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Good Sports — Fine Teamwork

The Waynesville football team can well look back on a good season. The players, coaches, school officials, and patrons of the school can well be proud of the record.

The players chalked up impressive scores over their opponents throughout the season, suffering only one tie, and no defeats on the regular schedule. Even more impressive than the consistent winning was the sportsmanship which the players displayed at all times on the field.

This newspaper feels that it all adds up to a perfect season. However, we do not feel it would be fair to close such a season, without paying a well-earned tribute, not only to the players and their competent coaches, but also their co-workers at every game, the band and energetic cheerleaders.

There Is Such A Thing As Smallpox In North Carolina

Two pieces of news originating over 150 miles apart attracted our attention this week, and provides a fact which merits our serious consideration.

Over in Sylva, The Herald carried a four column headline on the front page which read: "Health Authorities Find Citizens Violating Law Requiring Immunization of Children — All Must Be Vaccinated To Enter School."

The article under the headline quoted health authorities on the importance of vaccinations.

On the same day, The Belmont Banner, carried on their front page this headline: "Smallpox Case Discovered Here—6-Year-Old Boy In Hospital."

The case of smallpox was the first in 29 years in Gaston county, but it does prove that "it can happen."

These two pieces of news, published the same day in North Carolina, although 150 miles apart, should make all of us realize that we are not entirely immune from diseases unless every known medical precaution is taken to protect us.

And don't forget, diseases are no respecter of persons, and that "it can happen here."

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Does college change a student's working habits? Answer: No, reports Dr. William C. Krathwohl of the Illinois Institute of Technology in the Journal of Educational Research. Freshman engineering students were classified as "industrious," "normal," or "indolent" by comparing their natural aptitude for mathematics with their practical achievements. In their later grades in college algebra, industrious students surpassed what their aptitude should have predicted, normal students equaled it, and indolent ones fell below it.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

family life created. This feeling cannot be "worked up" artificially, and there's no use trying to pretend you have it if you have not. What you can do is to try to start a family of your own in which there will be more harmony and sympathetic understanding than there was in the one you grew up in.

Do dreams of battle involve wish-fulfillment? Answer: Theoretically every dream does, but it has long been a puzzle what wish, conscious or unconscious, a victim of war neurosis gratifies by reliving in his dreams the very situations that brought on his illness. A rather surprising answer is suggested by Dr. James Clark Moloney, who served as a psychiatrist with the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific. It is that in such dreams, the dreamer unconsciously "identifies" himself with the attacking enemy, and thus gains a feeling of control over the forces which might have destroyed him.

Preachers And Publicity

The Mountaineer is proud of the letter to the editor today from Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of The First Baptist church.

For many years we have consistently published a church page, and featured on it what is considered by both newspapermen and pastors, one of the best Sunday School lessons, and the illustrated lessons available. Besides all this, we have carried all the news which Haywood churches would provide.

Several months ago we added to the church section, the special feature designed to create interest in attending church regularly.

This newspaper has gladly devoted space to all denominations, and shall continue to do so. There are no charges for publishing this news. All we ask is that those responsible for getting the facts to us please observe our deadlines.

There are some pastors who do not avail themselves this opportunity of reaching a large readership—approximately 20,000 people, which is far more than any of them preach to on Sundays.

There are some pastors who frankly admit they don't like publicity. Just why, we don't know, unless they are trying to "hide their light under the Biblical bushel."

And we are sorry to say, that we have had our attention called to public statements made by one Haywood pastor who criticized the campaign which is designed to get people to attend church. We won't comment on that until we have first talked to the man across the desk, and get his ideas direct. Somehow, it is hard for us to believe that such an opinion could exist, much less come from a man who is supposed to be interested in promoting church attendance and the welfare of the church.

The letter, and encouragement from Rev. Mr. Elliott makes us even more determined to forget the minority, and strive even harder to let additional church news, and perhaps even go to three church pages.

Thanks, Mr. Elliott, for your interest.

