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At Last, A Landing Field

A modern landing field in Haywood has been a much discussed project for many years. Civic clubs, individuals, and business leaders have all agreed that such was needed, but it always appeared that some inner obstacle prevented its reality.

The news that a landing field on Plott Creek would be ready for use by August first is good news to this entire area. In the absence of a field, planes coming to Haywood have to land at either Asheville or Sylva.

As the nation is becoming more air-minded, a landing field is more essential to a progressive community than ever.

We understand that we have here at this time a number of summer visitors who travel exclusively by plane, and would like to have the facilities of a landing field here. The field, according to the owners, will be large enough to accommodate a two-motored plane.

There is no question but what the coming generation will take to the air, as many have already "sprouted wings" and all they need are the facilities.

The encouraging thing about this latest enterprise is that it is privately owned, and not dependent upon public donations for its operation.

We are happy, too, that the project is starting small enough to allow for steady and consistent growth in the years to come.

Another Big Still

They come big these days. That's bigger stills out of the Big Bend section.

Within the past several months, officers have "cut down" two giant copper plants, with capacities of 500 gallons each. On the last raid the officers caught two Tennessee men, 124 gallons of fresh corn liquor, and a truck, in addition to a big still.

The large outfits represent a heavy investment, but from the quantity of goods caught the other night, it would not take long to repay the cost in dollars and cents.

Officers said the men did not appear surprised, and did not make any effort to run or get away. It appeared that they had figured, as most do, that sooner or later their luck would fail, and the arms of the law would reach them. Even with that in mind, and knowing that raids are constantly being made, the manufacture of illicit liquor continues, and in a big way, if we are to judge the business from recently captured stills.

A Debt To Pay

The Red Cross is making an urgent plea for blood for the blood bank, to help replenish the stock which has been drawn upon heavily during the past few weeks.

Several months ago when the bloodmobile unit was here, a total of 36 pints was donated by Haywood citizens. Within three weeks, the hospital here had used 76 pints from the Red Cross blood bank—more than twice the amount that was donated from Haywood.

On Thursday the bloodmobile unit is coming back, and everyone will be given an opportunity to give a pint of blood to help replenish that stock.

Medical science has found that there is no substitute for human blood in many cases, and there have been countless numbers of lives right here in Haywood that have been saved by having the right blood to give patients at the right time.

This is a call that is urgent—a call that is humane—a call that is life and death.

The pint you give might be the pint that saves a life—even the life of someone close to you.

Nearing Completion

It has been a number of years since the citizens of Waynesville banded together and raised sufficient money to buy about 33 acres adjoining the State Test Farm for a 4-H Club Camp.

Now the news that the camp will open August first with 120 campers is encouraging. This is only about half the capacity of the camp, and the remainder will be built this fall and winter, and be all set to open to full capacity next spring.

Haywood is interested in 4-H Club work, and has some of the best clubs in the state. That fact, linked with the advantages of being next to the State Test Farm, makes this an ideal spot for the camp.

Control of Pigeon Needed

An official request has been made to have engineers come here and make a survey to determine what can be done to prevent damage by the high waters from Pigeon River and some of the larger creeks of the county.

The call has been made through the Extension Service to TVA engineers to come here and make a check-up, and see what can be done about this growing menace to farms in the lowlands of the county.

Pigeon River is relatively a swift stream, and the water level is subject to sudden rises and also sudden falls. It does not present the same problem as some of the more sluggish streams of Western North Carolina that cause greater damage when overflowing than does Pigeon.

Since Pigeon is a swift stream, it can cause untold damage by "cutting" and sweeping away large tracts of land. Earlier this summer the river left its course, swept across a field, carried away all the top soil, and stayed in the new channel. A more sluggish stream would have overflowed, but would not have had the cutting, or destructive force to the adjacent lands as does Pigeon.

Some laymen have suggested a deeper channel, and built-up banks to help control the heavier volume of water which the river has to dispose of occasionally.

We trust the TVA engineers will soon make a satisfactory recommendation, and that it can be carried out in detail immediately.

Farms washed down the river are gone forever, and it does not take many such "washings" to have a depleted farm area along the river bottoms.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

Is a boy who doesn't care for sports abnormal?

Answer: He should at least be an object of concern and study. For sports usually are the major outlet for two "drives" which reach their peak in normal males in adolescence: the aggressive impulse and the urge to gain self-confidence through success in competition. In certain environments these might find satisfaction in activities like hunting and fishing, but a city boy who does not care for games is more apt to be suffering from a feeling of inadequacy that makes him withdraw from competition because he feels he cannot win.

Is it your fault if you are treated unfairly?

Answer: Not always, of course, but oftener than you probably realize. For much of the unfair treatment you get is due to your failure to "stand up for your rights"—perhaps even to say what you feel your rights are. This may be because you are afraid, but is more likely to be based on subtler motives: for example, a desire to "curry favor," or a wish to feel "abused" so as to justify your hatred of a person whose power you envy. Or again, you may enjoy feeling "superior" to the person who wrongs you, since you "wouldn't treat him that way."

