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We Hope She Changes Her Mind

Hundreds of thousands of people know about Lake Junaluska solely because of the vivid descriptions which have rolled from the pen of Mrs. Maude M. Turpin.

Mrs. Turpin has for many, many years, handled the news of the Lake Junaluska Assembly. She has given the straight facts, and let the chips fall where they would.

The editor of The Mountaineer met Mrs. Turpin in 1931, and immediately "sized" her up as a straight shooter, and a reliable and efficient news reporter.

She is not only a woman of unlimited energy. And merely being 67 years of age means nothing, unless it means she has an unlimited supply of energy, which never seems to run out when she is in front of a typewriter.

Mrs. Turpin has trained herself to grasp quickly the trend of the day, and she once confided in us that all that she had to do to get a speaker's talk was to get his topic, talk to him for a few minutes and get his outlook on life, and then she could accurately predict what he would say in his sermon.

Mrs. Turpin has a keen sense of evaluating news—to her, as in all good news reporters, the mighty and powerful are on the same level as the unknowns as far as news is concerned. She treats them all alike.

Not too many people know Mrs. Turpin personally, but by her works, thousands know of her, and of Junaluska. And we feel that perhaps one reason for her success is that she has preferred the world known Junaluska rather than Mrs. Turpin. And that is what she has worked to attain, and done so successfully.

Mrs. Turpin "threatens" to retire again at the end of this season, but we hope she uses that privilege afforded to all women, and changes her mind.

Baruch feels that the British cousin could work a little harder in his own behalf. But as the fellow said, if you turn the wheelbarrow right side up they fill it.

A New Calendar

The World Calendar Association is making a determined effort to get the World Calendar adopted and put into force by December 30th. The plan for revising the calendar is due to come up next month.

One major reason presented for wanting the new calendar is that the present calendar was amended in 1582 to conform with the seasons and was not adjusted in its irregular arrangement. The irregularity, with corresponding changes every year, is said to be bringing difficulties and confusion on a world-wide basis.

Some 500 plans have been submitted, but the one that has gotten approval from all participants throughout the world, is as follows:

- 1. Every year begins on Sunday, 1 January.
2. Each quarter year has 3 months or 13 weeks or 91 days.
3. In each quarter: the first month totals 31 days and begins on Sunday; the second month of 30 days begins on Wednesday; the third month also of 30 days begins on Friday.
4. Days and dates always agree from year to year.
5. Each month has 26 weekdays, plus Sundays.
6. The week keeps to the familiar order of days beginning with Sunday.
7. Months have their irregular number of weekdays including Sundays.
8. Every year has an even 52 weeks, plus the one or two new world holidays.
9. Holidays and anniversaries are stabilized on their regular days and dates.
10. Religious feast days, such as Easter, are left to the decision of the churches.
11. Perfect coordination is attained among the different calendar units at the end of every quarter year and the year itself.
12. Every year and quarter are comparable from year to year.
13. To secure the stability of the calendar, at the same time retain the accuracy of the length of the year that it takes the Earth to make a complete revolution around the Sun, the 365th day follows Saturday, 30 December.
14. Leap year day, the 366th day, follows Saturday, 30 June and is considered as another world holiday in leap years.
15. This is the new Leapyear Day, W or 31 June. Both these days stabilize the calendar, making it the same from year to year.
16. This is comparable to the International Date Line at which point a day is gained or lost, that was essential in the establishment of Standard Time and is now used throughout the world.
17. All of us will watch with interest the proposals that have been made for changing our calendar.

Too much talking and too little thinking accounts for some of the troubles that beset mankind.

You, too, are getting along if George Bernard Shaw's birthdays seem nowadays to occur at intervals of three or four weeks.

They'll Do It Every Time

YOU STOCK UP AT THE ROADSIDE STAND ON PRODUCE BY THE PECK—



By Jimmy Hatlo

THE VERY DAY YOUR COUNTRY KIN COME BEARING GIFTS—BY HECK!



Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO: Senator Robert R. Reynolds remains "Our Bob" to numbers of people from this state.
10 YEARS AGO: The J. R. Thomas residence on Church street is acquired by the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh.
5 YEARS AGO: Week's real estate sales near \$100,000.
Smith's Drug Store receives shipment of 600 packages of cigarettes—all are sold in 24 minutes.
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Killian, Jr., and young son of Hilton Village, Va., are here for a visit to relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Noland of Fines Creek have two sons in the service.
R. and P. maintains record in softball league.
The Mountaineer is awarded "Certificate of Appreciation" issued by the Army Service Forces.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

NOTES—State employees are pretty bitter about the Governor's charge of petty graft in their ranks, feeling that Scott cast suspicion on them in the eyes of the public mainly to get his name in the headlines.

