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\$25,000 Wisely Spent

The expenditure of the \$25,000 recently allocated by the county for fireproofing all boiler rooms of school buildings will be one of the best investments Haywood has ever made.

There are a large number of Haywood school buildings that do not have any semblance of fireproofing in the boiler rooms, which creates a hazard beyond the keenest imagination.

The fact that our schools are crowded beyond description, creates even a greater hazard, should a fire break out.

We do not have to go back too many years to recall what happened when a fire started in a Texas school. Death claimed the lives of scores of the students. It was all over in a few minutes.

This newspaper feels that this investment in fireproofing is the least that can be done toward providing safety for the some 9,000 students in Haywood schools. The lives of that many students is a big responsibility, and the cost of fireproofing the boiler rooms is too small to even consider when human life is at stake.

Unsung Heroes

Among the several 24-hour jobs in our community, is the chairmanship of the Red Cross chapter. Just when other people are resting, and relaxing from the duties of the day, the Red Cross is then called upon to do those things which but few people ever hear about.

For several years now, Rev. M. R. Williamson has filled the place as chairman, most efficiently. He has just been re-elected to the post by the new board of directors, and his record of performance of the past assures satisfaction in the future.

The Red Cross serves in many ways. It takes care of urgent matters that other agencies lack the facilities for handling. And these urgent matters have to have personal attention regardless of the hour, or the day. It is in that capacity which Mr. Williamson has served many long and hard hours.

It is true that he has had some good co-workers, such as Mrs. McDaris, Mrs. Jonathan Woody, Mrs. David Hyatt, Mrs. Charles Ray, and many others. And to all go credit for a job well done.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist.



Are white collar workers hostile to employers?

Answer: Not as much as industrial workers are—or were until comparatively lately—writes F. C. Smith in Personnel Journal. For although they are not, as a rule, as well paid, they have more personal contacts with management representatives and more chance to air their grievances directly rather than let pent-up resentments fester.



Do Americans admire law-breakers?

Answer: Sociologists maintain that they have always done so. Long before the days of gangster movies and crime radio programs, characters like Jesse James and "Billy the Kid" were popular heroes even though innocent people often were their victims. The immediate reason obviously is that most of us like to "identify ourselves" in imagination with those who dare to defy authority, but why we feel that way is hard to explain.



May emotions make you starve yourself?

Answer: Yes, even "to death" in extreme cases. A condition known as "anorexia nervosa" may lead to refusal to eat, or to inability to "keep food on the stomach," which may end in actual starvation, and one proof of how far it is based upon emotions is that while forcible feeding keeps the patient alive, it may induce severe mental illness. Possible unconscious backgrounds of starving oneself in this way are a fear of eating things that are forbidden, or refusal to accept a substitute for types of food which adult life denies us.

Charles A. Webb

Death took from Western North Carolina on Sunday, one of the pioneers in the development of this area.

Charles A. Webb, a publisher, civic and political leader, for many years had a leading role in matters pertaining to the Great Smokies, the Blue Ridge Parkway, as well as many projects in and near Asheville.

Mr. Webb was also interested in the development of agriculture and industry in Western North Carolina. It was back in the early 1940's that he inaugurated the five-year farm program for this area. The program started people to thinking of the possibilities in agriculture in this section, when done on a modern, and scientific basis.

It was in 1936 when the North Carolina Press was holding their annual summer meeting, here that Mr. Webb presented Mr. A. B. Cameron, then director of National Parks, and principal speaker on the program. Mr. Webb traced the history of the Great Smokies and then in sincerity, which caused him to give way to his emotions, made an earnest plea for the early completion of the Park, in order that the present generation could enjoy its benefits. We have often thought of Mr. Webb, and the plea he made here that night. Fortunately he saw the Park formally dedicated, and also lived to see what we believe is the Park entering into a "new development era" which will bring about the full realization and vision, such as men like Mr. Webb had when the plan was started many years ago.

Mr. Wenn often exerted influence on projects through others, while he stayed in the background. This guiding spirit, and progressive attitude has left a definite mark in the state which he so dearly loved.

His influence will be felt for years, and years to come. The good he did lives, while he rests.

Wets And Drys Still Battling

Both the wet and dry factions of the state had just cause for rejoicing last week. Both won a victory.

The drys lost an election on wine and beer sales in Smithfield. Several months ago Johnston county went dry, but the voters in the county seat have again voted wine and beer back on the dealer's shelves.

Valdese, down in Burke county, however, stuck to the dry side in a similar election, after Burke earlier in the fall had voted dry.

