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Taking Road Problems To The People

On Tuesday morning Dale Thrash, highway commissioner of the 10th district, and engineers of the district, will be at the court house to discuss mud roads with Haywood citizens.

This is one of a series of meetings which Commissioner Thrash and his associates are holding in the 14 counties of the district, in an effort to get first-hand information from the people about roads, and at the same time, give the people some facts about the highway set-up in the state.

Commissioner Thrash has pointed out that his first and primary object is to get rural residents out of the mud. He has large stockpiles of crushed stone which he wants to use on roads that are not stoned.

The highway officials have looked upon this method of procedure for several years as the practical one for rural roads. Back last year, when D. Reeves Noland was commissioner, the same practice was followed. Roads were stoned, and this in turn gets people on those roads out of the mud now, and also provides a solid foundation for any paving projects which might come later.

Commissioner Thrash also has in mind a plan of getting a representative from each community to consult with him, together with county officials and civic leaders, on the roads that should be paved first under the state rural road program. It appears that the highway officials are trying to get to the very foundation of the program, and serve the people. This newspaper likes the attitude of consulting the people. Too often governmental agencies go ahead and cram their wishes down the throats of the people, with the attitude of "the public be damned."

We should hasten to say right here, that paving is all off until next April. Highway engineers just turn thumbs down on paving projects from October until April, due to the rapid changes in temperatures.

While this is not the "paving season" the highway officials are going ahead with their work, and mapping their programs for a busy season when April first rolls along.

We are sure the highway officials will find the people in Haywood cooperative, and anxious to work with them on the project.

And This Time Its Girls

When one mentions the word Scouts, the average thought is Boy Scouts, because we have heard a lot more of that group than the other group which is fast coming into their own—Girl Scouts.

This community has at various times had a Girl Scout organization, and the growth has been gradual, until now the organization is large enough to demand due recognition of its importance.

There was a time in our social order when a Girl Scout organization would have been out of place. But that period was years ago, and not today.

There is a definite place for the work of the Girl Scouts. What they are taught in their programs today will be carried with them throughout life.

The Girl Scouts, just like any other similar organization, requires a certain amount of money. No funds are needed for the leaders, as they get their compensation from the fact of knowing they are helping young people. None of the necessary money is used for leadership, but instead, there is a certain amount of overhead, and materials which must be had to put on a complete program.

This community, through its Girl Scout committee, has set a budget of \$1,000 for the organization this year. This is not so much when one considers the large number of lives the program reaches, and also that there has not been a campaign for this organization for a long time.

It will be remembered that a Girl Scout hut was built several years ago, and there the girls meet and are given valuable instruction by competent leaders. Part of the money needed is for repairs to this building.

We have no fear but what this community will join in harmoniously, and give generously to such a worthy program.

A Lot Of Big Names In The Festival

It begins to appear that Waynesville will resemble Washington when the third annual Tobacco Harvest Festival gets underway the last of November.

With three officials from the capital already on the program, and a large group scheduled to attend the festival from Raleigh, it will no doubt be an ideal chance to talk about the Democratic primary next May.

But what political talk goes on, will be in private conversations, because the program is geared to an educational and entertaining one for the festival.

So far, it looks as if the committee is going to have a tip-top program arranged for the entire five days.

Fear-Ridden Race

We are living in an era where true spiritual values and ideals have been obscured in a fear-ridden race for security through power, and its inevitable hand-maiden violence.

