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BIBLE QUOTATION

... that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble. II Corinthians 1:4. (Read II Corinthians 1:1-7.)

A Helpless Feeling

Last week, an out-of-state car plunged 130 feet off the road on the west side of Soco Gap, sailing some distance through the air, carrying two passengers to what looked like sure death.

Fortunately, both escaped with minor injuries.

The cause of their accident, which demolished their car, was faulty brakes. In fact, their brakes just stopped working, and the vehicle gained such speed that the driver had no control over its direction.

We do not pose as an authority on automobile brakes. We know that they are the most important thing next to a sane driver for safety.

Perhaps the brakes on the car in question were checked just before the accident—we don't know. But the failure of one set of brakes, and the close call the occupants had, brings to mind the necessity of having the brakes on our cars checked more often.

Since the State of North Carolina saw fit to discontinue the inspection of cars, it is now the duty of every owner of a motor vehicle to see that the brakes are up to par at all times.

There is no more helpless feeling than to call upon brakes, and have them fail to respond. Perhaps a few minutes of your time now to get yours checked will save you that utterly helpless feeling when you are on the way down a mountain sometime.

Haywood's Corn Growers

It is not surprising to learn that Haywood leads the state in the number of applicants in the 100-bushel corn contest this year.

This county has 136 applicants, while Wilson is just one behind with 135.

Cherokee is the only other county in this immediate area listed, and they have nine.

For the past several years Haywood farmers have been paying lots of attention to raising corn, and the yields have shown a remarkable increase, some going beyond the 136-bushel mark, which is a lot of corn from an acre.

A Poor Substitute

Before school ended last spring, a young high school girl decided that above all things, she wanted to take a course in home economics this term. All summer she had looked forward to the day school would open so she could start studying the art of cooking, sewing, and general homemaking.

She found, upon the opening of school, that she was one of 30 who had to wait another year before taking home economics, because of the crowded conditions.

Naturally she is downhearted. She is old enough to know that what she learns in a home economics course will remain with her for life.

Instead of learning to cook, sew, and do other practical things, she is taking Latin.

Perhaps we are old-fashioned, but to date we have never heard of Latin helping make a happy home, and we feel it is a poor substitute for home economics. We trust the day is not far off when there will be room for such students as this to get the courses they need, and which will be beneficial throughout life.

Growing Up

Waynesville is getting to be quite a city. Have you driven around the city limits lately—from the Hospital to a point near Dayton Rubber, from out on the Dellwood Road to a good ways out on Highway No. 276?

It takes in a lot of territory. There are a lot of people in the area, and many people who have recently moved in to make this their home.

The town has grown beyond that time when everyone knows everyone else, and where they live.

The time has come when the names of streets, and house numbers play an important part in our everyday lives.

Accurate addresses are also playing an important part in getting mail on time, and for that reason, the post office is urging that house numbers and street addresses be given on all mail. This request came from Postmaster J. H. Howell last week, as some of his city carriers are having troubles finding people. The same situation exists in other towns, and all citizens are urged to address mail properly, and thereby assure its delivery promptly and correctly.

It begins to look like Waynesville is growing up.

Fast Work

This newspaper likes the manner in which the town officials are going about putting in water lines, and starting garbage collections in the newly annexed areas.

It was not long after East Waynesville became a part of the town that street lights were installed, and water lines put in and work done on some streets. The same thing happened on the Dellwood Road and out Pigeon Street.

It was exactly 30 days to the date after the election, that cast iron pipe was unloaded on the site for a waterline into the Allens Creek and Country Club sections. Garbage collections also started within the 30-day period.

All this shows that the town officials are doing what they can, just as fast as finances permit, to get facilities to the new areas. Of course, the new areas are, in a sense, a liability for a year or so, until at least the property is on the tax books.

