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Two Extremes

According to our Raleigh correspondent, things are not so rosy in Raleigh with the state finances. Predictions are that the state will soon be spending over \$50,000 per day more than the income, not counting the school and road bonds.

This news comes right at the time when Governor Scott is pushing hard to stop unnecessary spending on the part of state employees—that is, little, useless things, such as additional travel, and extra meals, and the like.

A Broad Cause

The re-election of Charles E. Ray as chairman of the North Carolina Park Commission (that is not the full name, but for brevity is enough) did not come as a surprise. This week began the third year of the Commission, and it has certainly time and time again proven its worth to the state and to the federal agencies with whom it works so closely.

Saturday Haywood will be host to a group of farmers from Iredell and Union counties. The piedmont area visitors will come here to see some of the county's farm projects, including the State Test Farm. This is further proof that Haywood is gaining recognition as a leading agricultural county.

\$1,000 a Day for Charity

The Haywood County board of commissioners have been wrestling for several weeks with the annual budget. On Monday they announced their decisions—the largest budget in the history of the county, calling for more than a million dollars, with the tax rate the same as last year, \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

The Haywood board met with the same problem that has confronted every other board in the state—a decided increase in the charity funds. While the county does not have to pay the full amounts as set up for charity, it is charged with the responsibility of disbursement. The state and federal governments actually pay more than seventy-five per cent of the funds.

Haywood taxpayers will have to pay a little over \$440,000 in taxes on their property for the operation of the county. The remainder of the \$1,000,680 budget will come from the federal funds and state funds, plus extra taxes such as are received from beer, franchises, and the sale of timber of national forests within the county.

The four charity funds of the current budget will be in excess of \$400,000 for the year; this means more than \$33,000 per month, or better than \$1,000 per day for charity work alone in the county. The fact that Haywood's budget for the coming year is over a million dollars should make us realize more than ever the size business of the county. There are very few business firms within the county that do a million-a-year business.

The commissioners had hopes of reducing the tax rate for the coming year, but the added burden of the charity load prevented this—in fact, had there not been a two million increase in valuation, the rate would have had to be increased, under prevailing circumstances.

A Good Selling Job

Judging from reports carried in The Evening Journal, of Washington, Iowa, we would say unhesitatingly that the 40 members of Haywood 4-H Clubs who spent a week in Iowa certainly proved themselves good boosters of Haywood and Western North Carolina.

In several interviews with reporters, the Haywood youngsters always reminded the Iowans of the mountains, the ideal climate, and the diversified farm program of this county.

We have no doubt but what the 4-H Club members from Iowa have been sold on this area, and we are looking forward to their visit here next summer.

Two Deserving Officers

Two good highway patrolmen have been transferred from Haywood County. Sgt. E. W. Jones and Cpl. O. R. Roberts have been good officers, although they had a hard job, and a job that often does not meet with favor from the public at large. Sergeant Jones came here 12 years ago, and Corporal Roberts 10 years ago.

Both officers were faithful to their task, and took an interest in civic and church affairs. Both were active deacons in their church, and took a leading role in the Sunday School.

Both of these men deserved the promotions they received. They have proven themselves competent and efficient. We know we speak for the citizens of the county when we say it is with regret that they have been transferred, but their leaving Haywood is the good fortune of the citizens in the places they have gone.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Business men of Waynesville are requested to park cars off of Main Street during August and September. Over \$2,500 is paid for 150 head of cattle in first sales at Haywood Mutual Stock Yards. The Waynesville Book Store receives two and a half tons of school books for Haywood County children. The Bethel Presbyterian Church observes 100th anniversary. Miss May Crawford is spending the summer at Camp Red Wing in the Adirondacks.

Rambling 'Round -Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members-Of The Mountaineer Staff-

It was her own fault because she had given the wrong number every time to the operator. But when she finally did give it right, she was told the line was busy. A bit irked at herself, she remarked: "If I had given the right number first, those wrong numbers would have helped to pass away the time until my number was ready to answer." Tears are drops of emotion wrung out of the heart. For a tiny little girl of two short years, she had more dignity and poise than many who were older. She always looked like a dainty Dresden figurine and had acquired a hatred for any desecration of her immaculate grooming. So when a neighbor's little boy accidentally sprayed her with the garden hose, she gave vent to her indignation by divesting herself of every stitch of clothing, even to her socks, and laying them on the grass to dry. It's been a long time since we have seen one of those hats. We mean a man's hat with a black brim and a white straw top-piece. We wanted to see the type man who wore it but he was evidently still eating his dinner when we left the restaurant, and the hat was on the hook. They were taking in all the sights as they meandered down Main street. Stopping in front of the big glass window of The Mountaineer, the lady said to her companion, "Oh look! This pretty town has a nice newspaper, too." There's something fascinating about Saturday afternoon in Waynesville. As the shadows begin to lengthen and the end of the day begins to make itself conspicuous, you see a thinning out of the crowds that have been in town all day. Arms filled with bundles, and with children tired from the activities and excitement, dragging at their mother's skirts, the families start home, friends who have enjoyed each other all day, say good bye reluctantly; motors in trucks, jeeps and cars begin humming and soon the streets take on a lonely air. But not for long. Soon the Saturday night movie-goers and square dance addicts will fill the streets again. "Spring would be such gloomy weather were it always Spring." Chimps Sell Postcards To Help Out in Zoo ST. LOUIS (U. P.)—Nero and Mary, two young chimpanzees in the St. Louis zoo's monkey show, pay for their keep by selling postcards to zoo visitors. After each entertainment act in the amphitheatre at the zoo, the two chimps rush out to a stand in front of the ape house to hawk the souvenir postcards. Their keepers pay them in soda pop, all-day suckers and ice cream cones.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Are there really such things as "prophetic dreams"? Answer: There are many instances of people dreaming of events which later happened, though it's hard to say how often this was pure coincidence—we all have so many dreams that some of them are almost bound to come true. But dreams do predict the future in so far as they reveal unconscious plans or wishes which the dreamer does not know he will ultimately act on. Psychiatrists have foreseen suicides in dreams of their patients, as well as the coming break-up of marriages in which the partners still believed they loved each other.