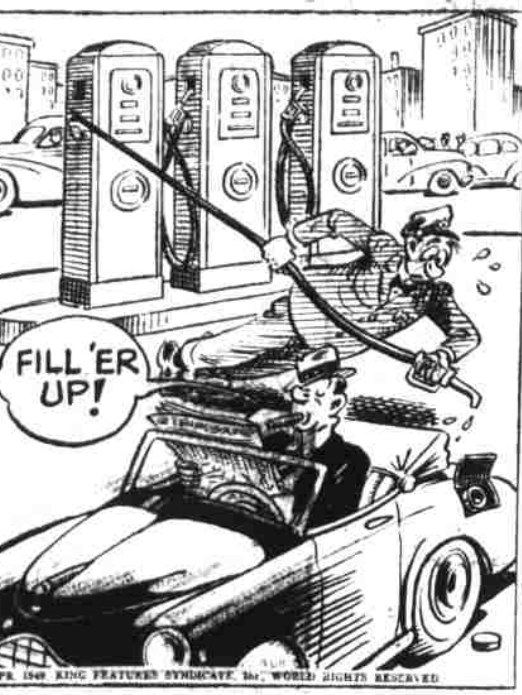
It is absurd to expect a child to build confidently for the future on a stockpile of atomic bombs, as it would be to expect an adult to build confidently for the future on the crater of a volcano.

We must help our children to build their world on lasting spiritual values and ideals that will sustain them through any ordeal. This will take patience, humility, and vigilance on our part. We will find the answers in our churches and our schools, and not in material values.

We might as well face the facts—it is no longer enough to straighten our children's teeth, watch their vitamin intake, and hope for the best. It never was. The chaotic condition of the world today is proof of that. But, the point is, we never before really were ready to admit it.—Sacramento (Cal.) Union.

They'll Do It Every Time

BEHOLD THE CUSTOMER BUYING GAS! A BLOCK FROM THE PUMPS HE PARKS...ALAS!



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT WHEN HE WANTS FREE AIR AND WATER HE HOGS THE SPACE HE HADN'T OUGHTER!



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Spooks and goblins roam the streets on Halloween.

The Outlet Store, Waynesville's newest department store, is opened by George Raiff, of Canton. Bennie Reese is manager.

More than \$6,000 is paid to farmers on corn-hog contracts.

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt leaves for visit to her son, Don Hyatt, in Durham.

10 YEARS AGO

Disastrous forest fire rages over Plott Balsams. Forty one men form

special crew to fight the blaze.

New marriage law, requiring health certificates, makes dent in sale of licenses here.

Smoky Mountain chapter of Future Farmers of America is accorded high honors at the National Convention held in Kansas City.

Three thousand fans see Mountaineers defeat Canton, 13 to 0.

Laura Mae Greene, president of the student council of the Fines Creek School, attends student conference in Asheville.

5 YEARS AGO

Tom Alexander returns home af-

ter serving for a time with the OPA in Washington on the Pulpwood Division.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Noland return from visit to their sons, Cpl. Lyle Noland and Pvt. Harry Noland, at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Over 200 Haywood County residents are guests of the directors and officials of the First National bank at a barbecue supper given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Siler.

John Plott is elected president of the local FFA Chapter.

Waynesville downs Christ School, 22 to 0.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

NOTES—Reports reaching Personnel Director Henry Hilton from other states favor a 40-hour work week... Employment trends in N. C. are still on the upswing and is expected to continue until January... This State will receive \$190,920 from the Federal Govt. within the next eight months for restoration and development of wildlife resources...

Capitol Square will be brightened up considerably with the construction of a new Highway Building across the street southeast of the capitol... Some old buildings will be torn down, but the four churches at each corner of the Square will remain to give the N.C. a most religious atmosphere—the colored Baptist Church, the First Baptist Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and First Presbyterian... Rumors persist that Bill Horner of Sanford will oppose Congressman Deane... and that Congressman R. L. Doughton will resign...

UNCERTAINTY—The matter of where the next Governor should come from... the section entitled to a candidate... is still a puzzle. East or west—that is the question. Thad Eure from Gates and Hertford Counties is now regarded as a candidate. At the other end of the State, Asheville is looking favorably in the direction of Brandon Hodges, the new State Treasurer. In the south central section is Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, who would like to run in Wake County, there is Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine, who still has the gubernatorial bee in his bonnet...

