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A Bigger Convention

When 1,700 people travel far back into the country over dirt roads to attend a singing convention, that is interest of the highest degree.

Last Sunday 1,700 people attended the 12th annual Singing Convention of the Salvation Army at the Citadel near Maple Springs.

This was about twice the number attending the event in 1948, which signifies the growing interest which has been aroused over the past few years.

The Singing Convention is non-commercial, and the singers as well as the audience attend and take part just for the sheer joy of listening to music and making music.

As time goes on, no doubt the convention will rival any now being held in the state.

Questions in Reverse

This week our reporters reversed things for the "Voice of the People" and instead of asking our readers to answer a question, they turned it around and let our readers ask a question.

The column has a number of questions that show there are many civic projects that need attention.

Neither the reporters, nor The Mountaineer, can begin to answer many of the questions. We do have our own opinions on them, but are not attempting to answer them, because so many are out of our jurisdiction.

We are glad to see that so many people have civic matters on their minds. It shows the trend of thinking; it shows that the citizens are mindful of needed improvements. And when people get to thinking about such matters, it is comparatively easy to get action.

10 Nights of Rain Out of 392

The sponsors and backers of the Cherokee Pageant for next summer will no doubt be encouraged by the news coming from Manteo about the outdoor theatre there which has featured "The Lost Colony" for nine years.

So far the pageant has been given 392 times, and only ten times during the nine years has the pageant been postponed due to rain.

That is a mighty good average of only one bad night in every forty.

It will be interesting to compare the rain figures of the east with the west just as soon as the Cherokee Pageant gets underway next summer.

Soco Gap Dance Team Wins Again

It is getting so these days that when the Soco Gap Dance Team wins first place in a Folk Festival it is hardly news—they win so often.

Perhaps we should temper that statement a little, but the team is at least a consistent winner, and always attracts much attention wherever an exhibition is staged.

The team, under the direction of Sam Queen, take their dancing seriously, yet get lots of fun from it. They have the rhythm, the spirit, and the determination to win. Such a combination usually does.

A Hotel for Whiteville

About 18 months ago, the citizens of Whiteville decided they needed a modern commercial hotel.

To make a long story short, they organized a company, sold stock, and have given a contract for the immediate construction of the building. And on top of that they have signed a lease with one of the largest hotel chains in the country to operate the place.

Within a reasonable time the stockholders will get their money back, with interest, and the town will still have a modern hotel.

The people of Whiteville just made up their minds that they were going to have a hotel. And today, workmen are laying brick and welding steel as construction moves forward.

This is further proof that any civic project can be accomplished when the people want it accomplished.

Unmatched Beauty

It is interesting to note that the Richland Garden Club will stage a summer flower show this year on the 26th of August.

The annual flower shows held here many years attracted much attention, and especially the dahlia shows, which were almost a thing out of this world.

The revival of the exhibition of flowers is a decided note of progress for this community.

To be sure, the show will not be worth much from a monetary standpoint, but it will give every citizen who takes the time to attend a deeper appreciation of nature, and of the beauty that exists.

It will take our minds off the commercial world for a while, and let us realize that some of the most beautiful things of life have such a cheap price tag, but that man has yet failed to accurately copy or duplicate what Mother Nature has bountifully bestowed upon us.

This newspaper welcomes the revival of the flower show, and we feel we speak the sentiment of hundreds of citizens who too appreciate the better things of life.

An Old Custom, Still Good

The annual family reunion season is here once again, and scores of such events will be held before the end of the summer.

Next Sunday the 19th annual Cataloochee reunion is expected to attract some 800 people, with family groups attending in lesser numbers at later dates at family reunions.

Such events afford an opportunity for renewed fellowship, and to make new acquaintances.

The family reunion is one of the events of the old social world that has been successfully carried over into the new.

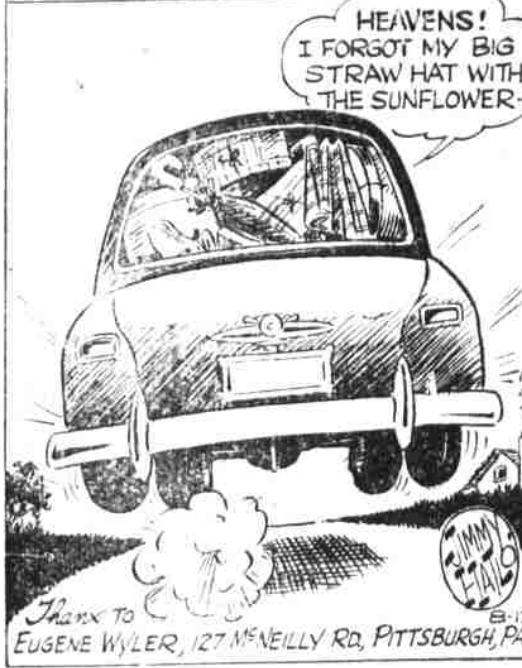
They'll Do It Every Time

SALESMAN STRESSES REAR VIEW, MAN AND WIFE BUY-- WOULD'N'T YOU?



