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Crime And Punishment

How much crime news should a newspaper publish? What crime news should The Mountaineer publish? Should we carry vivid details of all that appears on the dockets of the police and superior courts?

These are not new questions to an editor. And never has there been a satisfactory answer given to cover all given circumstances.

There appears, however, to be a new attitude, and a new version on crime news, on the part of many newspapers.

The Charleston News and Courier, one of the oldest and most conservative newspapers in the South, has just announced a new policy in the matter of publishing crime news. The Charleston newspaper plans to go to the limit of publishing all the news about crime, in an honest effort to curb the growing wave in that city.

Resorting to a front page editorial, The News and Courier, under the title, "Let Punishment Fit The Crime," announced in simple words that the newspaper was embarking on an effort to reduce the incidence of crime by showing that crime doesn't pay.

In the editorial the newspaper acknowledged that crime has been on the increase in its area. It found that some readers are shocked by reading stories about crime, but that is not enough.

The paper continued: "In the thought that it would be advisable and might result in reducing crime, The News and Courier, will in the future 'play up' and make prominent, news stories of the penalties inflicted upon persons convicted of felonies."

"It will do what it can to 'throw a scare' into the hearts of criminals.

"The News and Courier will employ larger headlines and not be ungenerous in Page One space when an enterprising young person, or old person, shall be sentenced to the penitentiary or to be shot to death with electric volts.

"The stories of punishment of crime are to have at least equal prominence with the stories of the crimes."

That is the plan of the Charleston newspaper.

Some sociologists claim that the threat of punishment is no deterrent to criminals. Many disagree. Such might be the case with hardened criminals, but to those just starting a career of crime, the story might be different.

The campaign in Charleston will be watched with interest.

Armistice Day

Tomorrow America will again observe Armistice Day. A day set aside in fitting remembrance of the end of the furious first World War.

Tomorrow America's attention, and thoughts will dwell on a five letter word, which means so much to the world, but which the world has seen and enjoyed so little of since 1918---PEACE.

There are some people in the world today who argue that there will never be worldwide peace again. They argue that the opinions of man are too far apart, and that there is little possibility of universal peace.

On the other hand, there are others who are just as sincere in their belief and convictions, that the world can enjoy peace in every land, if the nations would only sit down and settle differences around the conference tables instead of fighting them out on the battle fields. This is one phase of the progress of the United Nations.

We all know that there can be peace only when the nations of the world universally decide that there shall be peace, and no more conflicts. That, however, is broader in scope, than it might appear.

And while the two schools of thought as mentioned above are being argued, and new recruits added to both, the scientists, and others who know, at frequent intervals remind us of the horrors of what would happen in another war. It is no military secret that there are implements of warfare to be more dreaded than bullets or shells, perhaps even more so than the atomic bomb. The recent disclosure of what havoc could be wrought with some forms of gases which are already on hand, makes one shudder to think of another war.

But instead of letting our minds dwell on any future wars, it would be more fitting on this Armistice Day to hope, pray, and work for peace---universal peace.

A New Industry

Before too long, the wheels of another industry will be whirling in this community. The coming of a modern fertilizer plant here adds to the diversified industrial life which is already thriving in this community.

The owners of this new plant plan to employ 40 to 50 men to start, and then add others as fast as the sale of the product increases.

The owners of this new plant plan to employ the fertilizer business. They have made a success in it, and are coming here for several reasons. First, it will be near an increasing market; second, the area has some of the raw materials needed in the manufacture of fertilizer, and third, it will mean a savings on freight rates.

The industry has an unlimited market, and with a quality product, should thrive, as have other manufacturing plants in this area.

More Reaction Against Cherokee Pageant Title

The Asheville Times, in two recent editorials, are sharing our thoughts on the name of the Cherokee pageant. The first of their editorials was titled, "Better Title Needed For The Cherokee Pageant." The second, on Monday of this week, was "Title Controversy Good For The Cherokee Drama."

The Times went a little farther than The Mountaineer on the matter, by asking readers to suggest names. The reaction received by The Times, editor said was "most of those we heard from thought every effort should be made to secure the right name of the play 'The Cherokee Trail' before looking for another title. We have received author-

They'll Do It Every Time

J.P. RANTS AT HIS SEC. MISS PRIME, WHEN A PEST GETS BY HER AND TAKES UP HIS TIME...



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT EVERY TIME A JERK SHE SCREENS... BOSSO WALKS OUT AND SPILLS THE BEANS



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Jack Messer is named head of Schoolmaster's Club.
One hundred fifteen men work 9 hours a day to rush completion of the cannery at Hazelwood.
Charles E. Ray in letter to the editor urges this community to prepare for the future since Western North Carolina has been awarded the southern terminus of the Park to Park Highway.

World's Fair.
Miss Jessie Boyd is married to C. Owen Jones.
Miss Sarah Welch entertains for Miss Dollee Marsh, bride-elect.
Miss Kathryn Queen and a party of friends attend DukeTech game in Atlanta.
Theresa Alley, talented young dancer, appears on WWNC program.
Mountaineers from Asheville School in hard battle, 13-7. Black Bears take Andrews, 13-7.