This is probably the first time in the history of the State—or at least in the history of the east-west rule—that men from so many different sections are being considered as potential candidates. All four are good men... and while... but none is the type candidate Kerr Scott was. Of the four, Secretary of State Thad Eure is probably closest to the Governor. But Ballentine is closest to the farmer and is doing a wonderful job running the State Agriculture Department. Hodges looks more like a Governor than the others... The uncertainty as to where the next Governor should come from stems, of course, from this question: Is Kerr Scott from the east or from the west?

SPORTS—Although Carolina lost to LSU, the team should still be ranked among the top ten in the nation. Kentucky, Minnesota and some other giants having tasted defeat... On October 8 students and alumni of Wake Forest were boozing Coach Peabody Walker... On October 22 members of the team carried him off the field and the Baptist campus rang with cheers for him... That's football... it's also human nature... Coach Beattie Feathers at State is different... He came out become the season started with an honest statement instead of a cry-

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Should Waynesville establish a Community Chest?

Mrs. David Medford: Yes, I think it would be a good idea.

Elmer Hendrix, Allens Creek: I believe it would be a wonderful thing.

John Nesbitt: I believe we certainly need it.

John Queen, Jr.: It sounds all right to me.

A. W. Ferguson, Crabtree: I'd say yes, it would reach many needy people who cannot now be reached.

C. R. Limer: Yes, I do.

Sarah Fullbright: Yes, I believe we should.

Fred Walston: I think one should be set up.

Tarsus, a town in Turkey the harbor of which was visited by Cleopatra's fleets, is now an inland town 10 miles from the sea because of land washed down from the interior.

to react to the benefit of Waynesville and Haywood county. Two or three of the fellows have already written us that they intend to take their next vacations down here with us, including Harmon, Camp, and Trullinger. Thanks for the wonderful cooperation, and the excellent publicity.

Sincerely, Thos. W. Alexander

Letters To Editor

TAR HEEL PUBLISHER

Editor The Mountaineer:

Just a note to express our really deep appreciation for the two recent highly complimentary editorials you have written about Judy and I. We thought the news coverage on the various events were handled splendidly, too, and it is all most gratifying to us.

We had a tough break in the weather, but from the letters we have had it looks as though this did not dampen the spirits of the various writers and photographers. The Washington Times Herald is running a full page daily layout in addition to the Predate worked up by Paul Harmon. Cochrane of the Saturday Evening Post indicates that the use in the Post will be both as an article as well as the pictures, while the newspaper fellows from New York are still running daily columns. Bill Sharpe says that Gould took back two layouts for PARADE, and others are running stories and pictures, so it looks like they all got something they could use.

We certainly feel that we have been more than amply repaid for our efforts, and I hope it is going

ing towel... Feathers thought his team would be better than last year... and said so... and now State alumni are howling... The Duke-WF game on Nov. 5 at Duke should be a honey...

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Does gossip reveal your character?

Answer: Yes. And not merely the fact that you indulge in spreading rumors (if you do this) but the conscious or unconscious way in which you make a story more exciting. For while it is more or less impossible to repeat anything exactly as you hear it, each person's exaggerations or omissions reflect his own interests and inner bias. Reporting a neighbor's minor illness as more serious than it is suggests that you harbor repressed malice, while dwelling on other people's moral lapses reveals your preoccupation with sex.



Are humans inherently destructive?

Answer: Every human being has destructive tendencies, write Drs. Lawrence S. and Robert H. Kubie in Applied Anthropology. Such tendencies are in fact essential to the primary struggle for survival. The fact that they are

repressed, first by adults when we are children and later by moral scruples, does not dispose of them; it only transforms them into some form of neurosis. Only as we learn to channelize children's aggressive impulses instead of trying to crush them will destructiveness cease to be a necessary human limitation.



Are "brilliant" people the best leaders?

