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\$1,860 Of Your Money

The average layman, in discussing huge expenditures, such as Uncle Sam deals in, often confuses a million for a billion. When confronted with the mistake, usually shrugs his shoulders and asks: "Oh, what's the difference?"

With that question in mind, it is interesting to note the new figures just released as to the amount this country has extended foreign aid in the form of grants and loans—over 28 billions. That is right, the "illions" is spelled with a capital "B", just plain bee. This covers the period from 1945 to date.

An average of about \$1,800 for every man, woman and child in America.

More Patrolmen Needed

For the greater part of the year, it looked as if Haywood would better the 1948 traffic record, but before the New Year rolled around, it was just a little worse. In fact, one more killed in 1949 than the year before.

Last year saw a lot of shifting and changing among the highway patrol in the county, and part of the time, only a partial patrol was on duty. As 1949 was ushered in, Haywood had five active patrolmen. Then towards the latter months, only three, and sometimes two, as some had to go back to school for some special refresher courses.

This newspaper has always maintained that the more active the patrol, and the more men on the job, the better regulated will be the traffic.

Not for a minute would we intimate that the smaller highway patrol was the cause of the higher traffic record for 1949, but then, the facts are there, and no getting around them.

Three patrolmen cannot cover the territory that five can cover. And Haywood with its expanded highway system, and being the home of many major sectional highway junctions, just creates a greater traffic problem than many counties of similar size might have.

For 1950 this newspaper hopes that the patrol for Haywood will be built back to normal strength of five or more patrolmen.

115 Tax Assistants

We doubt if many people would have guessed there were 115 gasoline retailers in Haywood county. Certainly far more than one might think for right off hand.

These gasoline retailers are just a few of the many tax collectors waiting to serve—

A Bouquet To Women And Teen-Ager Drivers

The teen-age and women drivers of Haywood can take their best bow now that Cpl. John L. Carpenter, has tossed them a bouquet for being the most careful drivers.

The jokes about women violating all the rules of safe and sane driving are now useless, since Cpl. Carpenter's statement "that as a rule, the weaker sex and teen-agers are the best drivers."

About the only consolation the average husband can find in the statement of the patrolman, is the age-old alibi "there are exceptions to all rules."

But then we expect that same average man had rather just go ahead and admit that he shares the patrolman's views, rather than argue with the better half that she does not rate as one of the "better drivers."

The statement came as a surprise to us, and we will not for a minute doubt the opinion of the patrolman. However, we shall continue to keep our best eye on their driving, that is.

Not Money—But Life

Next Sunday marks the beginning of the annual campaign to raise money for the National Polio Foundation. An organization which is constantly fighting a disease well known to Haywood county.

This county has been assigned a quota of \$15,000, with half to be raised in the Canton area, and half in the Waynesville area, as has been the case all these years.

The quota sounds like a huge sum, but when broken down to the need, and the benefits derived from the expenditure of the money, it is a mere pittance. After all, we should not look at this matter from a dollar and cents angle. It is a matter of life and death. And the dreaded disease is no respecter of race, color, age or creed. The rich and the poor suffer alike when stricken with polio.

When you reach down in your pocket to make your 1950 donation, remember, you are buying health and happiness for fellow citizens—perhaps your own family—and not just passing on some money, for which you would have very little use if stricken with polio.

A Hard \$500 Decision

A lot of interest is being shown in the first annual award to be made to the community judged as having made the greatest improvements since the Community Development Program was inaugurated last winter.

There is \$500 cash awaiting the community showing the best record. And that is a worthwhile prize for any group.

In view of the fact that there has been a lot of fine work done, we would hate to have to judge this fine, and progressive program.

Another Newspaper Casualty

The constant rising costs of producing newspapers were brought forcefully to the attention of the American public last week, when the 116-year New York Sun merged with The World-Telegram. All because of increased costs being far ahead of a similar increase in revenue.

Wages had jumped 80 per cent over the 1939 figures, while the cost of newsprint has gone up from \$48 a ton in 1939 to \$100 a ton for 1949.

A large majority of the 1,200 employees of The Sun are now without jobs.

The cost of publishing newspapers is far greater than the average reader might think—even much greater than the publisher often wants to believe himself.



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Report shows First National Bank had successful year in 1934. T. B. Medford of Iron Duff receives over 27 cents average for 1,138 pounds of tobacco. Mrs. Woodson Jones assembles a group of friends for contract party. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McCracken celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a party at their home in Hazelwood. Miss Susie Fisher has returned from a visit to friends in New York.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD
Note to Gov. Scott: Somebody is taking collards out of the Women's Prison garden and giving them to neighbors in Raleigh...
DOING WELL... Charlie Johnson, who lost out to Kerr Scott in the gubernatorial shebang 18 months ago, is now selling stocks and bonds. Reports are that he is making slightly more in this business than he would have in the Governor's chair.
ONE REASON... In looking for this Johnson's record—which got under way on the Raleigh front when he came to the Legislature from Pender County in 1929—it is significant that he was secretary of the N. C. Petroleum Industries Committee during 1936-37, when Kerr Scott moved on the scene as Agriculture Commissioner. Gas and oil inspection was taken from the State Agriculture Department along then, and the new Commissioner laid this stunt squarely at the door of the Johnson cousins. He fumed and fussed about it privately for years, placing the Johnsons at the top of his list. This anti-Johnson brooding played no small part in his decision to oppose Charles Johnson for Governor. Gas and oil inspection is now back in the Ag. Dept.



