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Shocking Disclosure

Comptroller Lindsay C. Warren's disclosure just made that a mere sampling of contracts made by the government revealed more than six million dollars in fraudulent payments on settlements, is shocking to say the least.

Warren criticized again the 1944 Contract Settlement Act which authorizes contracting agencies to settle their terminated contracts without prior independent audit by another government agency.

The act should have provided fraud instead of providing only for recovery for payments found later to have been induced by fraud.

Of more than \$6,230,000 fraudulent payments reported, Warren said, apparently only \$107,882 has been recovered and he predicted not much more will be.

If many more instances of fraud and bribery turn up, or if the whole is anything like the sample, then we will be convinced that not all of this country's enemies speak foreign languages.

-Shelby Star.

The Same Old Story

Sadness hangs over Washington, N. C. A little four-year old boy picked up an innocent looking 22 rifle. And as most children, as well as adults, played with the gun until he found the trigger.

Some of the men of the house had been target practicing, and left the live bullet in the rifle.

There are many, and lengthy editorials that could be written on this subject, but we shall let the reader finish this in their own minds.

Similar sadness has been caused right here in Haywood.

Haywood Farms Cost More Than California's

Long ago we were told never to be surprised at any news that came out of California.

Somehow, we cannot get over the story of the farmer who wrote 600 movie stories, and received 600 rejection notices.

But in that land of discouragement, he decided to take one more chance, and here is the climax of the story. He sold his farm for \$3,000. Just imagine, a California farm for \$3,000. That is lower priced land than here in Haywood.

Anyway, he took \$2,280 of his farm money, and paid it to a movie magazine to print his latest story in full, in the hopes that some movie producer would see it and make a purchase.

Now he is sitting and waiting. He says if he does not get a buyer, he will get a job and start all over again.

This should end all of the try-try again stories, and more especially since a \$3,000 California farm is involved.

Doubt If It Was Mentioned

Down at Fort Jackson the other day, Governors Kerr Scott of North Carolina and Gordon Browning of Tennessee met to review the National Guard of the 30th Infantry Division and to crown the queen of the company.

That would have been a mighty good time for the two governors to have talked over the details of starting work on the Pigeon River Road—between here and Newport.

After all, we don't expect much to be accomplished until the two governors get together on the project, which will be of material benefit to both states.

Reversed Procedure

A young Fayetteville man stole a car the other day, and of all places to go to throw off suspicion, he entered a long farm day parade in Smithfield.

There were cops leading the parade, some bringing up the rear, and officers at every street intersection, yet the young man went merrily on his way. He wanted to go to Virginia, but was afraid to cross the state line with the car, so he just ditched the vehicle, and was seeking other means of transportation when arrested.

He stated from his cell that he enjoyed the parade, and trailing the cops. Heretofore, in previous cases, he had been in front of pursuing officers.

It Could Happen Here

Down in Dunn late the other afternoon, a dense fog settled over the community. In a few minutes a plane loomed overhead, flying low, in fact dangerously low.

A citizen who owned a plane ran out into his yard, and called to the lost pilot, who was seeking the airport. The citizen hurriedly jumped into his car, and with lights blinking, led the fog-bound pilot to the airport four miles away, where a safe landing was made.

The plane was returning from the coast when the thick fog settled down, and the pilot knew he was in the vicinity of an airport, but that was all.

The pilot literally hugged the neck of his new friend, as he left the plane.

"Think nothing of it," the pilot was told. "You see I fly a plane, and know just how you felt up there lost in that fog."

Another case of one man's misfortune becoming a blessing for one who understood.

Cartoon by Jimmy Hatlo titled 'They'll Do It Every Time'. It depicts a man at a steam table with various speech bubbles and a sign that says 'THE PERSONALITY BOY AT THE STEAM TABLE... THANK YOU TO JOE TAPPAN, 8 EVERARD ST., REVERE, MASS.'

