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Another Step Forward

The progressive community spirit seems to have invaded Iron Duff in a big way, as the leaders there now plan a community house, as well as a recreational center built around a pond donated by one of their members.

Interesting enough, one of the first things Iron Duff undertook in their Community Development Program, was the renovation of their two churches. Many improvements were made on the buildings, new furnishings added, and a general program of improvement carried out.

This newspaper likes that attitude—fixing up the churches, the homes, and then a community center for recreation for all the people of the section.

Perhaps we are just a little old-fashioned, but we have never quite gotten around to the point of liking the idea of having recreation centers in churches. The two just don't seem to blend together with their programs.

We much prefer the idea of the Iron Duff community, in building both, separate and apart, but managed and enjoyed by the same people.

First-Hand Information For Congressmen

"Show 'em what you want."

That apparently is the slogan which Rep. Monroe M. Redden and Charles Ray of the North Carolina Park Commission have adopted in their program of bringing 25 members of the House Public Lands Committee here for an inspection of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Park.

Rep. Redden and Mr. Ray's commission are seeking some additional five millions for Parkway construction this year, and would not turn down additional funds for development of the Park.

These two leaders realize just how hard it is to try to explain their points from maps, photographs and cold figures in a smoke-filled conference room. The plan now is to bring all the members of the committee here and see first hand just what the needs are, and for what the money can be wisely invested.

No doubt there will be a large delegation from Haywood at the official hearing in Asheville on the 21st, and this particular section, and the counties west of us, stand to gain everything in the completion of the present proposed programs of the Park as well as the Blue Ridge Parkway.

A Conquerer Of Truth

When the average person reaches the age of 83, they are usually content to sit down and take things easy.

That might have been the case with Prof. W. C. Allen had he not been such a keen student and loyal historian, as well as a member of that old school that will go all the way to get substantiating facts to prove a point.

Prof. Allen's interest in history caused him to become quite disturbed over the controversal date of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Some historians said the date was May 31, while Prof. Allen has always maintained the date was May 20, 1775.

The difference of 11 days regarding a meeting held about 175 years ago was just a minor detail in arousing Prof. Allen's ire. The fact that he felt his two history books written for use in North Carolina schools were correct on this and many other points, but had been substituted by books that he hald were incorrect, led him on his diligent search for further facts. It was not an easy task to get additional facts, other than what he already had, and convincing others that he was right was also a major problem.

His search for the truth seemed to have given him youthful invigoration as he visited each of the 100 counties in the state during the past three years, always in the quest of the point he wanted to prove.

Now, as he is just a few months this side of 90 years of age, he has uncovered in two obscure books in an Asheville library, just what he wanted—two authentic statements, from recognized authors.

Since he has gone forth and conquered, we wonder what the reaction will be for the professor now.

Knowing his determination, and ability to stage a fight we expect he will make many a face red, and get in some stinging blows before he takes off his gloves.

Too Many Arrests

The police are somewhat disturbed by the fact that arrests in April broke all records in Waynesville.

The large percentage of the arrests were for public drunkeness.

Last week-end the police lodged 20 persons in jail, 12 of them on charges of being drunk. The court hands out stiff sentences but the erring ones come right back, time and time again.

It is a matter of concern for the community at large, and not necessarily that of the police.

Another Slide On The Parkway

We are interested to note that the Blue Ridge Parkway in Pisgah will be open to travel again on May 28th.

Parkway officials have for the past several years been considerate in opening the 3-mile section during the spring and fall to the traveling public, in order that they could enjoy the floral displays of flowers in the spring, and the colorful foliage in the fall.

A recent landslide on one of the steep cuts in the forest brought huge boulders into the roadway, and now heavy machinery with crews of workmen are busy blasting the rock, and removing the slide from the road.

It occurs to us that last season a similar slide took place, and delayed the spring opening. We also recall of slides caused by heavy snows.

All of this will be a good argument for completion of the project, and keeping maintenance on the road.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Real estate transactions show big increase here.

C. J. Reece completes five-room bungalow on the banks of the Pigeon river near Cruso.

Meeting is held at the home of Mrs. Edwin Haynes to organize a Business and Professional Women's Club.

Miss Francis Ewing of Halifax weds Earl Messer.

Increasing interest is shown in Flower Show sponsored by the Community Club.

10 YEARS AGO

District U.D.C. meeting will be held here this week.

Churches of the community plan to hold union services each Sunday evening during the summer.

New pipe line, now being laid, will increase the water supply here by 200,000 gallons a day.

Water superintendent thinks fire on water shed is caused from cigarette dropped from an airplane. More than 100 acres on Cherry Branch are burned.

Leon Killian, Jr., graduates from Blue Ridge School For Boys.

