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Square Dance Popularity

The popularity of square dances is spreading over the nation, with classes being taught in many sections of the country. There is just something about a square dance that fascinates both the dancer and the spectator, and that makes for a good combination. Residents of Haywood have for years enjoyed square dancing, and today, some of the best-known teams that ever swept across the floor are from this county. One of the best known square dancers and callers is Sam Queen, and he has received national recognition for his ability to organize and execute graceful dance teams. Evidence of the popularity of square dancing in Haywood can be had by looking in on the dances which are held here throughout the year. Not only is square dancing growing and becoming more popular in the nation, but right here at home, what is often thought of as the American birthplace of square dancing, it is still gaining in popularity.

Another Good Program

Duke Day will be observed at Lake Junaluska on Saturday of this week, with Dr. Hollis H. Edens, president of the University, the featured speaker of the evening. This is the first time that Dr. Edens has visited this section, and participated in a Duke Day program at Junaluska. He assumed office last spring, and from all reports, is doing a fine piece of work at Duke. This is just another of the many programs which are featured throughout the season at Junaluska.

Dan Cupid and the Lost Colony

Dan Cupid seems to have worked overtime among the members of the cast of the Lost Colony at Manteo during the past nine years, according to a recent check-up by the director. At least twenty couples, and perhaps many more, have married after meeting each other while members of the cast. In almost every instance, the couples had not known each other prior to working in the cast. Perhaps such news as this will be of interest to some marriage-minded young folks in this area, and will induce them to try and get roles in the pageant which will begin next summer at Cherokee.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should children be taught psychology?
Answer: It would be of doubtful value to give formal courses in psychology to grade-school youngsters, who have all that they can do to learn the "three R's" with the modern trimmings. But children can be taught early to face the realities of human nature, both in themselves and in others—especially not to expect more of themselves or of their parents than either is capable of. A child can have no worse handicap than to be trained to adjust himself to one sort of world and find himself in a different one when he grows up.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist.

Are educated people more often neurotic?
Answer: Probably, though we may be misled by the fact that they would be more apt to recognize the condition and seek treatment for it. Someone with an active mind might "see more things to worry about," and might have more leisure to devote to thinking of his troubles. Children who have been deprived of educational and social opportunities are more apt to express the inevitable conflict between what they want and what society requires of them in the form of anti-social conduct than in the emotional disturbances of the neurotic.

What Is Good?

On the front page of Monday's issue of this newspaper, there appeared a headline which read: "Tourist Season Seen As Good Here." The article was based on an interview with the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as some other sources of general information. Since the article appeared, we have had several people call attention to the fact that they took exception to the word "good." There are a lot of visitors here. That is a fact, and one that almost everyone will agree upon. It is true that there are many places that are not having to hang out the "No Vacancy" sign, but then one must remember that there have been many additional places erected here in the past twelve months which are catering to summer visitors. It is hard for one firm, or one operator, to judge the entire area by his or her own particular business. Many of the new places are enjoying good business, and this is their first year, while some of the places which have been in operation for many, many years, are not pleased with the business they are getting.

This newspaper has said time and time again that the summer tourist business was a highly competitive field. Not only is it competitive between communities in the mountains, but there is the seashore of this state, and the tourist centers of many other states that are making strong bids for the tourists' dollar. Not so many years ago it was possible to start out and visit within a short time every place in this community that catered to tourists. Just try it today, and you will find that it is a day's work even to drive to the scores of places. Many which the local people hardly know exist. The "rocking chair" days have passed. The days when visitors brought their trunk and settled down in a boarding house for the season is also fast passing. The visitors today are on wheels, and the sooner we adjust ourselves to this fact, and roll up our sleeves and go after the "harder-to-get" visitor's dollar, the better off we will be.

Christmas in July

Holding a Christmas tree event in July is most unusual, but not so in the summer camps in this area. On July 25th the campers have their Christmas tree, exchange gifts, sing Christmas songs, and create a holiday spirit in keeping with that of December 25th. Sounds queer, you say? Perhaps not as queer as it might at first appear when the real reason is known. The campers are from many states, and on December 25th are often thousands of miles apart. To remember each other then with a gift would create the problem of wrapping and mailing packages when the mails are already crowded. By staging Christmas when all the campers are together, it gives them an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and the satisfaction of seeing the reaction of opening their gifts. And we presume the parents of the campers just as soon the Christmas event be staged at camp during the summer rather than add just that much more confusion during the busy holiday season. The major problem of observing Christmas in July for the average person would be getting into the frame of mind. But that, we understand, is very easy—just forget the date, concentrate on the event, enter into the spirit, and the first thing you know you are yelling "Merry Christmas" with as much enthusiasm as if it were December 25th.