The town officials are to be commended for their action, and above all, for staying out of debt.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



GARAGEMEN MEET SUCH INTERESTING JERKS
THANK YOU BARNEY TOLK, 206 E. 42ND ST., N.Y.

Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO: Waynesville is divided into four young precincts instead of two.
10 YEARS AGO: Hail storms hit four sections of the county, ruining 50 acres of tobacco.
5 YEARS AGO: Rat-killing drive is concluded today.

Capital Letters

REDWINE RECEPTION—Drink not the red wine. In North Carolina, men of distinction prefer bourbon. Robert W. Redwine, advertising man, etc., had a little party on the opening of his new offices in the Capital Club Building here a few nights ago. He had some big names there, too. But Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine stole the show. Just as festivities were reaching the loud-talking point, in strolled Stag who neither smokes nor drinks, burdened under a crate of milk warm from the udders of contented cows on his farm at Fuquay.

LOOKING AROUND—Despite the things Kerr Scott says about not interfering in local politics, reports are persistent that his followers are determined to kill off some Scott opposition pretty soon now. With the Primary less than 10 months away, his disciples are looking around. One of them—this one from Edenton—was in Raleigh last week and said that Scott managers and assistant managers in Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Bertie are surveying the field for pro-Scott men for the Legislature. Indications are that there is somewhat similar activity in other sections.

Bill Sawyer: Why don't you have more news about our Wayneville High School football team? It was great last year, and it's going to be fine this year. How about giving the boys plenty of publicity?

Rev. Mrs. C. O. Newell: Why doesn't the public show more appreciation for our radio station and its great service to our county?

Emmett Phillips: When is the city going to start paving the streets in Allens Creek—or at least fix the ones that are there?

F. A. Justice, Crabtree: When is the radio going to raise the standard of Sunday morning preaching other than that at the 11 o'clock hour?

Judge N. C. West, Clyde: Why don't the Haywood County merchants and grocers alternate the days when they are closed for half a day—so the working people and farmers will have some place to buy their food, particularly, on Wednesday afternoon for the following day?

LETTERS—Charlie Parker says his column is correct in saying that expenses of the Governor's office are exactly double what they were when R. Gregg Cherry held forth. But, he says, in fairness to the present Governor it should be pointed out that the work has doubled. In what way particularly? Letters! Letters! Each one is answered, too, in some way. Scott wants the people to continue to write him.

VISITORS—It is apparent through a look at the registration book and a casual glance at the outer office—that visitors to the Governor's office have dropped off rather sharply. They still come, though, and one or two with peculiar names. From Reidsville, for instance, came one who signed himself "Goat Meat" Harrison. Then there was the old perennial, T. Lenoir Gwyn of Waynesville. Secretary of State Thad Eure of "Hert-

Letters To The Editor

APPRECIATES COOPERATION
Editor The Mountaineer: The membership of the Richmond Garden Club wish to extend to you their sincere thanks for your cooperation in making our recent flower show a success. Very cordially yours, ETHEL M. LUTZ, Corres. Sec'y.

WANTS HIS UPPERS
ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (UP)—The man spoke with difficulty. But he made the police desk sergeant understand finally that he was from Topeka and that he'd lost an important item on a visit here three weeks earlier. He was wondering if his upper plate had been turned in.

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Rambling 'R

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up—Of The Mountaineer Staff
We knew that Waynesville was growing at a rapid pace but still do not believe it with every the young lady recently. We marked as we came out of the restaurant one evening that it was most unusual to see so many cars parked along the streets and wondered what might be the occasion that caused the condition. Suddenly the young lady exclaimed: "Oh, I know what it is. They are having some very interesting conversation at CULLOWHER. Now if that isn't extensive parking, I have made an error."

Conversation is a game that can be played by two or more. Monolog is strictly solitary.

