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Black Gold On Blackberry Bushes

It looks like Mother Nature, together with O. P. Crews of the Cannery, are doing their part to make it a profitable spring for those who want to make some easy cash on the side.

The Cannery wants 300 tons of blackberries.

According to the blackberry blooms, there will be a bumper crop in the county.

Picking blackberries offers a profitable income in that there are no expenses involved.

We recall several years prior to the war, that many a dollar was earned through picking blackberries. Later when work became more plentiful everywhere, the picking of berries decreased, and last year the amount of berries was hardly enough to warrant the cannery getting up steam in the boilers.

It looks like here is a good opportunity to convert a little energy into some good cash.

Commencement

This week will mark the beginning of commencement exercises for many of the high schools in Haywood county. Within another week, most of the schools will bring to a close a successful year.

This year moved along smoothly, without any serious interruption, other than the delay in opening caused by polio.

Throughout the year, the weatherman was very generous, in that there was not any serious bad weather during the year, and epidemics which always hang heavily over the heads of school officials passed over Haywood schools, except for the usual "run" of measles and mumps.

Everyone can look back over the past 280 days of school as having met with a high degree of success from every angle.

Another Goal Attained

The general response to the call by the Red Cross for blood was met with the usual Haywood attitude of "meeting the quota."

As we have said time and time again, Haywood has acquired the reputation over the years for supporting all worthwhile projects, whether it be in financial contributions, blood, time or energy.

Those in charge of the blood bank here are to be congratulated for the manner in which the program was staged, and the ultimate result.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do old people tend to tell "tall stories"?
Answer: They are apt to do so for the same reasons as a small child does, and with no more consciousness of "lying." No one ever quite stops wanting to remould "reality" into what he would like it to be—or to have been—and only immediate and vivid contact with the real world keeps this impulse under control. As old age dims our impressions of the world around us, we tend more and more to let our wishes color our recollections, so that in time any woman may persuade herself that in her youth she was a beauty, and any man that he was a hero.

Is it natural to ignore your own faults?
Answer: It's only too natural to ignore anything that is unpleasant, or if you can't do this, to distort it so as to make it less painful. Anyone who gives way to his natural (and childish) impulses will thus tend to be blind to his own shortcomings and attribute the harm that they do to other people's weaknesses and blunders. But once you become mature enough to realize that you cannot dodge the consequences of your faults by shutting your eyes to them, you will face them to avoid the worse pain you will suffer if you do not.

Has "brief psychotherapy" helped veterans?
Answer: On the whole it has proved disappointing, reports Dr. Arthur F. Valenstein in the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases. The outcome of more than 1200 cases treated at the Boston V. A. Mental Hygiene Clinic indicates that most patients were more seriously ill than they seemed to begin with, and that merely giving them an opportunity to "get their troubles off their chests" did little good if their whole personalities and deeper unconscious conflicts were neglected. Their real need was help toward growing up emotionally.

Citizens Should Get Facts

The organization which was completed here last Saturday morning for sponsoring the program of better schools and roads, are showing a lot of enthusiasm over the coming bond election on June fourth.

The group which organized here last week, take the position that this is the opportune time to get better schools and roads, and that this county stands to benefit materially from the program, because of the foundation which has been laid for the roads, and the urgent need for better school facilities.

There is a lot of opposition to the road program from those in larger cities. The rural counties, such as Haywood, have more to gain, since a large percent of the citizens live in the country.

H. A. Osborne, who heads the committee in this county, is of the opinion, that the farmers will decide the issue, and thus decide whether they are to stay in the mud, or approve the bonds and get paved roads.

The committee is anxious that the people get the facts, and not depend upon rumors which have already been circulating freely. The bill, as explained by Rep. Grover C. Davis, sets forth the fact that \$1,890,000 would be spent on secondary roads in Haywood county, if the plan is approved. This amount has been established by law, and cannot be changed.

A similar situation holds true as to the schools. Haywood will get almost \$500,000 under the school program, which according to school authorities, is about half of the amount needed to completely bring the Haywood school building program up to date.

It is the duty of every citizen to get the facts in this case, as in every matter of civic nature. There are many who continue to try to argue that \$200 millions is too much to spend on roads. That part of the discussion was thrashed out in the General Assembly, and after much debate, the \$200 million figure was decided upon, and that is what the voters will have to determine on June 4th.

Competent Leaders

In our opinion, the farm and civic leaders made a wise selection of their county officers last week, when they named R. C. Francis to head the county program, and to be assisted by K. O. Carswell, Charles Duckett and Mrs. C. D. Kettner.

Each of these, in addition to the competent board of directors, have time and time again proven their ability as leaders, and as good farm men and women.