5 YEARS AGO

Community - wide recreational program will be launched June 1. Full time director is employed.

3,639 persons register for 36,395 pounds of sugar.

State Guard needs 25 recruits at once.

Miss Dorothy Leatherwood is valedictorian and Miss Rosemary Herman is salutatorian of Waynesville graduating class.

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Caldwell of Waynesville, Route 2, are now in the service.

Pvt. Rufus Harris arrives safely in North Africa.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What is your greatest ambition in life?

(These answers were given by boys in the senior class of the Waynesville High School.)

Jack Kelly: "Health, wealth, and happiness."

Roland Houser: "To make a place in the world for myself."

Carol Underwood: "To take a winning band to a contest."

Tommy Curtis: "To enter Annapolis."

James Roy Moody: "To receive a good education."

Amon Lee Swanger: "To finish college and become a good chemical engineer."

Edwin Terell: "To get a good education and learn to meet people."

Jimmy Swanger: "To be able to enjoy complete happiness."

Views of Other Editors

NEW EMPHASIS ON OLD PROBLEM

The report of a Wake County grand jury on the deplorable conditions it found at Dix Hill, State hospital for the mentally ill, adds new emphasis to an old problem.

The grand jurors reported that prisoners in Wake County are fed better than inmates of Dix Hill, that in some wards sanitary facilities are lacking or inadequate and medical service not available save in emergencies. The jurors stated that the hospital is inadequately staffed in every respect, and that additional facilities are needed at once.

The conditions reported were attributed to lack of facilities and adequate personnel, the jurors stating that the personnel at the hospital was competent and was "doing the best possible under the circumstances."

For nearly a decade conditions in our State mental hospitals have agitated and shamed many socially conscious people of our State. Remedial steps have been taken on a number of occasions. But the Broughton program of remedy and reform was interrupted by the war, and high costs of construction, equipment and operation have imposed difficulties and handicaps upon the hospital administration since the war. Funds appropriated to the mental hospital program have proved inadequate thus far to meet the great and growing needs of the institutions.

Now in this economic "leveling off" period the State has a better opportunity, we believe, to carry

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The Human Side O' Life

BY UNCLE ABE

THE 2nd FREEDOM — OF THE PEFSS

The 2nd Freedom sorter puzzled me fer awhile—I wuzn't rite shore what it ment. "Now thar's a news paper press," sez I, "don't reckon it means that, caze we don't speek of ma-sheens an' 'quipment as bein' free or bein' slaves.

"I've got it!" I shouted, a'ter I'de studed on the subjick fer 'bout an 'our; "hit meens freedom to press in, to elbow, shov an' push yore way into a crowd, turn a crowd or out'n a crowd—at a dawg fite, fire, show or giv-away sale; also at the Farmers' Fed. Picknicks."

Now, fokes, this freedom 'plys mos'ly to men at a fire or dawg fite, but mos'ly to the wimmen at a "mark down" sale—you know, whir, they sell 39c artickles for 51 cts. Also giv away sump'm to the fust 5 wimmen who air foolish a-nuf to git up at 4 o'clock a.m., git to the store at 5:30 an' stan' in line till 8:30—in order to git a-hed o' 1 hundred other wimmen.

Freedom of the press is a grate freedom, caze if it wuz not fer this freedom a few fokes wood al'ays swipe up all the bar-gens, git all the water millyuns at the Farmers' Fed. Picknicks, an' all the chicken on Home-Comin' Days. Howsumever, this freedom—glorius an' wunderful, is apt to be abuzed by the big strong men and wimmen pressin' theyr way in by pushin' the weak'ns out of the way.

HERE IN OL' HAYWOOD

(Dedycated to the fokes of Haywood County)

I've bin 'round a little, fellers—
Kaintuck, Virginny, Maryland too;
Tennysee, an' all the southern States—an' then Southwest a few.
But I haint seed nary spot to beat us—
With climate, soil an' all combine,
Thar's not much better lan' for farmin'
Than here in Haywood, Caroline.

Our farmers are about the smartes'
I ever seed in all my time;
Proper lej-ums, wize rota-shun; stock
An' past'ers, fosphate, lime; with
Lates' 'quipment, modern up-keep,
An' improved breeds o' cow an' swine—
Hit's hard to beat us here in Haywood,
Here in ol' Haywood, Caroline.

An' with our hous-wives runnin' secon'—
Yes, sumtimes they take the lead
In keepin' all our homes resplendent—
This makes a winnin' team, indeed.
No better cooks in all the country—
If you don't b'leeve it come an' dine,
Come an' taste the best o' Vittels—
Here in ol' Haywood, Caroline.