Souvenirs Of The White House

Extensive repairs, and improvements are being made to the White House. All to the tune of about five and a half million dollars, and those in charge predict that the work now being done will take care of the mansion for the next 150 years.

The commission in charge of the work soon learned that all brick, and plaster coming out of the White House had a certain value, since souvenir hunters were willing to pay the price.

In order to play on the safe side until Congress could give the orders as to what to be done with the debris, the commission in charge will cart everything to a warehouse, and put military guards on duty 24 hours a day, in order to assure its safety.

Of course the old bricks, the broken plaster, and lime coated lathe are worthless within themselves, but then the American people are great souvenir lovers, and are often willing to go at great length to get choice bits of such a building as famous in American history, and as important to the United States as the White House.

Plans are to give some of the souvenirs to schools and museums. A lot of the brick will be reused. And then with some other that will not be stored at the army post in Fort Meyer, the commission plans to dig a deep hole and bury it.

Many a speculator will hate to hear this news. And many a souvenir hawker will have to make other plans for making a living.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Waynesville Mountaineers end season with victory over Marion. Mrs. Henry Davis honors Mrs. Earl Miles, the former Miss Maude Terrell, with a bridge party. East Waynesville School students shower the school cafeteria with many useful articles and quantities of canned foods. Miss Mary Ruby Davis, spends Thanksgiving with friends in Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Curtis and children visit relatives in Young Harris, Ga., for Thanksgiving.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

THIS MAN GRAHAM—Two or three issues ago this column commented on the huge crowds which Dr. William Graham, North Carolinian by birth, is pulling into his tent each evening in Los Angeles, Cal. Readers were asked if they could provide further information on this young religious giant. It develops that he is a nephew of Dr. Frank Graham.

Mrs. Paul M. Cochrane of State Road, just north of Elkin, writes interestingly about the young evangelist as follows: "I'd like to offer a bit more information concerning this great Christian leader. He came to my home city of Belfast, N. Ireland, as vice president of Youth for Christ in America, along with Dr. Torrey M. Johnson, director of Youth for Christ International, and others, on April 3, 1946. He was introduced as Billy Graham, evangelist, born in Charlotte, N. C., and pastor in a church in Alabama then."

"Our Albert Hall was overflowing with 3,000 'Ed. note: He's preaching to about 8,000 each night in L.A.' enthusiastic listeners and truly Billy Graham's dynamic preaching and searching spiritual influence will long be felt by those in that meeting."

"In my three years in U.S.A., I have had bits of news about him only once or twice and was interested to read about him. More power to this man of God."

NOTES—Dr. H. O. Lineberger, prominent Raleigh dentist, suffered a serious heart attack last week. A native of Gaston County, he grew up with former Gov. R. Gregg Cherry. Cherry as an orphan lived with Dr. Lineberger's parents, grew up with him, and earned his board and room by working on the Lineberger farm.

Private insurance companies, which have looked on helplessly while 51 school administrative units joined the State Insurance Plan, are now planning to decrease their rates somehow to meet those of the State.

Traveler Kerr Scott, who within the past few months has visited Colorado and roamed the Midwest sight-seeing, has bought cows in Missouri, hunted pheasant in the Dakotas, was in Mississippi and California last week. He is expected to spend the Christmas holidays at Haw River.

Garland B. Porter, former W-S Journal reporter and kin of the Surry County Cockerhams, ex-Southern Adv. Mgr. for Hearst and at one time director of the State News Bureau (1943), blew into Raleigh from New York Saturday for the Va-Car. game. He is now hitting it rich as general manager of "Southern Advertising and Publishing" in Atlanta. He has a young wife, the former Miss Ruth Vail of Edenton. He was reared by his aunt, the late "Miss Nancy" Cockerham of Jonesville in Yadkin County.