By Jimmy Hatlo

THEN SHE PACKS THE WINDOW LEDGE HIGHER THAN A PENTHOUSE HEDGE--



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Law is revealed making it mandatory that a United States Flag and North Carolina Flag be hung behind the judge's bench in each court house in the state. The Chamber Fibre Company donates flats for the county.

Miss W. T. Lee honors her husband with a smoker in celebration of his seventy-sixth birthday anniversary.

Frederick Crawford leaves Chicago to play with the All American Football team against the Chicago Bears.

10 YEARS AGO

C. C. Hanson is scheduled to

speak at the annual Haywood reunion at the home of George C. Haynes at Clyde.

Earn specialists believe the livestock industry is foundation for farming in Haywood county.

Highway commission expects to pave nine miles of Highway 108 from the present concrete road to the store of Norman Jacobs.

William McCracken is declared winner of the supervised program contest in the 10th district and is recommended by the state FFA officials to receive the American Farmer's degree.

Mrs. Elmer O. Borge is scheduled for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Borge Howell of Providence, R. I.

5 YEARS AGO

Miss Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers of Clyde, returns from Rio de Janeiro, where she held a secretarial position with the U. S. Engineering Co.

W. H. McCracken is named county auditor to fill the unexpired term of T. J. Cuthery, who resigned. Stanley C. Henry is reported slightly wounded in action in France.

Miss Corinne Waggoner is engaged to Lt. Robert Francis Anton, Randolph Carswell, seaman first class, assigned to sea duty.

Staff Sgt. William Strongfield is awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

JUST A PICTURE—The fact that Congressman Harold D. Cooley has had a new and most flattering picture made and sent about to many of the papers in North Carolina has led to some conjecture that the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee might have a political hay burning in his honor. Governor "Senator".

Not so, and the Congressman last week to this corner. "Quote: I am not now and I never actually have been politically ambitious—unquote."

In view of the fact, however, that I am now chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, which is, as you know, one of the most important committees in the House, and especially since I am the first North Carolinian to serve on that Committee in one hundred and four years, I do intend to be a candidate for reelection.

"I had not had a picture taken in many years and I felt certain that people were sick and tired of seeing pictures of such ancient vintage," said Congressman Cooley.

NOTE TO COOLEY—Thank you, Congressman Cooley. The picture was beautiful, and you certainly don't look as if you had just reached your fifty-second birthday. It seems only yesterday that you romped all over the late George Ross Ross and others to win your seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.

As the originator of the "Throw-Away-Old Pictures" Week, this column naturally applauds your recent action and hopes you will encourage some of the stay-at-home-the-papers business men and public officials to follow your lead.

Assistant Attorney General Lamar Candler for instance, still looks a bright and gleaming 30 in his official photos. Dr. Clarence Poe, publisher of the Progressive Farmer, has set aside in the papers in 25 years. There are others. Papers are wonderful that way, and studio restorers are simply marvelous.

North Carolina has two or three other Congressmen—C. B. Deane, maybe who should be put in touch with your photographer. There ought to be a law requiring every man running for office to send to the papers a new, unretouched likeness of himself. The people have a right to know what their candidates look like as of the year they run for office. Thank you again.

DOWNWARD—Sales tax income to the State in July was about one per cent lower than for July of 1948. Total taxes collected in July ran seven per cent below July of last year.

WETTER—A year ago this week a group representing the dry forces in North Carolina met here in Raleigh with hope shining like dewdrops in their eyes, for Governor Kerr Scott—or the man who would soon be Governor—had made ringing appeals for a Statewide liquor referendum. Now, a year later, the State is two counties wetter. Like

Governor Broughton, Hogg, and Cherry before him, Scott sold placed himself solidly on the dry side of the fence. This time, though, we have the rain.

Scott made a token mention of the need for a referendum in his first brush with the Legislature. Having cleared his skirts, the matter was allowed to blow into the limbo of half-forgetting. With Rowan and Catawba counties leading liquor, it now begins to look as if the wet side of the fence is a sure thing will make their great gains in a decade.

OFF THE CLUE—Moving over the heads of the members of his Board of Conservation and Development, Governor Scott said Friday he would give A. J. Galt of Charlotte 60 days to terminate its advertising contract. "Main reason for his doing this," he gave Bob Redwine, who helped him a little in his common last year, a chance to get it under his wing. Within a few hours after Bill Sharpe announced his resignation, Scott told Conservation and Development Boss George Ross to offer the job to Redwine. This was done. Redwine refused, hoping to get the advertising contract and more money.

Don't be surprised if a high horse of Rocky Mount, patron of this State's advertising program and vice chairman of Clus & Develop, resigns as the result of this latest Scott-Parker deal. John Marshall was set to take over the News Bureau job and A. J. Galt left to lose the job, contract two weeks ago. When this did not pan out along nice channels, Parker

took Sharpe's place and Marshall took Parker's. Both Ross and Horne have been embarrassed and insulted along nice channels. Parker

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

This week the order has been reversed and rather than getting answers to a question, the people have been requested to ask a question.