Then our docturs an' our merchants,
Preachers, teachers an' all the rest,
Lawyers, clerks, me-kanicks, laborers—
Somehow we've about the best.
I s-poze it's caze we air a people,
Mos'ly, good in stock an' line—
An' proud to claim an' glad to honor
Our dear ol' Haywood, Caroline.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

May affectionateness be a "magic gesture"?

Answer: Yes, maintain psychologists like Dr. Theodor Reik. Because we instinctively believe, especially as children, that our actions have a magic power to control those of others, we are likely to be tender and affectionate to people because we long so much to be treated that way by them rather than because we love them. The change in a man's behavior toward his sweetheart after they are married may mean that he feels his "magic gesture" has worked and he does not need to use it any longer. He could not be more mistaken.

Should a husband boast of his "affairs"?

Answer: Nothing could be crueler—or in worse taste—than for a husband to boast to his wife of his "success" with other women, but his wanting to do so has some interesting implications. One is that his desire to make his wife suffer is probably stronger than his love for any other woman as a person, since a man who truly loved a woman would not talk about her that way. But again, his boasting suggests that what he is punishing his wife for is her seeming to deny his masculine attraction, which he now has "vindicated."

Does every potential genius have an equal chance?

Answer: A true genius usually will make his own "chances," but we do leave much potential talent undeveloped by our failure to provide adequate schools in certain sections of the country, writes President James B. Conant of Harvard in Understanding the Child. Study of the listings in "American Men of Science" shows a disproportionately small number of names from states that spend less than $120 per person per year on education, and children in these states cannot have less natural ability than those of others.

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BOUND FEET

Rambling

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

If we had medals to present, there is one lady in Waynesville who would head the list. She was going to a party all dressed up, one one of those rainy, splashy days we sometimes have. She found she would have to park a block away from her hostess' home, but she took it in its stride. Then as she started up the steps, her foot slipped and she sat down suddenly . . . and unexpectedly. Otherwise unhurt, she got up and saw that no appreciable damage had been done to her dress, then went on in to the party and had a wonderful time. Why a medal? Because she never once mentioned her walk in the rain nor her fall . . . and that takes a real woman to resist the temptation to occupy the center of the stage!

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Ridicule has a far more powerful arm than reprimand.

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She was at least sixty but the spirit of youth was in her heart

Capital Le

By EULA NIXON GREEN

GOOD AND BAD — Those 25 counties which have within the past 18 months voted special school bond issues will be in excellent shape if the $25,000,000 State bond issue is passed. However, this amount and the $25,000,000 allocated by the Legislature is only a drop in the bucket when compared with the $250,000,000 which is needed right now for schoolhouse construction in North Carolina.

The 75 counties which have not voted local school bonds are going to find it flatly impossible to get along on the money they get from the State; and the people, having

Inside WASHI MARCH OF EVEN

Special to Central Pre

Red Pressure on Satellites For Collectivization Seen

WASHINGTON—State department expert Moscow will insist upon full-scale co the satellite countries.

The Kremlin has put on the heat for coll and Romania. So unpopular is the step with t up most of the population in Russia's orbit tha cated Communists quail at the thought of o tries with such a program.

The State department b insistence on collective farm ica new allies among the Curtain countries.

Rep. Francis E. Walter

● **BLOW FOR REDS**—The the United States would be if legislation sponsored by leader is enacted.

Rep Francis E Walter pushing a bill to deprive A Communist party of their c

Naturalized Americans deportation after being dri ship while native-born Am "stateless."

As "stateless" residents they would lose many of the privileges they h such as voting, holding public office, running taining a passport and in many states, pra or physician.

● **TREE FOR HOFFMAN**—A tree bearing Recovery Director Paul G. Hoffman will be shortly. But it very definitely will not be in

The matter came up when the Economic Co tor greeted 33 young Dutch farmers who are for six months to study American farm techn

C. W. C. Van Beekom, who is heading the a tree be planted in the land of tulips comes work. Van Beekom suggested the island of W erlands as the ideal spot for the tree.

He pointed out that the island was flooded anti-Nazi move and is now a "desert." However are being raised to replant the island.

Hoffman, reaching for a five dollar bill said program but added, "There is one thing that d point Van Beekom protested that five dollars tion, that one dollar would be enough.

"No, I want to give you five dollars." Hoffman is not what distresses me. What I don't like name it the Paul Hoffman memorial tree.

"I'm not dead yet," Hoffman said adding with

Van Beekom promised it would be named the man tree.

● **TRUMAN TO TAKE LESS**—Congressional dent Truman will get far less than he has asked the way of national health legislation but that will sign on the dotted line in the belief that s thing is better than nothing.

A good many members of both major parties object to the payroll tax of the Tru health program. It would bring all Americans

Leaders say privately that some compromise will be sent to the White House. It will prob voluntary rather than a mandatory basis.

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