Over in Brevard Tuesday the voters will march to the polls again on the same issue they voted on several months ago. Transylvania voted out the sale of wine and beer. Upon a petition of sufficient Brevard voters, an election was called for tomorrow to decide whether beer and wine sales will be resumed in the town.

Haywood watches with interest as the battle over the state wages back and forth.

Points, Points, But Little Point

Just about the time we had settled down to get a little of the Christmas spirit by reading some holiday stories, the sports writers began bombarding us with headlines like "Rice Rated 7 1/2 Points Over Tar Heels."

All fall, we have seen this similar headline—so and so favored so many points over so and so.

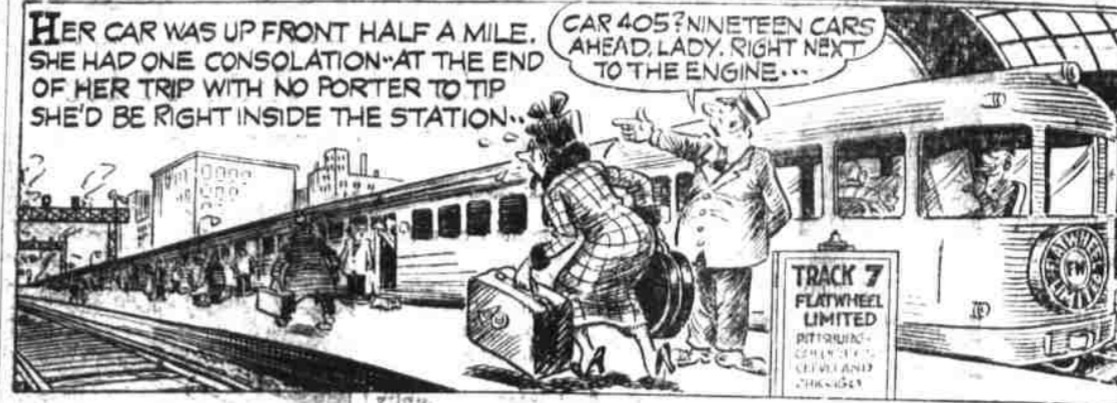
—and if this team gets by that team they will be headed for a perfect season, and maybe a bowl game, etc, etc.

So it goes. And for Christmas we guess we will be getting point after point on this bowl game and that.

As for our part, the football season is over, and from here until the first of the year belongs to Christmas, and all that goes with it.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Farmers Federation plans to build a grist mill here.
10 YEARS AGO J. J. Ferguson is re-elected assistant tax collector.
5 YEARS AGO Commissioners order revaluation of property in January.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

LEANING—Several years ago while Dr. Frank Graham was at Naas Head resting for a few days at the Drane Cottage, Coastal North Carolina was lashed by one of the worst storms of this century, in that area.
MANY WAYS—Used to be there were only a few ways the average person could defraud the government. You could manufacture your own money, try to use a cancelled postage stamp, break into a post office, and so on.

Hoey, Graham Seen as Facing No Opposition - Yet

Both of North Carolina's U. S. senators are making speeches from the mountains to the coast in what many of the state's political observers call full-scale campaign for re-election.
Neither, he believes, faces any real opposition—so far. And each may win new terms in the Senate by default.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?
Editor's note—Our roving reporter questioned children here Saturday as to their Christmas wants. Santa can copy this list.
Johnny McCracken, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll McCracken of Lake Junaluska—"I want a tricycle and a football. That's all I want except some candy.

Rambling 'Ro

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

She was most anxious to do and was having a busy time doing the shop in preparation for Christmas giving. She placed her decorations, the candles, the articles, the cards, and the gifts, and in fact it was a busy, busy world she was in. She had suddenly a slight headache and her shoulders a bit. As she went to the counter to count her change, she fainted and her decorations fell to the floor in a heap. She was taken to a young lady's room and revived. "Please run your hand over my back of my neck," she said, "I'm feeling cramps in my neck. I've never seen young lady do this before and I brought forth a lot of sympathy. "I've never seen young lady do this before and I brought forth a lot of sympathy. I've never seen young lady do this before and I brought forth a lot of sympathy.

When in doubt, do the thing that comes first to your mind. If it's wrong, you can always do the other.

He was like other boys of the male shoppers that had been in the train to pull out and had been in to buy his ticket. He had been in his hand a lot of money, and he had crossed out. She had been in the county, he had been in the county, he had been in the county.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

Advertisement for Scott's Scrap Book featuring illustrations of a scorpion and a man's face, with text describing the book's features like 'SMALLEST LOSSER', 'CANNEL COAL', and 'SCRAPS'.

Inside WASHINGTON

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WHAT TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS?