Do we really know what fatigue is?

Answer: No, writes Dr. A. T. Miller, Jr., in the North Carolina Medical Journal. The word as we generally use it involves three distinct things: a lessened ability to work; measurable physical changes like increase of lactic acid in the muscles, and a state of mind that is mainly an emotional resistance to the thought of further effort. Since no one of these explains what makes us tired, a new definition of fatigue should be sought which will take in all three—and I might add, include the frustration of our wish to do things we enjoy.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Finishing touches are made on the stockyards of the Haywood Mutual Exchange at Clyde. The investment represents an expenditure of $2,000.

Lowell Thomas, author and radio lecturer, makes address at Lake Junaluska.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chambers visit relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Vera Hosaflook honors mother, Mrs. C. B. Hosaflook, at a surprise birthday party.

Miss Willie Francis entertains with a lawn party at her home in Clyde.

10 YEARS AGO

W. A. Bradley purchases Haywood Orchard with 4,000 trees.

Haywood County reduces tax rate 7 cents. A new rate of $1.57 is adopted by Board of Commissioners.

Grand Jury urges that the lot between the court house and the LeFaine Hotel be converted into a parking lot.

Miss Gussie Martin is married to Gudger Palmer of Cataloochee.

Richard Bradley entertains a group of young friends at birthday party.

5 YEARS AGO

Pinkney Burress, wounded in action, wins Purple Heart.

W. Roy Francis reopens law offices after spending the past 16 months with the Maritime Commission at Wilmington.

Pvt. Herbert H. Tate is reported wounded in action in France.

Miss Louise Hendricks is engaged to Chief Boatswain Mate Frank Arthur Swope, U. S. Coast Guard.

Lawrence Medford, radioman, third class, spends leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Medford at Lake Junaluska.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Who do you think is the greatest living American?

Mark Rose: Gen. George C. Marshall.

Bryan Medford: It proves to be President Truman, through plain statistics.

A. P. Hansen, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., summer visitor at The Maples: Our President must be included in any such consideration. There are so many, however, who qualified for this description. David Lillienthal, for example, for his previous work with the TVA and his present work with the Atomic Energy Commission.

Mrs. David Medford: I believe it is Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, now president of Columbia University.

Jimmie Cobb: Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Mrs. Pauline Clement: President Truman.

Mrs. J. L. Carwile: James F. Byrnes is one of the greatest.

Mrs. Carwile: Byrnes is the greatest living American statesman.

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, July 26
MORNING STAR

Ki Davis' Grocery	10:00-10:20
Hyde's Store	10:30-10:50
Mrs. B. M. Stamey	11:00-11:20
G. E. Blalock's Gro.	11:30-11:45

Wednesday, July 27
HAZELWOOD

Bradley's	9:00- 9:45
Hazelwood Town Hall	10:00-11:00
Lake Junaluska	11:30-12:30

Friday, July 29
FINES CREEK

Mark Ferguson's Store	9:45-10:00
Mrs. Frances Rogers	10:15-10:45
Harley Rathbone	11:00-11:15
Charlie Rathbone	11:30-11:45
Lloyd Messer Grocery	12:00-12:15
F. H. Fincher	12:30-12:45
G. C. Hooker	1:15- 1:30
R. W. Noland	1:45- 2:00

Monday, August 1
IRON DUFF, CRABTREE, and HYDER MT.

Frog Level	9:25- 9:40
Mrs. Fannie Davis	9:50-10:05
W. C. Davis	10:10-10:25
C. O. Newell	10:30-10:45
Tommie Noland	11:15-11:30
C. L. Hill	11:35-11:50
J. M. Davis	12:05-12:20
Mrs. Fred Noland	12:40- 1:00
M. H. Kirkpatrick	1:10-1:30
C. T. Ferguson's Store	1:45- 2:00
Jack Long	2:10- 2:30

Read the Mountaineer Want Ads.

The Human Side O' Life

BY UNCLE ABE

STORY OF THE "AWFUL TRACKS"

"Abe, come here!" The voice wuz ex-sited like; I stopt workin' on my sermont an' went—thro the cornfiel' to whir Mrs. Abe, fixt, intently lookin' to'ards the groun'. Our children, who had made the discovery, were gethered a-roun', remindin' one of—

A hen that had found food
An' called up her brood.

"I want you to look at theze tracks," she said. There in the rain-soaked corn-patch wuz tracks about 9 inches long an' fully 5 ft. apart an 'runnin' sorter zig-zag thro the corn. "Is that a man's tracks?" I axt.

"Seems so," she said; "but they're awful strange lookin'."

"Maybe it's the tracks of that wild man that was in the show, Mama," said one of the children, "he could a broke out, couldn't he?" referrin' to the animal show at the county seat a few days before.