Answer: Not always, by any means. The more brilliant a man's intellect, the more successfully he may use it to develop ingenious "rationalizations" in support of socially dangerous aims. And the fact that he may be entirely sincere in doing so (since the whole process is unconscious) only helps him lead his followers farther astray. Democracy rests upon the belief that the average man's intuitions are a safer guide in public policy than the brilliant schemes of a dictator. It's always the genius who gets "off the beam" farthest.

Rambling 'Ro

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

She had never before attended a rummage sale but was prescued by a friend to go. Not particularly interested, she stood around for a while and then started to leave when her attention was attracted by a dress hanging on a hook. Unbelieving but determined to know she took the dress from the hanger and ran her finger along the belt and then burst out laughing. Ripping out a few threads, she brought to light a tightly folded ten dollar bill.

She explained that the dress had been in a traveling bag but on route to New York about a year ago. The money had been sewed in the belt in case of an emergency.

Indecision is a mental see saw, that gets one nowhere.

Here's old helpful again. Have you some shades where a door is impossible? Buy a pair of ordinary window shades. Put one roller at the top and the second half way down. A long cord to the upper shade will control its position. The shades can be rolled completely up while the shelves are in use, then pulled down to conceal contents. A decoration on the shades adds to their attractiveness.

Differences of opinion are the tracks upon which Progress

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



Inside WASHINGTON

Chinese Nationalist Tactics Seizure of U.S. May Bring Diplomatic Ruffling Washington's Temper

Special to Central Press WASHINGTON—The seizure of three American merchant ships by the Chinese Nationalist navy is expected to be a tough diplomatic representations. Officials are generally of the opinion that the problem, due to the pro-Nationalist China seat in Capitol. When Congress quits, a more aggressive program shown. Officials are irked primarily because the Nationalist navy and air force, all obtained from military aid from the United States.

Chiang Kai-shek has promised to forces to bear when the Communist Yangtze river in their drive on Shanghai they were noticeable by their absence. naval vessels have been used against ships.

It is feared momentarily that nationalist bombers will attack an American ship. The United States is not expected to help the Chinese Communists in Shanghai. These are more serious than generally supposed.

Chiang Kai-shek

CIVIL RIGHTS AND 1950 CAMPAIGNS

White House say that President Truman welcomes the delay to postpone the slam-bang battle for civil rights legislation until the next session of Congress.

Mr. Truman, they declare, wants to make civil rights legislation a dramatic, vote-getting issue in the 1950 campaigns.

The President has known for about two months that he has no chance of getting any sort of civil rights measure passed during the current session.

However, he would not have hesitated to direct the legislative leader Scott Lucas, Illinois, to carry on the fight before Christmas, if necessary, had the President deemed it expedient.

Now, the controversy appears to the President to order for next year's congressional battles—with the hope of seeking to retain control of both houses and the Republican leadership to defeat the "ins."

If the Senate blocks civil rights at the next session, the executive can go to the country and blame the Republican leadership for the delay. In the south, the Democratic bloc in the teaming up with the southern Democratic bloc in the South, he expects to do. In the north, Mr. Truman figures he will be behind them. In the north, Mr. Truman figures he will be strong enough to lead to the defeat of many Republican

● SUPER-CARRIER CAMPAIGN—Admirals are still missionary zeal their campaign to revive the scuttled super-carrier. Chances are they might succeed since they have persuaded Navy Secretary Francis Matthews, who came into the super-carrier went out.

There has always been a tacit understanding that the super-carrier would never raise the super-carrier issue. However, when he was asked for his views on the matter at a closed meeting recently, he hesitated. Then he said it was a "closed issue, for the present."

"For the present" more than suggested that he might be persuaded to bring up the matter at a later time. No reconsideration is contemplated by Defense Secretary Louis Johnson, however. To a reporter's question about the carrier, Johnson replied tersely: "Not a chance."

TWENTIETH CENTURY ATLAS

