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**James R. Boyd**

James R. Boyd perhaps served more Haywood County people during his lifetime than any other person in the same period of time.

Soon after finishing school, he began teaching and carried on his work on the farm for 15 years. Then he entered politics, and held the office of Register of Deeds for four years. Just before his term of office expired, he became cashier of the Commercial National Bank, a place he held until the merger with the First National in 1911. Then he became president, a position he held until 1939, although he was chairman of the board of directors at the time of his death.

His political career did not stop with being Register of Deeds, however. He served 11 years as a member of the Board of Education, in addition to serving on the board of trustees of the special Waynesville-Cherokee School District. He served four years as mayor of Waynesville, and four other years as member of the board of county commissioners.

His activities of serving at home were interrupted as he represented Haywood for three terms in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Mr. Boyd was a charter member of the Haywood Building and Loan Association, and served as secretary-treasurer over a period of years.

While his business and political interest took a lot of his time, he took an active part in the affairs of the Methodist church. He held many offices of responsibility in the church. He gave encouragement, and means to the support of smaller churches throughout the area.

Mr. Boyd was looked upon by banking circles as a safe and conservative operator. His reputation went to the four corners of the nation, when during the early thirties as many banks were failing, and runs were being made on them, he coolly announced to his depositors to "come get your money, it is here for you." There was not a run on the bank, and it weathered the storm, and stayed open until President Roosevelt ordered all banks to take a holiday.

His reputation as being careful and conservative with money, and especially tax money and depositors' money, followed him to the Legislative halls of Raleigh, where he was often called the "watchdog of the state treasury."

Mr. Boyd had a keen sense of humor, and

a thorough understanding of human nature, and he often laughed when it was told that he could spot an honest man a mile away. He was slow to make decisions in granting loans, and often talked to the person seeking the loan about everything else but the loan, yet all the while getting reactions and attitudes. Unsuspecting customers often were unaware that they were being studied by this student of human nature.

Mr. Boyd loved sports, and when softball was organized here, he served as president of the league. He took an interest in the players as if they were big league stars.

He was the brunt of many a joke told on him for not wearing a tie, and once while in the General Assembly, his fellow lawmakers gave him a tie, which he promptly had framed, but would not wear. He never found where a tie was any benefit, and therefore was content to go without one.

His advice was sought by people in all walks of life. He advised young people on their educational problems, as well as business men on expansion of business and investments.

He was never too busy to listen, but he did not make hasty decisions, and thought things out for himself. He was deliberate in his thinking, as well as thorough. He would admit his mistakes, but when he was right, he kept silent. He never acquired the "art of bragging." To hear him speak of his worldly possessions, one would gather he had but few, which was contrary to the fact.

Few people knew more Haywood citizens, their family connections, than did Mr. Boyd. He developed over the years the ability to "size up" a person, and only on few occasions was his appraisal wrong.

He was 81 when he died, and in those years he had served a greater part of Haywood citizens in one way or another. Many of the goals and standards he set in the business, political and religious world will stand for many, many years to come.

**Catawba Approves School Bonds**

A progressive step was taken by Catawba county voters last week, as they approved by a score of 5 to 1, a bond issue of \$3,750,000 for a school program.

That is a sizeable sum, yet the need was urgent, and the people of that progressive county responded accordingly.

**The Cherokee Indian Fair**

Starting tomorrow, is the 32nd Cherokee Indian Fair. The traditional attractions will be featured again this year, and a large crowd is expected to attend for the full week of festivities.

There is something about the Cherokee Indian Fair that is more than just the ordinary county fair. In the first place, the Indians themselves attract a lot of attention, and their handicrafts, and agricultural displays, are worth seeing.

We have often said that the Cherokee Indian Reservation is one of the best tourist attractions of this area.

**Miss Truman's Concert**

It is our opinion that one of the largest audiences ever assembled on the campus of Western Carolina Teachers College will hear Miss Margaret Truman's concert on Tuesday night.

Music lovers of this area have looked forward to Tuesday, since the event was first announced several months ago.

Miss Truman is a talented musician, and the sponsors and officials of the college are to be congratulated for getting such a program scheduled for this area.

**They'll Do It Every Time**

By Jimmy Hatlo



**Looking Back Over The Years**

**15 YEARS AGO**  
 The Big Bend section on Pigeon River has a school for the first time in twenty years.  
 Whitey Russell former all-star halfback of Wake Forest, is coaching the freshman team there this year.  
 Mrs. Robert Wood of Elizabethton, Tenn., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Shoulters is named outstanding citizen of the year in her home town.  
 Major J. Harden Howell attends session of 30th Division in Asheville.  
**10 YEARS AGO**  
 Charles Babentine has solo license from Civil Aeronautic Authority.  
 Southern Bell installs the dial telephone system in Canton.  
 C. E. Ray's Sons softball team is awarded Sportsmanship Cup for season just closed.  
 Pre-band study is started in the elementary schools of the township by L. T. New, music director.  
 Mrs. Oliver Shelton, thought to be an escaped negro from Prison Camp.  
**5 YEARS AGO**  
 The first football game in sixteen years of playing by the Mountaineers under Coach Carleton Weatherly is rained out.

