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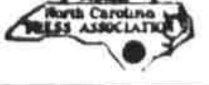
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It's Coming

Maybe it's the advancing years that makes time appear to go so fast, but as hard as it is to believe, Christmas is almost here.

We cannot make up our mind whether this reminder from The Elkin Tribune should be gladness, or make us feel sorry for the constant rush in which we will find ourselves from now until the 25th.

The Tribune editor then goes on to point out that it only seems like yesterday when he was in shirtsleeves enjoying a baseball game, and other good old summertime activities.

Then he goes on to say further: "Perhaps in the days of our youth, when it seemed as if Christmas would never come, the time went by slowly because of school and such. School days always pass slowly for most youngsters. But today, when school and childhood is but a dim memory, the years have supercharged themselves to whizz by so fast that each week seems to tread upon the heels of another."

"Oh well, there's nothing that we know of that can be done to slow things down. And when you stop to think about it, who wants to slow down the approach of Christmas? For it is the one holiday of the year which creates in men's hearts a real spirit of peace on earth and good will to men. And that's something we need more of."

Our Under-Rated Church Choirs

Often choirs of churches are called the "war department" of the church. We presume this is because little issues sometimes grow into big ones, and it is just so easy to say "it started" in the choir.

As for this newspaper, we feel that the average choir is about the most unappreciated phase of all church life.

The members practice, and practice. Attend all services and sing and sing, yet their contributions to the service program are not taken for granted, and seldom do they get a word of praise.

Have you ever thought what a poor service it would be without a choir? Have you ever thought what a long-drawn-out service it would be if it was all just "talking"?

We feel that often the choir preaches a better sermon than the pastor. Their messages in song have a meaning. Tell them you enjoy their efforts, and what they are doing to help promote the program of the church. You will feel better, and so will they. By so doing, they might sing an extra song, and thus cut down on the sermon by four minutes.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should we help grown children care for aged parents?

Answer: Yes, urges Joseph Antman of the Westchester Jewish Community Service, White Plains, N. Y. In the first place, young people seldom realize the emotional needs of the old, and may treat them as if they were helpless and useless long before they have become so. Again, the community's practice of making old people "displaced persons" by refusing them employment frequently leaves their financial support as a crushing burden on their children. Social agencies should stand by to give psychological and practical help when needed.

Eyes Of World On W.N.C. Industry

Our neighboring county across Pisgah can justly be proud of the new addition to their industrial life, in the form of a cellophane plant representing an expenditure from 10 to 20 millions.

The announcement from Brevard that the Ecusta Paper Corporation had completed details for expanding their facilities for the manufacture of cellophane is encouraging news to all Western North Carolina.

The expansion of the plant to make 33,000,000 pounds of cellophane a year will mean 100 additional jobs for the people of Transylvania and adjoining counties.

Such expansions, and such growth as have been made by Ecusta and other manufacturing firms in Western North Carolina will no doubt attract much attention from the manufacturing world. And rightly so.

Quotas Approved By Big Majority

The burley growers of Eastern America did not leave a shadow of a doubt as to where they stood on the quota controls, as they voted Saturday.

The region as a whole voted 23 to 1 favoring the continuance of the controls. Haywood growers cast a heavy and overwhelming vote favoring the continuance of the program. This was in keeping with the action taken last time a vote was held on the quota matter.

Burley means a lot to the farmers in the mountain region, and as is known here in Haywood, the crop brings in a cash income just at the time when other crops have been disposed of on the markets.

Burley is "king of the cash field crops" in Haywood, and the growers will continue to watch any legislation or laws which would in any way change their income from this crop.

Success In A High Degree

The Third Annual Tobacco Harvest Festival was a success from every standpoint. The crowds were larger at every phase of the program.

The programs were educational, inspirational, and just as fine talent as could be had for all five days. The parade was a thing of beauty, and clocked with precision. The lead band started marching just as the hands of the clock pointed to two o'clock, as had been previously announced.

The snow did not retard the parade, but many of those on floats were thoroughly chilled by the time the parade reached the court house, two miles from the beginning.

The Merchants Association spent a lot of money in bringing to Haywood some of the best speakers available. The speakers had sound logic in their messages, and left their listeners with something worth remembering.

Interest in the quality of tobacco shown was higher than in the past, and that within itself was a worthy contribution to agriculture.

The program extending over five days and night was a little strenuous for those who had to be in the forefront almost every minute, but they can now look back, after a little rest, and feel proud of the success which the entire Festival attained.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

accepts alleged proofs without troubling to verify them. Almost everyone would like to feel that it is possible to know the future, and with many people this wish simply overpowers common sense and reason. But if we maintain that everybody who goes in for wishful thinking is neurotic, we must include most of mankind.

Can love "last forever"? Answer: No more than anything else does. Mountains don't last; they only disintegrate more slowly than sand dunes. Like all living things, love either grows—or dies. But it's normal for love to grow sturdier and deeper with each passing year between two people who have or develop the capacity for "team work" and mutual happiness that successful marriage requires. Love is not a rock to cling to; it is a tree to be tended, but under its branches you find shelter, and its fruit is the emotional nourishment of your life.