5 YEARS AGO
Haywood County women will take active part in the 6th War Loan Campaign, under the direction of Mrs. Bonner Ray.
Dan Watkins gets 189-pound deer on the wilderness hunt in the national forest.
Carillon bells are dedicated at Methodist Church.
Staff Sgt. Sebe Bryson, reported wounded in Italy in September, is better.
Junior Music Club is organized at the home of Mrs. Cornelia Nixon. Jackie Sue Messer is president.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

NOTHING DOING—Deficit or go deficit, Governor Kerr Scott is not going to call a special session of the Legislature. If there must be a cut in appropriations, let it come—Scott is determined not to have the legislators who pestered him so much last spring back in Raleigh if there is any way to avoid it.

If the financial picture becomes darker, he will borrow money on short-term notes as the law allows. If this method of financing cannot see him through the rainy days, then a cut in appropriations will come.

P.S. While revenue was down sharply for September, it held its own in October and is expected to remain strong through November and December. The dark days of January and February may be offset to a great extent when income taxes start pouring in as of March 15.

NO EXEMPTIONS.—The 1949 Legislature steadfastly refused to raise taxes, on the contrary pushed through rather substantial reductions.

New taxes will be needed even before this biennium ends unless business improves a great deal. Where will they come from? There is already talk to the effect that efforts will be made by the administration to remove all exemptions from the sales tax, thus making it a flat three per cent across the board. Look for a fight on this whenever the Legislature comes to town—special session or regular. While the sales tax law is hot through with exemptions, the biggest by far is in the purchase of groceries.

Some people have entertained the idea that the sales tax might be reduced and finally go out of existence in view of the States huge income. But the trend is going the other way and many states which have frowned on this source of revenue have now adopted it. It now begins to look as if every state in the nation will eventually have a sales tax. Hardly a month passes but North Carolina does not receive inquiries about our method of collection. Some of our officials have been called to other areas recently to explain the sales tax and what it can mean to them.

LATER.—The sales tax was put into effect as an emergency measure in the midst of the depression with the promise that it would be removed when North Carolina reached brighter days. Those promises have long since been forgotten—but not entirely forgiven.

NOTES.—Sen. Frank Graham has opened offices in Raleigh... and will probably keep them through the winter.

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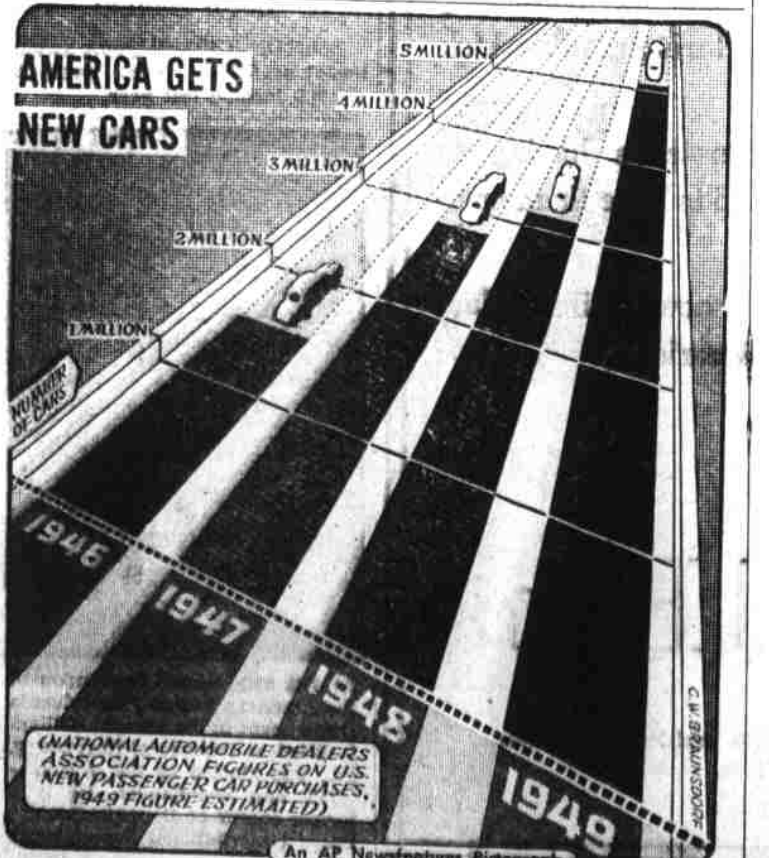
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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Editor's Note—This question was asked of our readers before the fact was known that Waynesville's opponent would be Monroe in the Paper Bowl game.
If the Waynesville Mountaineers get a bid to play in the Paper Bowl game, who would you like to see as their opponents?
Dewey Stovall: "I'd like to see them play Sylva again. I believe Sylva would give us a good game."
Mrs. Sebe Bryson: "I'd like to see them beat Hendersonville again."
Miss Josephine Coker: "I'd like to see them beat Hendersonville again."
Dr. T. R. Burgess: "Lenoir or Monticello."
W. H. F. Miller: "Durham High school. They have a good team."
Mrs. Charles E. Ray: "Sylva again, I'd like to see a real good team."
Mrs. William Hannah: "Lenoir High School."