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

**What is the greatest problem confronting your school at this time?**  
 Frank Rogers, principal of East Waynesville: "We don't have any serious problems this year since an additional teacher has reduced our teacher load to 30 to 39. But we have a problem that confronts all of the schools—that of overcrowded buses. Some of the children are forced to stand in the aisles of the buses going to and from school and this is uncomfortable as well as dangerous."  
 Lawrence Leatherwood, principal of Hazelwood: "Our greatest problem is lack of sufficient playground space."  
 Fred Safford, principal of Crabtree Iron Duff High School: "I would say our problem is the lack of physical facilities. We could use a tremendous amount of athletic equipment, classroom equipment, science and visual education equipment and more materials in our shop and canners."  
 M. H. Bowles, Township Superintendent: "Our greatest problem in the Waynesville High School is lack of classroom space."  
 Claude Rogers, principal of Central Elementary: "I believe our greatest problem is keeping up the attendance of the children in winter. Of course we greatly need a new building."  
 Evan J. Evans, principal of Bethel High School: "Our two biggest problems now are lack of adequate water supply and rest room facilities, and the need for something to get us out of the mud. The areas around the lunch room and the bus-loading space are in mud when it rains. We also need a private telephone. The school telephone is on an eight-party line."

**Notes**

It is thought that all roads to be built or improved under the \$200,000,000 program will be announced by January 1. Gov. Scott will be out of the State again on Nov. 20-22 attending a Governor's conference in Biloxi, Miss. The Employment Security Commission reports that employment is showing an exceedingly sharp upturn in N. C.

A new electric drill for home use is equipped with two sets of drills, one for metal and one for wood and plastics.

**Capital Letters**

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

**Mrs. Patton Named Penn. Ave. P-TA Head**  
 Mrs. Roy H. Patton was elected president of the Pennsylvania Avenue Parent-Teacher Association of Canton at a recent meeting.  
 The members named Mrs. Jack Hampton vice-president; Mrs. P. V. Hamrick, recording secretary; Mrs. Howard Myers, treasurer and Mrs. Roy Moore, corresponding secretary.  
 The committees were set up as follows:  
 Program—Mrs. Clyde R. Hoov, Jr., Characer and Spiritual Education—Mrs. F. E. Shull; Music—Miss Louise Slaughter; Hospitality—Mrs. C. C. Nichols;  
 Grade mother chairman—Mrs. Leander Matthews; Publicity—Mrs. Virginia Hames; Membership—Mrs. Richard Roberts; P-TA Magazine—Mrs. Tony Branks; Welfare—Mrs. Virginia Slaughter; Student Aid and Summer Roundup—Miss Thelma Collins; Library—Mrs. Harry Hawkins; Safety—Mrs. W. H. Crawford; Historian—Miss Katherine Robinson; Goals—Mrs. W. J. Stone; special committee on building and grounds—Mrs. A. W. Boltoms, Mrs. Otis Stepp, and Mrs. Jack Williams.  
 WILL NOT REMAIN—The opinion here in Raleigh is that State News Bureau Chief Charlie Parker will not remain in his present position for more than a few months. Within the next five years he has had several jobs in Raleigh and elsewhere, but has preferred to move on to more exciting fields. There is some talk that he is planning to write a book. Others believe he will go into newspaper business in Florida.  
 Blessed by an inherited income, Parker does not have to worry too much about earning a living while in the process of making new connections.

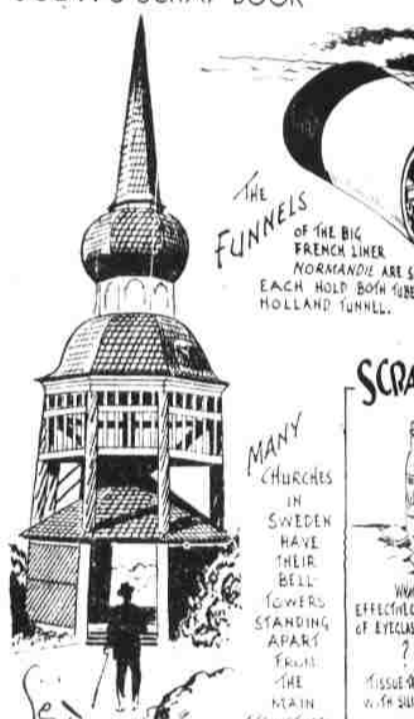
**Rambling 'R'**

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

It was a brand-new car, a delicate shade of grey and one could almost visualize the tissue wrappings in which it might have been delivered. She, the owner was practically as new as the car when she and her first attempt at parking downtown, landed the car against a telephone pole. She managed to extricate herself from this predicament and with renewed energy, sent the pretty little car the full length of its front fender scraping against the pole. It never would be a pretty N.W. car again.  
 It depends upon who is delivering the monolog as to whether it is interesting, or boring.  
 She was one of those kindly souls who always wanted to be a help, so when she came over to stay with a neighbor's children while the mother attended a Parent-Teacher meeting she looked about for something she could do. Finally she announced on a dress laid out on the bed, completely cut out and ready for the next step. Delighted, she immediately cut out the machine into operation and by the time the mother returned, the dress was practically made to order. Aghast, the lady of the house looked at the completed work, and sorrowfully exclaimed: "Oh my! I had just ripped that dress apart to use it for a pattern!"  
 It makes all the difference in the world whether you laugh or cry.