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They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Tobacco averages twenty cents per pound at Asheville market. D. V. Howell is new tax collector for this county. Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Turbyfill have family reunion on Thanksgiving Day. "The Seven Club" is organized by a group of young men. The old Red Cross building on the White Sulphur Springs grounds is being converted into a club house. Miss Gussie Martin, who is teaching at Nolte, visits relatives in Waynesville.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

THE DELAY—Within the past two or three weeks little has been written about Bill Umstead's plans to run for the U. S. Senate against Dr. Frank Graham. What is he going to do? Well, he himself doesn't yet know whether he will make the race. As a matter of fact, he never has been as keen on it as many of his friends in all sections of the State. Main reason for the delay in getting down to business with his candidacy is—believe it or not—money, or the absence of it. By doing considerable soliciting in various industrial centers, Umstead's associates can raise upwards of \$75,000. This would come from 70-80 individuals. By further searching, \$250,000 additional could be collected among scores of smaller businessmen. This would result in a campaign fund of \$100,000, which on the surface would seem sufficient.

LABOR—But look again! Labor now has the money with which to elect its friends. Both of the big unions—CIO and AFL—have made this plain, and are now in the process of assessing their members for political funds. The more realistic followers of Umstead believe that labor would throw \$100,000 into North Carolina for Dr. Graham if the situation demanded it, more if necessary. Labor came to the assistance of the late J. M. Broughton during the last month of his campaign.

SEVEN PROVES UNLUCKY—TACOMA, Wash. (UP)—Seven isn't a lucky number for Pfc. Ron Brad Snyder of nearby Fort Lewis. On Oct. 7 he was given a ticket for driving without lights. A month later, on Nov. 7, he was given another ticket for driving without lights.

FORWARD—Uncle Sam has made it tough taxwise and otherwise for the businessmen in recent years. He doesn't have the money to kick around as he once had. Meantime, labor moves steadily forward with the help of Uncle Sam—and there are so many more laborers than businessmen. Labor is daily becoming more political in conscious.

These are factors which Umstead and others not having the support of organized labor must take into consideration next year and, apparently, in the years to follow. However, Umstead's friends—the more enthusiastic ones—say having a great deal of money for a political campaign is not as important as knowing how to use it effectively.

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NOTES—Carolina's Charlie Justice, who was instrumental in get-

ting more Southerners in one body north of the Mason-Dixon Line than any man since Gen. Robert E. Lee, will, alas, romp one more time as a college player. Jan. 2 in Dallas. Carolina will play Notre Dame at Kenan Stadium in 1952. Around 7:00 went to N. Y. for the N. D. game. Did Lee get North with that man? Now that the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum is ready at N. C. State, Raleigh is going to make an attempt next week to get the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament snow at Duke's back to the Capital City. The Coliseum can seat 17,000. About 5,000 more than Duke. It has a portable basketball floor (\$12,000) and is equipped to provide for this State's first hockey games. Everett Case, State basketball coach, told friends last week that all types of events will be staged at the Coliseum, including Barnum Bailey-Ringling Bros. circus next year. He refers to it as the "South's Madison Square Garden." Total cost of building and equipment: a little over \$3,000,000. All of North Carolina's more important Big Four basketball games will be carried over a 40-station network. Ray Reeve, the announcer.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By The Mountaineer Staff— She was a very pretty young lady and she was very much interested in watching the parade. The snow was coming down fast by the minute and the street was getting pretty slick. But the young lady continued to watch the distance, and with a goodly crowd of people, which would have been very embarrassing to her feet, she continued to watch the parade.

Flattery may be pretty thin but it is always thick enough to warm the listener to it. Another little bit of human interest news was picked up by the staff. The other embryo of a position in the town was walking down Main Street and he was pushing a baby carriage. That he was pushing a carriage was not with a sudden fall and found a baby carriage. It is a man named against a parking meter. A man named to see if he is really a policeman had been observed. And probably he is still looking for the wife saw him. It is a very attractive woman. It is a very attractive woman.

Events that loom so large in the distance certainly dwindle into nothingness after they have passed by. We realize that we are not being able to do anything for the position of person who is in an introductory position in the name of one of the parties takes a nosedive and disappears from sight. But a lady told me that she had a man to introduce a new product. All went well until the introduction. And then it seemed great attention to the product. A man who is a member of the Ladies and Gentlemen's Club and the wife of a prominent man.

Most of our troubles melt as quickly as a snowfall. It is only when we pile them in drifts that we find ourselves unable to dig out. He was a very nice man, and he was a very nice man.

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ACROSS: 1. Strong, sharp flavor. 2. Spotted. 3. Affirm. 4. Measure of land. 5. Degradable. 6. An owner of an estate (Scot.). 7. Man's nickname. 8. Little child. 9. Biblical name. 10. Primary color. 11. Cops. 12. Neuter pronoun. 13. Bone (anat.). 14. Pleasantest. 15. Art of drawing with pastels. 16. Medieval dagger. 17. Music note. 18. Mountain (abbr.). 19. An aromatic perennial herb. 20. Epoch. 21. A long, bench-like seat. 22. Weep convulsively. 23. Sloth. 24. Fry. 25. Draw off, as water. 26. A knot. 27. Precious metal. 28. Sumo. 29. Female sheep.