The Governor's riding roughshod over his various boards and commissions is alienating the friendship of many old cronies here. There is so much arguing, fussing, buckering, and jockeying for position in Raleigh that the business of running the State often seems to take a back seat.

Visitors in the Governor's office last week included E. D. Boardman of Greensboro, who managed Dr. Ralph McDonald's campaign in 1944.

With college football practice only a few days off, some of the Big Four (Wake Forest, Carolina, Duke and State) teams are finding it difficult to get in touch with their players.

Although many service stations took part in opposition to the increase in the gas tax, the State issued last week to its departments the names of stations throughout the 100 counties which will sell gas to State cars at a 2-cents-per-gallon reduction.

Denials have reached this corner that there is a nudist camp near Durham. Maybe not. But the man man still delivers mail to the camp, which is located near, if not actually on, George Watt Hill's farm about five miles north of the Bull City.

AMOS AND ANDY—If a little burnt cork or black shoe polish were smeared on the faces of Charlie Parker and Kerr Scott, they could easily pass for Amos and Andy of radio fame.

Reports of their press conferences often read like a script from the radio team. Parker sits at Governor Scott's elbow at the press conferences, and then the dialogue begins.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Instead of The Mountaineer asking the questions today, the people are asking them, reversing the usual procedure.

Joe Cline: Why can't Haywood County have a pavilion for holding county fairs, livestock shows and sales, and other events of county-wide interest?

Mrs. Lloyd Stevenson: Why don't Waynesville movies show something besides "westerns" every Saturday night?

Wayne Edwards: Why don't they hold more than one out-of-state farm tour a year?

Katherine Franham: Why don't skirts get shorter?

Mrs. Dorothy Fields: Can some of the civic organizations furnish transportation for teenagers when the Recreation Park is finished at Raleigh Cove?

WOMEN CAN DRIVE, TOO

DANVILLE, N. Y. (U.P.)—In the final road test of the high school's new automobile driving course; Ruth Pfanter and Shirley DeLong each earned grades of 95.

CITY HALL SMELLS SWEET

WHEELING, W. Va. (U.P.)—Incense is not usually standard equipment in a municipal building, but City Manager William Hunter decided something had to be done about the hall's "B. O."

Rambling 'Ro

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

"Coming events cast their shadows before" is well demonstrated if you will glance at the trees on the north edge of the Courthouse lawn. Some of the leaves are already donning their fall colors, and it won't be long ere we will see the other trees following suit.

Remember that cartoon in the papers a long time ago, when August Smith was going to close his business on September 1st? His ad was a classic: "The first of September will be the last of August."

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS—Russians Have Speedy Jets | Awaiting 'Polish' Question: Is It How Many? | On Volunteering: Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Top defense planners in the U.S. are working on a plan to produce a new type of jet-powered aircraft. The plan is to produce a new type of jet-powered aircraft that will be able to fly at a speed of 3,000 miles per hour.

POLISH DIPLOMATS—Diplomatic circles in Washington are watching closely Polish Ambassador Winiewicz, a devout Catholic, as he views the U.S. from his views in the Communist bloc.

PACT DELAY HURT ARMS BILL—Senate ratification appears to have jeopardized implementation of the arms bill. There were even reports that opponents of arms for Europe delayed the bill in this mind.

PREDICTION GALLUPED—The free-press senators would do less talking in the absence of a debate on the North Atlantic Pact brought forth if not longer—speeches, even though the Senate is an old Supreme Court room in the Capitol, with the appreciative spectators.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are most of us jealous of our neighbors? Answer: More or less so. For there is another kind of jealousy besides that caused by the fear of losing someone we love—jealousy of anyone who has or seems likely to get more of anything we want than we have.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

ments of fact, like a "box score," good writing not only conveys ideas in intelligible words; it arouses the emotion which the writer wishes to communicate.

Are books that are "readable" well written? Answer: Not always, writes Bryant Kessler in Journalism Quarterly. Modern tests show fairly accurately whether a book will be hard or easy to read, but good scores in "readability" are not "a guarantee of good writing."

