is one of our interesting events. It should be advertised by the Chamber of Commerce and more of the citizens of the community."  
Frank M. Davis: "That is a hard question to decide—but I would say yes. It has great possibilities for development because of its peculiarities."  
J. T. Noland: "It would at least attract visitors as a novelty."  
Howard Clapp: "I think the Chamber of Commerce could publicize the Ramp Convention in its folders—but I think the promotion is already taken care of."  
Mrs. J. J. Pipes: "Yes. I think the Chamber of Commerce could help advertise the Ramp Convention. It is such an unusual event, more people would be interested in attending if they knew about it."  
J. E. Massie: "The Ramp Convention has its place in the community and I think it is a thing that attracts some people because it is a novelty. If it would help give Waynesville publicity, it would be all right for the Chamber of Commerce to lend its support."

### Letters To Editor

**CHARLES RAY DESERVES PRAISE**  
Editor The Mountaineer:  
I would like to be permitted to use the columns of your paper to say a word in behalf of Charles E. Ray, who has struggled for many years to hasten the full development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway.  
For the past three years I have had opportunity to observe his work and worth more closely than in previous years. During this period it has been necessary for him to make numerous trips to Washington to present the cause of the Park to high Government Officials and seek from the Congress sufficient appropriations for the maintenance and future development of the Park and Parkway. He always presents his case in a very thorough and capable way that does credit to himself and the people back home. It is a source of real inspiration to know that we have a man from good old Haywood that can so ably represent (Continued on Page 5)

### Rambling

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

May, the gentlest month of the year, is softly knocking at our door. She is wearing a filmy frock of mist-on-the-mountains, and in her arms she carries huge bouquets of spring flowers. Somehow, there is no other month in the year that is quite like May. She is the advance agent for the beauties of the summer to come.

Outdoors clotheslines will soon be filled with winter things, preparatory to hibernation for the long summer months.

There was no doubt about it that she was still glorying in her Easter finery... and a pretty sight she made. Her little straw bonnet had its wealth of forget-me-nots matching in color her eyes. Her coat and socks carried out the color motif exactly. But, being only three, she had probably dressed her feet herself for one shoe was black and the other white.

Did you ever throw the cellophane covering from a box of candy into the waste basket, and then wake up in the middle of the night thinking an atomic bomb had been turned loose? If there is anything more startling than an exploratory mouse in a wad of cellophane paper, we have yet to see.

And that in a hotel, when the electric light went out, exact moment of thunder touched the floor to the light and the light to the floor.

"Into the rain must fall," happens just bought.

"No need," was the answer.

Wavesville, either day after new building town that is improvement... he depeded expectations of them, for into his car over some portion of justice grassies.

"Never said not."

Always was As a rule,

### Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

**DRAGGING HOME**—Like old coonhounds limping in from an all-night hunt, the legislators hit the trail for home last weekend. Many of them—particularly those on the House side of the Capitol—had given up the chase several days ago, and at least one of them hardly got here at all. On the day prior to adjournment fewer than 100 of the 120 members of the House of Representatives answered to the roll call.

**INCIDENTS**—One member of the Legislature, Senator Joe Bytch of Charlotte, died during the session, and Senator Rex Gass of Winston-Salem was seriously ill most of the time.

Probably the saddest incident in the House occurred just as Rep. L. A. Martin of Davidson finished one of his vigorous speeches against liquor. He had hardly sat down when he and Rep. J. V. Whitfield, of Pender were asked to lead a House member—and one of the most prominent and ablest men in the Legislature—from the hall.

**RUMORS ARE FLYING**—Until all the Kerr Scott appointments are in, you will be able to hear almost any kind of rumor regarding the appointment of this man or that woman to a position in any county—and prior position or prominence will not be a prime consideration—is a possibility. The list is as long as your arm and the list of the places to be filled on boards, commissions, and what-have-you is little shorter. So, the best advice is to be prepared for anything.

The rumor still persists here, however, that Jonathan Daniels, Democratic National Committee man, and Capus Wayne, State

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- Without (L.)
- Stylish
- Bundle of sticks
- Shout to
- Dentline of elephant's tusk
- Permit
- Old horse
- Musical instrument
- Compass point (abbr.)
- Half an em
- Chair
- Guided
- Break suddenly
- Dollar (Mex.)
- Sacred interdiction
- Birds
- Engrave with corrosives
- Precious stone
- Mournful
- Mountain pool
- Music note
- Jewish months
- Lady
- Color, as cloth
- Becloud
- Runs before the wind (nauf.)
- Poplar
- Silent
- Paradise
- Hastened

Down

- Level, open region
- Eager
- Likewise not
- Fashion
- A grant of rights
- Cavity
- Sick
- To shut
- Most superior
- Was in debt
- Yelp
- A bluish
- A bend in thread
- In bed
- Presently
- 8-sided figure
- Grasshopper-like insect
- Most cunning

No. 15

21 A kind of great

22 Ancient country (Bib.)

24 The white

26 Pauses

Answer by Mr. [unreadable]