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10 Years Of Growth

It does not seem so long ago that we stood with a group of citizens in the Cruso-Bethel area and watched a lineman throw a switch on a pole which energized the first unit of what is now a small part of the 600 miles of lines of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation.

The pole was on a high hill and after the brief ceremony, the group went down to the highway, and there watched a housewife turn on her porch light for the first use of the energy coming over the wires.

REA at that time in Haywood was a small organization, centered around Cruso-Bethel, with the entire office and headquarters in a building constructed as a warehouse and about ten feet square.

During the ten years, REA has steadily grown, and today represents an investment of almost a million and a half dollars, serves about 3,500 customers, and has 600 miles of energized lines that run from Buncombe county all the way down into northern Georgia.

The Haywood Electric Membership Corporation has the potentialities of 6,500 customers to be served from 1,400 miles of lines. Surveys have been made and a careful study of the areas is well underway.

The maintenance work which was once done by one man, now requires a large crew, in addition to the construction crew, who are constantly pushing lines back into remote areas of this entire section.

At first one man devoted part time to the office, and now a large staff is necessary to handle the large volume of business.

The physical growth of REA, however, is just part of the story.

The appearance of REA lines into the remote areas of the section have brought about a new day, a higher standard of living, and untold improvement of conditions which have a direct affect upon the health and lives of thousands of people.

The steady growth, and development of REA has been a major factor in the economic welfare of the people which have been served. The constant expansion, and careness to improve service, is of paramount interest to present customers, as well as those who look to the day when they too can enjoy the facilities of REA.

Greatest Men

When the weather gets as hot as it has been, this summer, and editors find their "think tanks" are not percolating, they conveniently take up the matter of naming the five greatest men this country has ever produced.

No difficulty is experienced in starting an argument on this topic, as was the case last week when Ralph McGill, of the Atlanta Constitution, named five men who are at the top of the list. They were Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Greensboro News editor said that the McGill list was quite satisfactory, but he pointed out that George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Robert E. Lee, Woodrow Wilson and Thomas A. Edison were five other men who should rank high.

The Stanley News and Press picks up the line of thought right here on the subject, and carries on as follows:

And so it might be possible to name several lists, with no duplications, yet there would be no chance of universal agreement.

Since the weather is hot at the time this is being written, it occurred to us that perhaps there is something to this "picking" pastime, and so we set out to pick the five men who have made the greatest contributions to the growth and development of Albemarle in Stanley county.

But, on second thought we decided not to try to name the five, although we do feel that perhaps we could mention two or three about whom there would be no argument.

In choosing men who have been responsible for the good things which have come to the city and county, many factors must be taken into consideration. This means that it would be an easy matter to start some serious arguments.

The thought has occurred to us that perhaps it would be much easier to pick the men who have been responsible for the blocking of progress, and the men whose influence has been detrimental to the growth and development of the community. We could name several in this category without exerting ourselves in the least bit.

We didn't intend to mention a single name when we started, but we do want our readers to make up their own lists, for we think it will stimulate some constructive thought.

If a man cannot make some contribution to his community, at least he should have the grace and good sense not to be a road-block on the highway of progress.

A New Post Office

It is good news coming from Clyde that before too long a new and modern post office will be completed for the growing community.

A community can usually be judged by its post office. This is not always true, but is a fairly accurate yardstick for measuring civic and community pride.

Since the establishment of another route out of Clyde, the office handles a large volume of mail.

This newspaper is glad that a new and modern office is under construction. It is a project which the citizens of Clyde have long deserved.

Hollywood casters are ordered to dip up fresh talent, as it is felt some of the old-established stars are no longer able to put asthma across as emotion.

There are many people in the world who do not realize that there is a wrong way to attempt to do the thing right.

They'll Do It Every Time

OTHER FOLKS' KIDS ARE FIENDISH, MEAN AND CRUEL SAYS MR. BLOWVER



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT WHEN HIS OWN KID SMASHES THINGS, EDISON, MOVE OVER!



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Beer licenses in this county \$775 since May 1.

Orders for food for the unemployed are suspended.

Hugh J. Sisson is appointed manager of the Haywood County Auto Club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patrick return from a visit to Myrtle Beach.

Hallett Ward of Blenheim, W. Va. joins Mrs. Ward and small son at the home of Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Higgs.

Miss Mary Penland McCracken entertains for young social set of the city.

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10 YEARS AGO

M. T. McCracken is starting going-out-of-business sale after 34 years as a merchant.

W. T. Lee celebrates eighty-first birthday at his county home on the Fairview Road.

Construction crews work on widening two bridges just south of the Hazelwood city limits.

Dr. Harry Sullivan arrives from Anderson, S. C., to join the personnel at Smith's Drug Store.

5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. H. B. Atkins resigns as assistant to the superintendent at Lake Junaluska Assembly.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to Staff Sergeant James W. Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Galusha plan opening of the Firestone Home and Auto Store.

School opening is postponed until September 18.

Dr. Stanley Jones, world missionary, speaks to Rotary Club.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

OFF THE CUFF... At the time Gov. Scott announced that Ayer & Gilbert's advertising contract with North Carolina would be terminated in 60 days the man he wanted to have the job did not have a North Carolina advertising agency.

Scott, who had been attending to this for the Eastman-Redwine Advertising Agency, with money from Atlanta and support from the Eastman-Scott firm which used to have the N. C. account.

Now the whole thing is going to be left wide open again and given to some agency. It must be approved by the Board and that commission and the Division of Purchase and Contract, etc. Most people here think all of this technical double-talk is nothing but a lot of hog-wash and that Eastman-Redwine will be given the State's \$200,000-per-year advertising business.