The leaders of the Haywood County Farm Development program have long been out in front in progressive programs for the betterment of the rural life of the county. Now they have shouldered even greater responsibilities, and we are confident that they will do the job in a successful manner.

Haywood is fortunate in having so many people who are competent, and willing to take on the leadership of such projects as this community development program. Not a single one of the officers will get any more out of the program than those who are not officers, yet they will devote many hours a week of their time to promoting and planning the program for the county as a whole.

Interest From The Outside

Almost daily groups from all sections of the country either come here, or write in to learn more about the Haywood County Farm Development program.

On Tuesday a group of Methodist ministers were here; on Wednesday a group of forestry experts, and others have made plans to come and get information.

They'll Do It Every Time

WHY IS IT? THE LOBBY OF THE HOTEL FROMAGE IS BIG ENOUGH TO HOUSE THE 169TH REGIMENT...



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT THE ROOMS—A MIDGET WOULD GET WATER ON THE ELBOW, JUST CHANGING HIS SHIRT...



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Haywood County is in a better financial condition than it has been reported of T. J. Cathey, county auditor.

City Board of Aldermen discuss advisability of buying the W. J. Braddock property for recreational center.

The first ice cream is made at the Western Carolina Creamery.

T. L. Green, former postmaster, establishes law offices in Crawford building.

Little Theresa Alley has birthday party at the home of her grandparents Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Limer.

10 YEARS AGO
Paul Hyatt is re-elected head of hotel operators group of Chamber of Commerce.

Plans are completed for organization of a merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Newton Cook joins Mr. Cook in Jacksonville, N. C. where they will reside.

Miss Mary Poterale, student at a business college in Charlotte, visits parents here.

5 YEARS AGO
J. E. Massie is named county chairman of the War Finance Committee filling the vacancy caused

by the resignation of Charles E. Ray.

Grace Allen and Robert Gibson, Jr. are winners of the D.A.R. Good Citizenship medals presented to outstanding students in the senior class.

Alwayne McClure and Bob Harco, eighth grade students, win American Legion awards for scholarship and character.

Prom King Bill Ray and Prom Queen Doris Anne Greer will reign at second annual senior prom at St. John's high school.

Aviation Cadet James Dieus is transferred to Baker Field, Calif.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What has been the greatest improvement in Waynesville during the past year?

Mrs. William Medford: "I believe the greatest improvement has been in the 'face-lifting' that Main Street has received in the improvements to the stores."

Mrs. H. W. Burnette: "The remodeling of the business places along Main Street made up Waynesville's biggest improvement, I believe."

Raymond Bailey: "It's a little hard to say. But the most noticeable improvement has been in the remodeling of stores and store fronts in the business section. Several people, including one of last year's visitors, have mentioned this—particularly the improvements at Belk-Hudson."

W. C. Allen: "Considering a period of about five years, I would say that the increased population is the greatest thing as it has increased about 100% over that period of time."

Bernice Harrell: "The building of the 4-H Club Camp. I think it will be a great asset to the 4-H boys and girls of the community and the county."

Ned Tucker: "The improvements of the store fronts on Main Street. I have even heard out-of-town people comment on them."

V. C. Nobeck: "In my opinion, I would say that the radio station is the greatest improvement and the greatest asset to the community."

Henry Tuttle: "There may be many other improvements, but I think the improvement of Main Street is the most noticeable."

Ex-GI Amputees Get Auto Tags For \$1

The Veterans Administration today pointed out that war veterans who suffered amputations have to pay only \$1 for North Carolina license plates for the cars the government awarded them.

This rate for passenger vehicles owned and operated by veteran amputees is provided in a law passed by the 1949 General Assembly.

VA officials said that, when applying for such tags, the veterans should furnish the State Department of Motor Vehicles with evidence of their eligibility to receive them at such rates.

This evidence should include the veteran's full name, military rank and organization, VA file reference (C-number), and the date the vehicle was delivered.

The IC4A outdoor track championships will be decided at Randall's Island in New York City on May 28.

The Human Side O' Life

BY UNCLE ABE

ON THE 3rd FREEDOM

Now, 'a comin' to the 3rd Freedom—of Worship. Well, his ezzer understood than Freedom of the Press wuz, eaze we see peepie 'round us ever day warshipin' sump'n or other.

Sun fokes warship the Soopreme Bein—that's what we all other do an' what we're commanded to do; but sun fokes don't seem to think o' Him an' warship the Almighty Duller, instid I put it in capitals eaze that's they'r God, see? Then sun fokes warship a cat—not a cold cat like the children o' Larel done, but a rate cat with a rope tied to it; or, maybe a track of lam' a-layin' up on the Ml. side, just as if they wuz a-goin' to take it with 'em when the mayors will be a-gittin' quarter peeces on to elege them unsecin' eyes? Yeah.