They'll Do It Every Time

A 40-ROOM MANSION IN OUR TOWN
DOC STORK SET ONE BABY DOWN...



By Jimmy Hatlo

WHEN STRAIGHT TO THE TRAILER CAMP HE FLEW...
CHORTLED, WINKED, AND SET DOWN TWO



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
E. C. Moody moves grocery store from Boyd Avenue to building formerly occupied by Ferguson's Grocery on Main Street.
10 YEARS AGO
New apartment house on the corner of Highway 19 and Main Street in Hazelwood, belonging to Miss Margaret Hahn, is being completed.
5 YEARS AGO
Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt makes address at Lake Junaluska on post-war program.
Sgt. Paul Miller receives Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart for record as tail gunner.
Lt. Paul McElroy, Jr., completes 35 missions with the 8th Air Force in England. He is expected to come home for a visit soon.
Pvt. Robert H. Brees, Jr., graduates from the department of armament of the Army Air Forces Training Command at Lowry Field, Colorado.
Wayne Corpening is promoted to major with the 9th Infantry.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Farmers of Western North Carolina have already lost millions of dollars from damage to crops and lands by floods this year. What flood control program would you suggest be started?
Glenn Fisher: "I think we should have a survey made by T. V. A. engineers and then follow their recommendations."
Ray Jarvis: "I think we should join this T. V. A. movement to encourage flood control by T. V. A."
David Underwood: "I would suggest the same type program for Pigeon River and its tributaries as proposed by the T. V. A. in the French Broad River basin, which consists of a series of levees with flood gates to make land serviceable for the farmer except in high water times. In the event of high water, the farmers would be reimbursed for water damage to crops."
George Platt: "I think I would start with a survey by government engineers and find out what could be done. It may be that the streams could be straightened or dams built but I would carry out a program suggested by people who have been educated in that line of business."
A. J. McCracken: "The first suggestion I would make would be to invite the T. V. A. into this territory to take it over as far as they could. Then I would say we should grass more of our hillsides so that the water run-off would be less. Further I would suggest that the flood gates be kept closed on the two dams in the county during a flood emergency."

The Human Side O' Life BY UNCLE ABE

NEARLY BROKE OVER
"No, I won't cuss, not a syllable," sez I, didn't-eh notice in last wk's paper whir I writ a poem ag-inst cussin' an' sitch like?
"You used a little white ag," sez Mrs. Abe.
"Oh, that, why wuzn't more'n 6 or 7 per cent a cuss word," hoot in fur from the rail thing as good beer is from strong licker!
Then we went walkin' on down toarg the hay stack, me walkin' in front, like heap big Chief, to show that I wuz head of the family. We got along purty well; I wuz as active as I dared to be up on that stack, tryin' to live up to my boasted reppytash-a.
"Thar!" sez I, when I had finished. "Now, that's the work of an expert. If ye see any body inquirin' for a good hay-stack, just send 'em aroun'; but of course I de send 'em stay on the ground an' hoo the job on a day like this—too hot for a poet." Then, when I got ready to slide off on the lower side—well, hit look too dangerous, so I kumpered an' slid off softer on the side. "See here," sez I, ag-ittin' reddy; "a good stacker never grabs out han'fuls of hay as he slides down."
But I went down with more force than I thawt—struck the ground hard as the Dickens an' stuck a weed stubble in my han', Mrs. Abe commen't laffin—
"Well, I'll be—
"Who-up—who-up!" she interrupted, "you promised to not cuss."
"That's right," sez I, gittin' up.
PROGNOSTICATION
If all this progress keeps on makin'—
HIS MAJESTY'S GOV'T (LIMITED)
As I think it will, somehow,
Ghee! what will this country look like,
Say, 'bout forty years from now?
Look how farms are now produced,
How they've gained late years you know;
In forty more the land might double
In what the farmers plant an' sow.
Folks will be flyin' in contrapshuns
'Bout the size of push-me-ears;
Forty more, an' there'll be clashes
Never known in these here parts.
Some farm ma-shuns will then be movin',
On them no man will have to ride—
Be controlled 'bout all that labor;
An' the number will be multiplied!
We'll all be gittin' news in pictur—
'Twill be right on our radio;
If we want a good night's intertainment—
Just stay at home, turn on the Show!
Disuse will then be little dreaded;
Some dreaded now will then be o'er.
So, then we'll be a-livin' longer.
The average life-span will be more.
After-thought;
But nothin' new in ol' back-scratchin'—
Just how the trick is done ye know;
Twist an' stretch an' use nail-fingers—
Same way they scratch it eons ago!