Well, "awful" wuz the word, fokes; caze hit made one feel sorter creepy jist lookin' at them tracks. Long, slender bony-lookin' impreshuns with the toe-prints all spread a-part, they reminded one of a near skeleton, like Slim Goodin, f-rinstance, or prob'ly a witch or g'ost. The childrens' re-ackshuns wuz more of wonder, since they could not comprehen' the probable dangerous significance of such tracks—tracks that had been made aroun' our house the night before by some person bent on mischeef, crazy or prob'ly an outlaw. All theze impreshuns run thro our minds as we followed the tracks thro the patch an' back to near the house goin' to'ards the highway.

Jist then one of my stewards come along an' he wuz called in for his opinion—

"Beats me," he said; "but I b'leeve I'de lock my doors an' be on the watchout for tonite."

"I kaint lock the doors of this ol' parsonage," I said. Fust, you fokes don't pay your preacher a livin' salary, you don't pervide a decent house to live in, an' then you git him out here whir somebody's evydently crazy, or runnin' wild at night—then tell 'im to lock his doors what kaint be lockt. Then, I reckon, you xpect him to jist pray for deliverance, as ol' Dan'el did."

Well, hit wuz mornin' when the tracks had been discivered, an' durin' the rest of the mornin' an' well into the a'ternoon they wuz the sole objeck of our interest an' conversa-shun. We lookt at the tracks, 'zamined them, mezured them—done ever'thing 'cept, well, maybe we didn't smell of them. I'm not sure. When the matter of protecksbun was seriously occupyin' our minds I said—

"Looks like the church could at leas' pervide their preacher here with a pistol, a dubble-bar'l shot gun, one watch dog an' a blud houn'."

"Well I don't think it would be wize to put all them in yore hands," said Mrs. Abe, "the childern—"

"Alrite then," sez I, "jist let that wild man, goast, or what ever 'tiz come on an' git us."

I had started to work once more

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SIMPLE SIMON'S SUCCESSOR

Rambling

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

The rope was about half an inch thick and the boy was about six and exceptionally small. And so was the tiny little dog about whose neck the rope was tied. The little boy was holding on with all his might and main while the little dog seemed to think the rope was something made especially for him to play with. It took one back to the Tom Sawyer stuff.

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Heard in passing: "I tried a new experience with tobacco planting this spring and I'm just burned up with the result."

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The visitor from overseas was trying valiantly to pronounce our language but found he met an obstacle in article of ladies' wearing apparel. Play had arisen as to known quantity to be and he was plainly unable to understand what a "halter top" might be. To him it meant a means of [illegible] a hitching post [illegible] and that certainly wasn't her idea of having a good time.

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Slick pavements and untruths are alike in that the person riding on either of them has to be mighty careful not to make a slip.

Capital Letter

By EULA NIXON GREENE

NOT SINCE 1934 For the first time since 1934 solid, old, stable North Carolina is entering a new fiscal year with virtually no surplus and no reserve fund as cushions for declining revenues—to meet with the biggest payroll and appropriations in the State's history and falling income.

Assistant Budget Director D. S. Coltrane will soon find that his work with fertilizer grades, feed and seed analyses was child's play. His predecessor R. G. Dexton had it relatively easy. He began last year, for instance, with a surplus of $49,000,000. Date for nothing. It's all been spent. He has only one place to turn for money with which to meet appropriations: A special session of the Legislature.

It would be the same Legislature which refused to raise taxes last spring (except some of the main Scott strength is now out of it and in appointive positions).

EUREKA Governor Kerr Scott—as stated here last week—had Probation Commissioner Harry Sample "walking the floor" for several weeks before he finally had the maul to him last Thursday.

The Probation Commission knew Sample was a Charlie Johnson supporter.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

FBI Chiefs Concerned By Coplon Trial Disclosures

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON [illegible] Coplon trial [illegible]

Aside from the [illegible] secret reports [illegible] require a complete [illegible]

Until Federal Judge Albert L. Reeves used in the trial [illegible]

Federal Judge Albert L. Reeves

Look for [illegible] then hearings. [illegible] make certain that [illegible]

● **BRITISH DOLLAR SHORTAGE**: [illegible] situation. United States [illegible] British economic [illegible] stream which may be [illegible] of the world's economy.

The demand for [illegible] months, and it is felt [illegible] more economic prices. [illegible] ductive capacity to stand [illegible] accept lower wage rates.

● **NEW DRAFT?**—It seems [illegible] drafting men again by [illegible] draft stopped last January [illegible] 35,000 a month and the [illegible]

Enlistments have dropped [illegible] strength is below requirements [illegible] scare has passed and [illegible] drafted have stopped [illegible]

● **ATOMIC BATTLE PREVIEW**: The [illegible] mittee has had a preview [illegible] will come when atoms [illegible] It came during a committee [illegible] dollar natural gas pipeline to the [illegible] plant.

Rep. James E. Van Zandt (Pa.), [illegible] the pipelines would throw [illegible] tee Chairman Brien McMahon (D.-Conn.) [illegible] single problem, and added:

"You can imagine what this [illegible] time comes that atomic [illegible] be, to say the least, an interesting [illegible]