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO - Successful season is ended at Lake Junaluska. 22,000 people are registered during the period.
10 YEARS AGO - R. L. Prevost is named president of the western district of the N. C. Building and Loan League.
5 YEARS AGO - R and P has perfect softball season. Finals to be played this week.

Capital Letters

LAWYER ESTATES - Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, who passed away on July 31, left an estate of \$181,415, most of which was accumulated after his term as Governor of North Carolina.
POLICE GET WISE - CHICAGO (UP) - Two experienced prompted police to schedule a strip routine of pickpocket suspects in the future.

Letters To The Editor

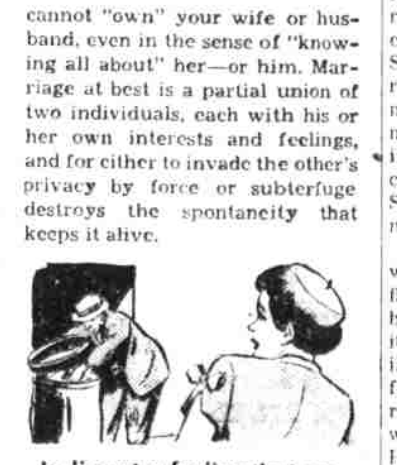
COMMENTS STAFF Editor The Mountaineer: We commend your staff for their excellent work in producing such a fine newspaper. We assure you we greatly enjoy The Mountaineer. With very best wishes for your steady growth, I am, Sincerely yours, FLOYD C. CHRISTIAN, Manager General Board of Education Cafeteria, Lake Junaluska.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist. cannot "own" your wife or husband, even in the sense of "knowing all about" her—or him. Marriage at best is a partial union of two individuals, each with his or her own interests and feelings, and for either to invade the other's privacy by force or subterfuge destroys the spontaneity that keeps it alive.

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EXPECTED TOO MUCH - Believing no doubt that they would receive tremendous orders and contracts as the result of this State's adopting the \$200,000,000 road program, roadbuilders and machinery companies carried the major portion of the financial load in putting it across.

Rambling 'R' - Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up - Of The Mountaineer Staff

The two men had worked side-by-side for a couple of years. Then one of them took a position in a distant city. After an absence of several years, he returned and had his old-time friend spend the evening with him at the hotel. A very pleasant time was had by both friends but the following morning after the visitor had left for home the first man remarked: "You know, I've spent all morning and part of last night trying to remember that fellow's name." Fame is fleeting!

If we could bring back the past, we wonder how much of it we would want to restore to its original status. They had struck up an acquaintance on one of our green benches, where both had sat down to rest. Finally the man asked the young lady: "Are you a visitor here?" to which she replied: "Oh no, I live here." Then out of politeness she inquired: "Where are you from?" And he told her he was from Florida. Loyally she informed him that Waynesville had been unusually warm this summer, and that the rains were not as plentiful generally as they had been in July. The joke of the whole thing was that both had misrepresented themselves... the lady a lifelong resident of Florida and the man born and raised in Waynesville.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE Mrs. Sam Queen: "What are the prospects for work for unemployed people later in the season?" Mrs. Roy Museman: "Why don't the Waynesville civic clubs get together and sponsor a Community Development program similar to those being carried on in the rural communities?"

YOU'RE TELLING By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer. RUSSIANS now claim their beer is the best. Until recently as we recall it, they always spelled it B-E-A-R.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ACROSS 1 A short stocking 5 Fellow 9 Hazy 10 Book of the Old Testament 12 Narrow passage 13 Vexed 14 Falshood 15 Tavern 16 Father (child's term) 17 Flags 20 Vitality 21 Tantalum (sym.) 22 American editor and philanthropist 23 A kind of wine 24 Suitable 25 Obese 26 Grows old 28 Fasten 29 Indefinite article 31 Wander about idly 32 Delicate skill 34 Mulberry 35 Slice 36 Donkey 37 Precious stone 39 Civet-like animal 41 Rub out 42 Affirms 43 Fencing sword 44 Saucy