Allens Creek Queen To Be Chosen Saturday

A board of judges will elect the Allens Creek community candidate for Tobacco Festival queen at a Community Development Program meeting Saturday night at Allens Creek School.
The Rev. C. L. Allen will preside. Mrs. H. Farmer, chairman of the program committee, is directing the arrangements for the session.



Rambling 'Ro

Somehow our curiosity had been aroused and we began to make inquiries. We had watched the man pass the hotel every evening at seemingly the same hour always. It had been his routine for two years. Almost a habit to look for him. Then suddenly we didn't see him any more, and we were a little worried although we did not know him or anything about him.
But our worry was needless. We learned later that he had gone to Florida to enjoy it. He had won a "Globe" He...
The man who never has made a mistake has never really put his heart into his work.
It was a rainy day and the restaurant was crowded, and that filled with men in uniform. Every rank was filled with more hats and rain coats and so many of them that it was no wonder one man went from rack to rack trying to locate his individual property. He evidently had forgotten where he had "parked" it, and his search was long and laborious.
We often wish we could say what we think, but if we did we might never be able to say any-
Bright tomorrow, too bleak today.

Letters To The Editor

"THE CHEROKEE TRAGEDY"
Editor The Mountaineer:
Complying with the Asheville Times' editorial for a name for the Cherokee pageant, I sent to "The Cherokee Trail."
This morning my husband suggested "The Cherokee Tragedy," which I think is a better name than "The Cherokee Trail."
This information is passed on to you, since you are so interested in a good name for the pageant.
MRS. FRANK SMATHERS
Waynesville.
THE HOSPITAL
Editor The Mountaineer:
I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts in the room for the purpose of Wood County Hospital.
Your interest and contribution toward other people's needs is to be commended.
Yours truly,
A. E. Atlanta.

YOU'RE TELLING

MOSQUITOES, we read, avoid salt water. Thank goodness for that—just think how salt would make them extra thirsty for their favorite nectar.
Multi-colored jackets for men are nothing new. In fact, the style harks back to Biblical Joseph's famous cloak.
A push button wax, observes the man at the next desk, no doubt would be run by rule of thumb.
In China, according to Factographs, the monkey is the symbol of high official rank. Over there, too, it seems, folk don't think too much of big shots.
Birds can be a real nuisance. A news item says a handy little girl hunter to have at his shotgun.
Penguin eggs from the Antarctic add to its food supply cold storage variety.
The transportation certainly is huzzling. These days, lion bees have to be shipped from Victorian Australia.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Clues include: 1. A pen, 2. Opportunity, 3. Rowing, 4. Implement, 5. Potpourri, 6. Attitudes, 7. Larva of eye-thread-worm, 8. Capital (Fr.), 9. Corner, 10. Indefinite article, 11. Over, 12. The eye: in symbolism, 13. Frozen water, 14. Evening parties, 15. Close by, 16. Metallic rock, 17. Music note, 18. Fraudulent schemes (slang), 19. Close to, 20. Girl's nickname, 21. True, 22. Pennies, 23. Present time, 24. High, craggy hill, 25. Sweet potato, 26. Exit, 27. Cut, 28. An ungulate (C. Am.), 29. Kind of cheese, 30. Metal, 31. Lairs, 32. States.

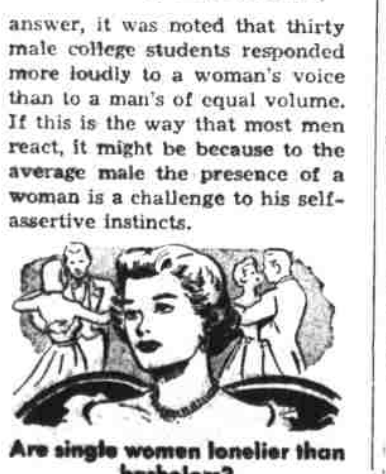
MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can love be a cause of illness?

Answer: In itself, No. For love is a source of happiness or pleasure and these create health, not illness. But love for a person who is unattainable, or of whose return love you're uncertain, may arouse anxiety and "nervous tension" that will be both mentally and physically harmful. The less sure you are of your own worthiness to be loved, the more anxious you'll be, and while you will probably attribute your "love-sickness" to the loved one's being fickle or capricious (as may be true) it will be your self-doubt that makes you so vulnerable.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Are single women lonelier than bachelors?

Answer: I know of no way to prove it, but I am inclined to think so. And there are some realistic reasons for it. For instance, a single woman is less welcome than an unattached man at most parties, and there are still many places where she cannot go without an escort. But this does not mean that every single person would be happier married. If you find it hard to "compromise" with other people's tastes and ideas, the home that sometimes appears so empty without anyone to share it will at least be happier than one filled with conflict.