Advertising agencies receive 15 per cent of the advertising they place, whether it be for Lucky Strikes, Camel Hanes Underwear, or what have you. This will mean that Eastman-Redwine will make \$30,000 annually if they get the contract.

With Redwine receiving as his take about \$20,000, the best salary of Scott's personal.

The whole trouble began about two years ago when L. Y. Stagg Ballentine, now Commissioner of Agriculture, was planning to run for Governor against Charles Johnson. At that time, Redwine was representing Eastman-Scott here in Raleigh on the N. C. account. Being a great push-foot-or-slip-or-caterer, he had played up to Ballentine, cultivated him, and had become close friends with him. Johnson saw that Redwine here in Raleigh to look after his advertising business and not to stir politics was against him and for Ballentine. Right there the N. C. advertising account became a political football.

Not only have they been unable to see him, but have not received a reply in a letter they wrote the Governor, according to their statement.

After Eastman-Scott lost the contract, Redwine did not have much to do. He had been offered a position with Ayer & Gilbert when the contract was hanging in the balance, but had remained loyal to his firm, preferring to go down with them if that was the way it was going to be. Not being too busy, he started backing political candidates right and left: Ballentine, Broughton, and Scott, of course, since he could not support Charles Johnson. They all won. Then Bob sat back and looked the situation over, his pink mustache jumping like a rabbit's whiskers on a frosty November morning.

received \$1,000 when, lo and behold, the Bell system's one million telephone was installed in North Carolina in Alamance County and he got both Broughton and Scott to participate in the ceremonies. This summer again, as chance would have it, the Governor decided he would talk by amplified long distance Bell telephone from the Governor's office in Kentucky to Raleigh, North Carolina, when the special judges were sworn in.

Although not a native of this State, Redwine has learned fast. He has made some enemies, but many more friends, all of whom seem to be in power at this time.

Mammoth, Flesh and All, Discovered In Alaska

WASHINGTON (UP)—Gold miners using hydraulic methods on river banks of Alaska's Yukon River have uncovered a prehistoric woolly mammoth which has been transferred to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

The flesh of this perfectly preserved specimen has been kept intact for thousands of years by the ideal deep-freezing climate of Alaska. These conditions have been maintained in the museum's electrical deep-freeze unit.

In the United States, mammoths have been found as fossil remains in all sections and climates. The long-tusked, densely furred beasts were a bit taller and more delicately built than today's elephant, but bore a close resemblance to the Indian and African varieties.

Nickel silver is used for architectural hardware and decorative fixtures because of its resistance to atmospheric corrosion and its ease of cleaning.

THE "COPPER" HEAD



Rambling 'R'

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

It did give us a bit of a start to see a fine looking chap of American build, about 100 pounds coming out to the restaurant, including in his arms one of those natural-as-life dolls. We looked all around to see a child's owner in the doll but not one in 1919. The last we saw of the doll was the carrier they were normally wearing their way down the street. We still are hoping that somewhere a youngster was waiting for a wandering hoby.

Heard in passing: "And when he turned around, he could see that I wasn't there."

He was nineteen months old and looked as though he might have been the model for the original painting of a cherub. He has a mass of wind-blown curls and his eyes had been polluted after a perfect summer. But at all couldn't help but see in the future when he would try to play for down those curls in an attempt to show their beauty, as he donned football helmet or the "mortal" hair.

Seen in passing... by a reader.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



MORE THAN 200 RECORDED SHIPS HAVE VANISHED FROM THE SEAS IN THE LAST 300 YEARS, ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHERS NOT RECORDED.



Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Administration Drops Fight Against Taft-Hartley Law

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON: The administration has repeated the Taft-Hartley law has been repealed.

Administration spokesmen have quietly said that the fight for Taft-Hartley's repeal is not in Congress—and probably for the next session.

The stumbling block in the way of the repeal of the House labor committee which has not been a bill satisfactory to a majority of the House.

The new labor bill passed awaiting action by the committee.

Rep. Andrew Jacobs (D) of New York, has tried to get members together to discuss the bill, but has been unable to secure a majority in the project.

Both administration and labor spokesmen say it is impossible to pass a repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

And so the issue which began in the 1948 presidential election fought out again at the political balloting.

LABOR KITTY WELL FED—There will be no labor's 1950 campaign kitty than in any previous election.

The AFL and CIO are building up money for their election battles even though the presidential stake.

Far more vital to labor than the presidential election is the fight for the seats now held in both the House and the Senate to consider the strong anti-labor bill.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Can you succeed at a job you dislike?

Answer: Only if you are the sort of person who gets morbid satisfaction out of making himself miserable, and even in that case, your healthier instincts may some day rebel and cause a break-down. Success in any job depends on how much energy or "drive" you put into it, and when you work at a job you hate, a large share of your energy is wasted fighting down the impulse to refuse to go on with it. But it's sometimes possible to "learn to like" a job which you have found distasteful by using imagination to give you a new slant on it.



Can you help a child gain self-control?

Answer: Yes, writes Dr. Doris Odium, London child psychiatrist, in The Medical Press. Young children sometimes have what in adults is called hysteria, though they are more apt to show it by fits of emotional control, crying.

Is delinquency a "disease"?

Answer: Yes, writes Dr. Iago Galdston in Mental Hygiene. It is a "deficiency disease" of the emotions comparable to the physical disease caused by a defective diet. The teen-ager who expends his energies in mischief and rebellion does so because he has had no chance to develop his capacity for love and affection. A child can learn to love in only one way—in response to getting love from others. The delinquent must be given a chance to satisfy his hunger for love and approval; punishment will only make him feel more starved than ever.

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