Can you be unhappy and not know it? Answer: You can refuse to admit you are unhappy, even to yourself, for any of several reasons. Many people steadfastly deny that their marriages are unhappy because to admit it would appear wrong or disloyal. At the other extreme, people who lead lives of empty dissipation are often unhappy and bored, but will not admit it, partly because they might mean confessing that they are ashamed of their way of living, and still more because it might involve having to face the inner problems from which they are trying so hard to escape.

Need "change of life" bring mental illness? Answer: Not in constitutionally healthy-minded women, writes Dr. David M. Farrell of Philadelphia in Medical Clinics of North America. The effects of hormonal changes are often exaggerated and estrogen therapy used when it is

"WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, WATSON?"



Capital Letters By EULA NIXON GREEN

WHITE HOUSE—Word leaked out of an architect's office last week that several architects have been approached within the past few weeks in regard to the Government Mansion here being turned into a "white house." The story is that since the location last fall Gov. Kerr Scott has been toying with the idea of having the residence on Rhoad Street painted a gleaming white. However, the architects have turned thumbs down on the proposal, saying this color scheme is not in keeping with the tremendous expense which would be involved in painting the gabled structure. It is understood that funds have been made available for cleaning the exterior wall of the mansion and painting the woodwork. Thus the "white house" will just have to wait a while. So, is the Governor's idea to turn the White House of our state into the white house much like to him? \$50,000 PER DAY The budget figures at the present time do not look too bad, particularly in view of the back-breaking appropriations which a Scott-prodded Legislature passed. But wait. Predictions here among men who have followed the financial affairs of the State for 25 years is that during this fiscal year North Carolina will go into debt at the rate of \$50,000 per day. This is in the General Fund alone and has nothing to do with the \$200,000,000 bond issue for roads. Put this down somewhere. The appropriations made from the General Fund will run approximately \$20,000,000 less than the money which will come into the General Fund during the 1949-50 fiscal year. Now divide this \$20,000,000 by 365 and you will find that this economy-minded State Government is sliding into the red at a rate of a little better than \$50,000 each day. Saturday and Sunday included.

PERSONNEL Henry Hilton, the new personnel director here, had his salary pushed up to \$9,000 per year last week. This is a new job created only this year and Hilton's salary was "worked out" one day last week in a conference between Governor Scott and a committee from his "State Personnel" office. Charles E. Ray: "By putting it on a tax-supported basis as a town project." Dick Bradley: "I think it should be handled the same way Canton handled theirs—with a bond issue." Dan Watkins: "I think Waynesville and Hazelwood will have to cooperate and put it over by public subscription or a bond issue." Mrs. Bill Prevost: "I believe that if one or two of the civic clubs put the program before the people, explaining what facilities we need and the cost, we could have a recreational center either by bond issue or public subscription. If Canton can do it, we can." Mrs. Claude Rogers: "I think we would have to have a special bond election. It is too big a program to be carried on through any civic organization." David Hyatt: "I think a committee should be set up, with representatives from each civic organization and the towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood, to work out plans for such a program and then finance it through subscriptions from individuals as well as industries."

YOU'RE TELLING By WILLIAM RIT Central Press Writer

A RUSSIAN, who claims to be 140 years old, goes for a swim every day. He started the habit, it seems, a long time ago—when Communism wasn't even to be found in the dictionary. At Kentland, Ind., we read, a bell peals as a signal for convening nudists to peel Zadak Dumkopt says it's an appealing story. Z. D. also suggests that a peculiarly apt slogan for the nudist convention would be "We Peel Fine." From New York comes word that women's clothes next autumn will have detachable collars, skirt fronts, capes, etc.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Front of a boat, 5 Snow shoes, 9 Thick cord, 10 Pentennial season, 11 Muffled, 12 Become liable to, 14 Chief god (Babyl), 15 Having a handle (var.), 16 Kingdom, NW Europe, 19 Tantalum (sym.), 20 Mysterious, 21 Obnoxious plant, 23 Fascinate, 25 Endures, 26 Absorbed, as in thought, 27 Fly aloft, 28 Mulberry, 29 Raged, 32 Clay-like, 35 Hewing tool, 36 Mohammedan bible, 37 — An joiette, 39 Gains, 40 Covers with ink, 41 Alcoholic drink (Orient), 42 Register. DOWN 5 Lurk, 6 Knows (Scott), 7 Indian (Peru), 8 Speak stumbly, 11 Insane, 13 Peruses, 15 Chest, 17 A market, 18 Fortify, 21 To tire, 22 Identification marks, 23 Clatter, 24 Slight depressions, 25 Exclamation used to frighten, 4 Merry.