75-Year-Old Railroader Declines To Retire

CLEVELAND (U. P.)—A 75-year-old New York Central switchman who gave up a medical practice to work on the railroad, has filed suit in federal court to prevent the NYC from retiring him. Arthur L. Griffin of Eikhart, Ind., told the court how he had given up his medical career in 1917 to go on the railroad. Being a doctor was "too confining." "My father was a railroad engineer, killed in 1896. My uncle was a railroader for 50 years," Griffin said. "There must be something in our blood." Griffin stayed on the job until May 17, 1947, when he was thrown from a box car, suffering head and neck injuries. The company advised him to retire on an annuity. Griffin began suit, asking full reinstatement or \$40,000 compensation for his injuries. School teachers in New England once were generally paid two hams in exchange for a year's tuition in arithmetic.



Rambling

-Bits Of Human Interest News Picked -Of The Mountaineer

Fate plays a big part in the life of all of us. Recently we saw two advertisements, side by side, in this newspaper. One man wanted to change his Florida home for a place, with acreage in the mountains. The other advertised that he had been transferred to Florida and wanted to exchange his Florida home for a home for a place in Florida. I saw the other's advertisement and the deals were consummated and the body was overjoyed. But I saw those ads could have been in a different paper, and the deal by the two people and I am sure they would have been the same. Why is it that we always receive a letter in the mail from a distant person to whom we have just that day written a card why the mischief they haven't answered our letter? Then every body worries. They were well on their way when the proverbial three musketeers years. Their names were proclaimed that the world was probably always had been the better things of life. They were having the time of their lives in the restaurant, but they noticed by that phrase that the mals all over the table. Just as sure as one settles back

Capital Let

By EULA NIXON GREEN
THE GENTLE GRAPPLERS
Americans have become so honest with their own accounts, within recent years that their ledgers and scribbles have become as "wonder sheets." Kerr Scott knows this gentle grafting exists among public employees and he is going to hunt it out some of the ways. When he was Commissioner of Virginia, 1949, he kept a sheet of standards for his desk for use on personal letters. The official letters were checked by the Department's stamping machine. Scott is solidly honest. State employees who work for them about over the State receive seven cents for each copy they travel in their personal cars. They have been known to take a long way to a town in order to pick up more mileage. They eat and sleep with friends and relatives and charge it to the State. They find little State business in the mountains during the hot summer months. Various employees have been paid for hauling groceries to the show, and they have been paid even at church on Sunday. They pray and prayer meeting on Monday and day night. State cars are used and, presumably, State money is spent. There have been instances of State employees on vacation who have been paid for their trips went by bus and charged it to the money and free of expense. All expense accounts are checked by the Scott can bring about one million savings in this field if he can get after it.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues:
ACROSS
1 A molded mass
5 A bird
9 Constellation
10 On the ocean
11 Ire
12 Founder of Pennsylvania (poss.)
14 Department in Peru
15 Sorrow
17 Frozen water
18 Male adults
19 Sum up
20 Ever (contracted)
21 Wrath
22 Poker stake
23 A binding agreement
25 Convulsions
26 Submerge
27 Rowing implement
28 Torrid
29 Hole-piercing tool
30 Observe
33 A wing
34 Sick
35 Method
36 Pierces, as with horns
38 Ascend
40 Young woman
41 Heal
42 Old time (archaic)
43 Shout
DOWN
1 Spear-like weapon
2 Musical instrument
3 Grow old
4 Ahead
5 Yawned
6 Employ
7 Not harsh
8 Surgical instruments
11 Point
13 Wither
16 Poem
21 Writing fluid
22 Breeze
23 The science of life
24 Province (Can.)