It was a car of the new design and in the immediate register. Payer he suggested to joy its elegance with such a shade of envy. It had a state license tag and was on route south for a sunny sunshine and luxury. But the seat was the corner of a bed, for it was fitted up with a tufted bed, satin coverlet and all the

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK
FROWNING CAUSES WRINKLES.
PHEASANT STOCKING OF FEATHERS ON THEIR LEGS AND FEET.
IS MILK A PRODUCT OF THE SOIL? YES—THE COW BEING THE MANUFACTURER.
MERCHANTS IN GUATEMALA CARRY HUGE BURDENS OVER MOUNTAIN TRAILS SEVERAL MILES ABOVE SEA LEVEL. STOPPING ONLY ONCE EVERY SEVEN OR EIGHT MILES TO REST.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are "simplified" statements dangerous?
Answer: They may be, since by failing to qualify some broad assertion they give anyone who wants to do so a chance to dispute it or distort its meaning. Yet without such statements there could be no teaching, especially in the lower school grades. You can't teach a child the "theory of numbers" (an extremely abstract branch of higher mathematics) before you tell him that two and two make four, and despite what seem to be occasional exceptions the broad statement that "honesty is the best policy" is a sound principle on which to start life.

By LAWRENCE GOULD, Consulting Psychologist

Does learning ability prove intelligence?
Answer: Not always, says Dr. Frank A. Beach of Yale in Natural History. There are even kinds of learning at which animals surpass men. In one experiment which involved learning their way through a "maze," 27 white rats mastered the problem faster than 38 college students, though they also forgot what they had learned sooner. Many geniuses have been slow learners in school and the students who rate highest in examinations are not always most successful later. Intelligence is proved, not by easy learning but by understanding what you learn.

Should a man help his wife choose her clothes?
Answer: There are cases where this is impracticable, but where it is not a man is foolish to allow his fear of seeming sissified prevent his helping find the answer to this problem which is so important to a normal woman. In the



Inside WASHINGTON

MORE WHITE HOUSE CONTROL
Over Patronage Now Seen
Special to Howard Mott
WASHINGTON—Senator J. Howard Mott, chairman of the Democratic national committee, is expected to mean even control over patronage and other high posts. Washington insiders are aware that Mott frequently failed to see eye-to-eye with the president. Such is not the case with William (Bill) Mott, product picked to succeed McGraw. Bill is a man and there will be no chief executive and the man as party pilot. Presidential Assistant Dan keeps pretty well in the line-up. Dawson described by one of his brightest and most worked closely with Mott. Thus, with McGraw out of the picture, Mott is taking shape. Mott's struggle the Democratic congressional elections.

BRITISH JET THREAT
government in general are gravely concerned. American commercial air dominance posed by De Havilland Comet airliner. The United States has put its eggs in the engine basket as Britain has gambled that the field level enough people will be willing to pay the transport will cost. Most American aviation leaders doggedly that the expense of operating jet transports is a real acceptance of that mode of air travel. The Comet made its first flight recently, with it went on the drawing boards. British planes slash the 14-hour travel time between Europe and hours. That is just what American leaders fear. The people who fly the Atlantic have enough money wise or personally, to pay the increased fare to water or less than half.

UN SPY PROBE—Look for further charges committee that United Nations employees have communist espionage in this country. Senator Patrick A. McCarran (D) Nevada, the group, has made it clear that his committee an alleged link between the United Nations and has not yet been completed. Committee sources already have charged that communist "underground railroad" bringing foreign United States and has linked it to "at least one" The committee, which has been conducting investigation, is expected to make public its findings completed. Investigators now are searching for final details ground railroad." To date, the details of the kept secret for fear of "hampering" the investigation.

OVER-ADMINISTRATION—Because of what lieve is "over-administration" of Japan by United authorities, reports are current that there reduction in headquarters personnel in Tokyo. Withdrawal of some of the "administration" conform with growing State department realization that more and more of the actual government Japan should revert to the Japanese—and the better. By reducing headquarters personnel it is believed that more controls over the Japanese government. No immediate reduction in troop personnel is