Mrs. R. R. Campbell: "What do you think we could do to stimulate our tourist business?"

Bob Hall: "Does the radio station mean enough to this community for the people to support it with their advertising?"

Mrs. Carleton Weatherby: "Why is there not a traffic light or prohibited parking at the intersection of Pison and Main Street to facilitate traffic coming into Main from Pison?"

O. H. Shelton: "Why does not the town force owners to clean up their back patches about town—especially those where mosquitoes are breeding?"

J. B. Siler: "What has been done about Mr. Eller's offer of the swimming pool at the Country Club?"

Mrs. Robert Palmer: "When is the town going to fix my street in Brookwood?"

Miss Kate Phillips: "What do you think could be done to make people realize that trash thrown on the streets detracts from our town, and persuade them to use the cans placed along the street for that purpose?"

Look Sharpe's place and Marshall took Parker's. Both Ross and Horne have been embarrassed and insulted along nice channels. Parker

RESURRECTION DAY?



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

having playmates who existed only in their own imaginations. Compared with the average of the whole group, these students showed less neuroticism, less introversion, more skill in personal relations and a greater degree of confidence in themselves.



Can you know a person you haven't lived with?

Answer: You can never "know all about" anybody under any circumstances, any more than you can absolutely know yourself, and however long you may live with another person, you are never wholly safe against surprises. But day-by-day contact usually does reveal sides of anyone's personality which may not appear if you see him only occasionally. It's not just a case of his being on his best behavior when he's with you; it's that when we are "off guard" (for instance, at the breakfast table) that we are prone to unconscious self-revelation.



Can a heartless person win your affection?

Answer: Certainly, if he (or she) is clever enough. It is easier in some ways to win the affection of someone whom you care nothing about than of someone you are genuinely fond of, since wanting intensely to have someone like—or love—you may make you feel tense and awkward with him. There are egotists who gratify their vanity by "turning on the charm" until they're sure you like them and then have no further interest in you. But you're better off than they are in the long run since a person who cannot be hurt cannot be happy either.



Is a child who has imaginary playmates "strange"?

Answer: He's apt to turn out more nearly normal than the average, writes Dr. Robert C. Wingfield, well-known psychologist, in the Journal of Child Psychology. Dr. Wingfield tells of tests given to 229 college women freshmen, 67 of whom recalled as small girls

Rambling 'R'

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

We have often thought of the lack of concentration of most of us. This was decidedly proven last week when we had occasion to verify the spelling of the word "Shepherd". We looked all through books and papers that we thought would enlighten us... but no Shepherd appeared. Finally, we called up The Book Store and was told the correct spelling. As we returned to our desk, there before our eyes was an ink bottle of Shephard and on the shelf above the desk a small bottle of the same ink. Both the words with the word Shephard in large letters. We know how to spell it now.

The train of thought should be sidetracked every once in a while, and the rails looked over.

It only we could impress upon our summer visitors that the best is yet to come. After September opens the door at autumn, just one visit through the Park during the gorgeous fall showing of colors would make a constant October guest. Even the Adirondacks with their renowned beauty cannot equal our own Pisgah. How display of fashionable robes and the Magic Carpet that sweeps down the mountain-side.

A "word" of praise can be said in one sentence... but the good it will do would fill a book.

Almost all of us respond to the attraction of a pretty face set after a short time the prettiness has assumed a sameness that loses value. But the magnet that holds the attention for a long time is personality, and the person owning this priceless gift has it all used for us.

LAFF-A-DAY



"... And see that he doesn't get in the most persistent salesman I ever

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Not living
- 5 Drench
- 10 Bower
- 12 Missile
- 13 Weapon
- 14 A merchant
- 15 Characteristic
- 17 Exclamation
- 20 Foreign
- 21 particle in the blood
- 24 City (India)
- 26 Rave
- 27 To embed
- 28 Adherent of Hinduism
- 29 Delete
- 30 Cowled
- 31 A simple eye or visual organ
- 33 Bitter vetch
- 34 Engages in, as war
- 36 Glossy-surfaced fabric
- 39 Ore deposits
- 43 Manacles
- 44 Tally
- 45 Long-legged and slim
- 46 Coin (Persia)

DOWN

- 1 To dip quickly into water
- 2 Blunder
- 3 Finish seaport
- 4 Do not (contracted)
- 5 Master (Indian term)
- 6 Dramatic text set to music
- 7 Vase with a foot
- 8 Dances serial
- 9 Female sheep
- 11 To read again
- 16 Girl's name
- 17 Await
- 18 Home-like
- 19 Walked in SW France
- 22 Bewail
- 23 conflagration
- 25 A thin forming on foot
- 28 Inns
- 30 A swine