The best, cheapest, and most beautiful cookbook now available in North Carolina is "Favorite Dairy Recipes of North Carolina." Send 50 cents to the Publications Division, N. C. Agriculture Dept., Raleigh, and get one of a dozen fancy and economic Christmas presents.

WRECKS: The Highway Safety Division, after studying 690 fatalities, reports the following: Most wrecks occur between 4 and 8 p.m. August is at the top in the number of wrecks. Tuesday is the safest day for driving. Most wrecks occur out on the open highway. Robeson County leads with 27 highway fatalities this year. Wake is second with 20. The majority of fatal accidents involved cars this year. Cars at speeds of between 31 and 40 miles an hour.

Most of the wrecks involve motorists who have been driving 11 years or more. Charlotte has 11 traffic deaths, Winston-Salem 4, Raleigh 6, Wilmington 6, A. Havelle 1, Greensboro 5. An auto group involved: 25 to 43.

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By Jimmy Hatlo



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think we should attempt to bring the North Carolina Little Symphony to Waynesville again next year in view of the fact that the membership quota has been so hard to reach this year? Mrs. Jonathan Woody: "I think we should have the Symphony but I do not feel that the membership committee should meet with such difficulty in raising the money required to bring it here. Most people seem to have the concert, but for the past two years we have had to work awfully hard to get it."

Mrs. L. K. Barber: "Absolutely. If for no other reason, to give the children an opportunity to hear that type of music."

Mrs. Garden Schenck: "By all means it is important to bring symphonic music to Waynesville and to have our people go out of town to hear it. And, too, some people can hear the Symphony when it comes here."

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Rambling 'Round

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

In a conversation with a group one day, one man remarked that it seemed all the world, collectively and individually, was talking in dollars and cents. In other words, money was the uppermost thing in most minds of today. Another man spoke up: "Well, what is there of importance that holds universal appeal?" When one summer down here had something there, even if it was entirely the wrong idea, it fostered wars, strife from desire of extension of area which means income; friendships are broken because of money; families disrupted on the same account. Truly the love of money is the root of all evil. Perhaps much of the sorrow and unhappiness of the world could be lessened if we would think a little less of money and more of our fellowman.

The sun saying "Boo" as it suddenly pops from behind a passing cloud.

One more football game and then the winter "stove leaning" goes into action. Past glories and vice versa, will be gone over in detail, future victories charted, pennant chances; rival managers' statistics of every description, percentages and data known intimately to the sport world. And what a healthy thing it is for men to take this interest.

Letters To The Editor

APPRECIATES CHURCH PAGE Editor The Mountaineer

As pastor of one of the good churches of Waynesville, I want to commend you and your staff on the splendid Church Page which appears in the Mountaineer every Thursday. This is a valuable piece of community service which you are rendering to the churches of all faiths and denominations. I am delighted to see the number of pastors and churches who are using this Church Page. When you remember that you are doing it without charge, it seems that every church in the county would gladly make use of it.

I have been particularly impressed with the fine series of pictorial messages which you have been running for some time. Both pictures and messages are of high quality with no over-embellishment.

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WAITING IN THE WINGS



OH-SHAH!—State department protocol officers had a busy day. The visit of the shah of Iran would have come off better if he had been described to Americans as the shah of Persia. The royal visitor then would have been a household name. Every American who owns an Oriental rug or has met the shah of Persia would have recognized the name of Omar Khayyam.

The visit itself was regarded by the State department as of extreme importance, but the protocol people had a hard time of it as such to the public. The shah and his entourage, most of whom, like the shah himself, had never before been to the United States, were so sensitive as to prerogatives. When the shah went to London for the 1948 Olympic Games, he was much annoyed at not being met at the airport by the British foreign office. The British foreign office had a tough time assuaging the shah's feelings.

The incident caused complications later. When the Afghan ruler promptly sent word that under those conditions he just wouldn't come. Thereupon, the shah changed his mind and went to the airport. President Truman indulged these complications by sending a personal plane to Persia to pick up the shah, and to bring him, in person, at the Washington airport.