Then a few very few, almost warship they wives an' visa versty; course, that's a hole lot better'n warshipin' a cat eaze a good hubby or a good 'oman's mitey comfortin' sumpin'—an' I don't see what comfort 'a feller could git out'n a cat.

Then sun fokes come pur' near a-warshipin' they'r children, an' we too see have made the big mistake, take of almost warshipin' they'r doctor, preacher, teacher or friend—an' then, maybe, come to find out they wuz wolv's in sheep's clothin'—like that o' devil-uv-a-preacher in Calafornia.

Now, ye see this is freedom o' warship, all the above ezamples air, right er' rong, an' ez-amples by our grate Constitu-shun; how-sumever some o' this warshipin' gits fokes into a lot o' trouble, yes-see?

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Now, Uncle Abe's not a-goin' to say anything 'bout that freedom o' warship reperzented by a thousand different faiths an' seeks; so long as they air bones' an' sincere in it, I reckon hit's alright—an' that's the bewy an' grate priv'ilege about freedom o' warship. In the awful re-ligius wars of histry they he-aded fokes, burnt 'em at the stake, an' persecuted in different ways them what be-lieved what the rooters or 'stablished Church didn't want 'em to be-lieve, yes-see? But that day is done past.

An' now, in closin', I want to warn some o' you feller's ag'in: Be keerful about that freedom to warship a-nother man's wife.

So long,
Uncle Abe.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS

MT. CARMEL, III, U.P.
Little Terence Wetzel and his brother, Ralph, decided their business was more important than the city council's.

Just as a council meeting got under way, the Wetzels came in with a jar of pennies. They asked the clerk to count them.

He did so, while the meeting waited, and completed the boys' mission: a license for their dog.

Rambling

-Bits Of Human Interest News Picked -Of The Mountaineer

He was sitting in a booth at the restaurant and had ordered a steak dinner. It was served to him but he made no pretense of eating it. He sat there, seemingly staring at the food before him. Just as the tension began to get on our nerves, he laid aside a small book he had been intently reading, and went after that steak with real gusto. You have no idea how relieved we were.

"If wishes were horses" ... what a stampered there would be!

The lady was waiting for her luncheon to be served and picked up a copy of The Mountaineer. She read it from front to back and seemed to get a great deal of enjoyment from the reading. Curious, we asked her: "How do you like our paper?" Fairly beaming, she replied: "It's really a splendid paper, and it's so warm. Every word in it seems to breathe out a nice, warm feeling. You see, I'm from North Dakota and it's been a cold winter so I appreciate the warmth of everything down here."

We have just discovered, maybe, why they paint yellow pathway lines at the intersections of

Capital Let

By EULA NIXON GREEN

RIGHT BEHIND—Four chortling and chattering women, obviously completely carried away by the balmy weather, the spring styles, and an opportunity to get out of the house for an hour or so, were bouncing along hardly noticing where they were going on Raleigh street last Saturday morning. Just in front of them in solemn majesty walked Mr. Law of North Carolina.

"Aren't we right behind Hudson-Belk?" sang out one of the shoppers.

"No," came the thundering voice from in front, "right behind Walter P. Stacy."

As he graciously stepped aside for them to pass, he bowed slightly, and four fluttering hands—as if lifted by one huge hand—flew to blood-red faces.

WORST SINCE 1938—This isn't the kind of thing one likes to write home about, but officials of the N. C. Employment Security Commission are privately very much worried about employment conditions in the State. Unemployment in North Carolina is now at its highest level since 1938. With the exception of a few isolated spots, it is still climbing.

The first three months of the year are normally poor for employment, and conditions usually improve with the coming of spring. Not so this year. Unemployment as of last week was still on the upswing in North Carolina.

FERTILIZER SALES—On the other hand, fertilizer sales have been booming in North Carolina for the past six months. The State Agriculture Department had prepared for a big letdown this season, but sales are approaching the record peak established in 1947. This may mean that farmers, anticipating lower prices for their crops, plan to make up for the loss by growing larger quantities.

Another thing, farm people in this State have been taught that the application of fertilizer is a

YOU'RE TELLIN'
By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

THE ORIGINAL HOME of rhubarb, we read, was the banks of the Volga river, which is in Russia. Not far, naturally enough, from the home of a good deal of today's political rhubarb.

Now that England gives away wigs for free, the political cartoonists will have to do something about John Bull's bald dome.

By the same token, when is Uncle Sam going to gain the modern look by divorcing that set of chin spinach?

Another example of how crime certainly doesn't pay. A



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