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**SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK**



**Inside WASHINGTON**

**MARCH OF EVENTS**

**Dan A. Kimball to Resign As Navy Undersecretary?**  
 Special to Central Press  
**WASHINGTON**—Don't be surprised if Dan Kimball is shortly as undersecretary of the Navy to be piling up.  
 Tipoff that the wind may be blowing outward department for Kimball came when the Navy was to have delivered at Richmond, Va.  
 The original Kimball appointment was highly laudatory and was for Defense Secretary Louis C. Howze, political observer a California of independent like having his thoughts that they feel he may quit.  
 To top it off, Vice Admiral Rear Admiral Thomas B. Price and Inglis both said they flatly that no investigation requested or made of the "attacking the B-36 bomber" written by Kimball's assistant Kimball had said he requested to investigate as soon as possible.  
 document Fact was he had discussed looking, Price, and this might have been interpreted as tigate.  
 However, Price preferred to stick to the fact that the Navy was not interested in investigating, heartedly hoping that the matter would "blow up."  
**A-SECRETS**—Visitors to the Atomic Energy Commission headquarters are inevitably amazed by the elaborate precautions taken against radiation on the atom bomb.  
 The complex electric-eye fence surrounding the system of badges and uniforms and the present reminders to keep safes locked and the making the AEC a very safe place indeed.  
 A final and seemingly ludicrous touch to the even the telephone books listing the telephone building's occupants, are sternly marked restricted type.  
 AEC security officers say that it is because the "too handy" a listing of the AEC's employees that a spy could get this information. To make it easy for him.  
**BRITISH JETS**—American airlines have read over British jet air transport development.  
 The British supremacy in that field was brought that fares would be too high to compete market. But, suddenly, the English announced a refueling of jets.  
 The initial experiment involved a fighter, but principle is easily applicable to Britain's new engine jet transports.  
 This means that greater payloads can be carried over longer ranges, thus allowing a deep cut in fare that would have to be charged otherwise.  
 Applied to transatlantic flights, the \$1,000 or so that the 40-passenger jets would have to charge \$400 in conventional American planes—would the extra \$200, the passenger will save as he is cut off the flight.

**MIRROR OF YOUR MIND**

**By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist**



**Will good intentions make you a psychologist?**

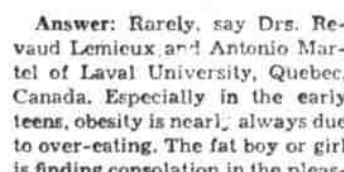
Answer: I'm afraid not. Common sense and good will can go far in helping you help other people solve their problems, but they no more qualify you to deal with a really sick mind than knowing the basic principles of hygiene makes you a physician. Within the past fifty years a formidable mass of scientific information on the workings of the human mind has been accumulated, and to grasp even a fair share of this requires years of study. Psychology today is one of the "learned professions," and there is no short cut to it.



**Does "sex rivalry" cause sexual maladjustment?**

Answer: It is a more frequent cause of this than ignorance of biological facts, writes Willard Beecher in the Individual Psychology Bulletin. Nothing can do more to hamper sexual adjustment in marriage than "the mutual antagonism and fear engendered by overvaluing the male role and undervaluing the female role in our culture." If you want to make sure that your daughter will not have a happy marriage or a normal sex life, bring her up to feel that "men have all the best of it" and that women who are not on guard will be "exploited."

**Are glands what make children "Fatties"?**



Answer: Rarely, say Drs. Revaud Lemieux and Antonio Martel of Laval University, Quebec, Canada. Especially in the early teens, obesity is nearly always due to over-eating. The fat boy or girl is finding consolation in the pleasures of the table for failing to make the difficult adjustments early adolescence requires. At the same time, being "fat" adds one more burden to a load that is already heavy, and the child's personal problems should be studied so as to help him see why he eats so much and to find wiser forms of satisfaction.

**Canton Lions Campaign For Blind Funds**

Members of the Canton Lions Club, aided by the Canton High School Band, last weekend campaigned for funds to aid North Carolina's blind people.  
 The funds were raised through sales of the Lions Club's White Cane buttons and in recruiting of new members and renewing old memberships for the North Carolina Association for the Blind.  
 Membership fees are \$1 up.  
 The Canton club's campaign was part of a state-wide drive to raise \$25,000.  
 The Canton Lions Club will use one-third of the funds for its local work. The state association will get the rest to finance its work in areas where there are no organized movements to aid handicapped persons.  
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**THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD, OR SO IT SEEMS**