Rambling 'Round

-Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members Of The Mountaineer Staff-
Mrs. A was a very neat housekeeper but was just a little tired of the routine so eagerly accepted an opportunity to acquire the services of a maid. But the maid, evidently, had not had the training that filled her mistress's requirements, and more or less friction arose. One day, Mrs. A sternly called attention to the dust on a table and demonstrated its depth by writing her name in it. The maid gazed in awe-struck admiration as she said breathlessly: "Ain't education grand?"
The rising sun pushing aside dark curtains fringed with deep rose pink.
He is just nineteen months old and the idol of every one who knows him. He is the friendliest young man imaginable and one of his closest friends is a white-haired lady who adores him. One evening recently he saw his admirer and made a bee line for her, laughing joyously. Then he stopped as though four-wheel brakes had been applied. He had spied a beautiful young lady and, man-like, that's all there was to it. The white-haired lady waited patiently... and loyally he finally dragged himself away from the lovely one, and paid his respects.
When you hear a woman say something "catty" about another woman, there are usually two claws behind it. One is to have the idea substantiated; and the other is unadulterated jealousy.

Letters To The Editor

MORE ABOUT N. C. HISTORY
Drummond was living at the time he was appointed to the office of Governor of North Carolina. So the King of England pointed a man to serve either of Albemarle as the first Governor of North Carolina, a book that has brought about more criticism about the question why the State chose May 20, 1775 than any other book published either in or out of North Carolina. This time he strikes in two other places, one in the extreme east, Albemarle County as it was named at that time, and next the State as a whole.
Dr. Lefler is a very bright man. Some times he says too much and sometimes too little. His statement about the first governor of North Carolina is very indefinite. He, of course, knows there is no county in our State by that name. Albemarle at that time included all the section of North Carolina settled by white people. William

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS
State Department Becomes More Security Conscious
Taft Re-Election Believed Greatly Improved
Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—Security measures in Washington tightened up as a result of the recent exposure before House un-American activities committee of uranium shipments to Russia.
This is particularly noticeable in the State department, where more and more attention to the problem of security example, here are some steps taken by the State department.
Windows of rooms where coded messages received are taped with the silvery band indicates alarm protection and outsiders are forbidden to enter these rooms at any time.
Slogans such as "Don't take papers home" "Keep your desks and files locked" are printed at the bottom of each page of the department telephone book to remind employees security regulations.
Departmental police make a spot check night and will call any employee at home who left files unlocked in his office, and order back to the office to lock up.
Senator Taft • UPSWING FOR TAFT—Most active organized labor in Ohio privately are hoping that Senator Robert A. Taft will retain his seat in the U. S. Senate in the 1950 elections.
A signal victory for the forces backing Taft was the Ohio election of the Massachusetts form of ballot whereby the voters for individual candidates instead of the straight party ticket. The pre-election campaign also has added to his strength.
The labor leaders now say that unless they come up with an "exceptional" opponent, Taft again will win, and thus has excellent chance for the GOP presidential nomination in 1952.
• ARMS AID MOVES SLOWLY—There is only a slight possibility that any shipments of war material under the arms aid program will begin moving to foreign countries before the middle of 1949 at the earliest.
At the moment, the arms program under direction of James Bruce, former ambassador to Argentina, is marking time for bi-lateral agreements between the United States and the recipient nations.
Defense department officials, who have responsibility for procurement of the war goods, have been getting some surplus equipment ready for shipment immediately upon conclusion of the bi-lateral agreements.
However, the policy matters will be in the hands of the State department, where the wheels grind slowly. Broad general procedures are shaping up but policy details have yet to be worked out.
• FOREIGN AID FUNDS—Despite congressional demands for a cut in foreign aid spending, the Economic Co-operation Administration probably will ask next year for a new Marshall Plan appropriation of about three billion dollars.
ECA is spending three billion, 778 million dollars this year on the European Recovery Program, but the agency has made it clear that this figure gradually will be reduced.
A definite figure for the new appropriation request has not yet been determined, but ECA sources said that a billion is a good guess of the amount to be asked.
ECA has just started to study the matter. Reports, statistics and other information are pouring into its Washington headquarters from ECA nations to be used as the basis for the request.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should you discuss marriage problems with friends?

Answer: No, says Dr. Walter R. Stokes, eminent marriage counselor, in his recent book "Modern Pattern for Marriage." They may mean well, but are likely to be both prejudiced and poorly informed and may make common gossip of things told them in confidence. "If you are in trouble, you need expert advice. But I'm glad to say that reading this little manual—much the best of its kind that I have seen—should materially lessen the chance of a couple who are planning to be married getting into serious difficulties.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

choanalytic proof depends upon the individual's experience in being helped to recognize what has been going on beneath the surface of his own mind. And while if the treatment is successful, this proof is beyond all argument so far as the patient is concerned, it may be unconvincing to anyone else.

Will being neglected and unhappy slow a child's growth?

Answer: Yes, report Drs. Ralph Fried and M. F. Mayer in the Journal of Pediatrics. Study of the children in a home for dependent and neglected children showed that from 75 to 90 per cent were physically underdeveloped at the time of their admission and 15 to 22 per cent were still below normal six months later. It was also found that growth deficiencies cannot be made up solely by good food and pleasant surroundings. A child who feels that no one loves or is interested in him will be likely to be stunted in both mind and body.

Episcopalians To Meet Wednesday

The annual parish meeting of Grace Episcopal Church will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Parish House following a parish supper at 6 p.m. The dinner will be given under the direction of the Rector's Guild. All members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.