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Showing Its Worth

Coming of Olin Industries, Inc., to Western North Carolina where it has acquired the facilities of the Ecusta Paper Corporation and will go into the manufacture of cellophane with a \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 construction program and employment of at least 500 more workers, ought to give North Carolina a new and increased conception of the value of its water resources.

It was, we learn from the Asheville Citizen, the pure water of Davidson River which brought Ecusta to North Carolina in the first place and is now responsible for the acquisition and expansion which have just been announced. But let's call in the Citizen to give its direct and first-hand testimony.

Once more, it should be observed, one of the most prized of all natural resources—good water—was the deciding factor in bringing this new factory to Transylvania County. It has been said that Ecusta found no rival for the water of Davidson River, and that primacy must still hold true. This blessing of pure water, it is a proper time to remember, is one that is giving such scientific students as William Vogt increasing concern because of the wasteful forestry and agricultural operations that are ominously depleting water resources in the Western states, particularly. This mountain area of a half continent bountifully endowed by nature should resolve to continue, without wearying in well-doing, its course of forest and water conservation. Ecusta, Olin's prospective cellophane, Enka and other industries demonstrate in striking, and very substantial, fashion that conservation pays.

Certainly here is as strong an argument as anyone might wish for the sort of stream conservation and anti-pollution program which North Carolina does not have but which vested interests have succeeded in defeating at one legislative session after another. North Carolina's future is to large degree, as synthetic chemistry comes more and fore into its own and the everyday lives of the consumer, dependent upon the natural resources which enter into its products; and of these pure, unpolluted water is to the forefront.

—Greensboro Daily News

More Protection Needed

The shooting incidents on the streets here Saturday night and early Sunday brought out several points regarding our law enforcement departments.

First, and foremost, the officers proved themselves fearless and able to cope with the situation, by making carefully laid plans, working together, and keeping cool heads. The results prove all this.

It was also proven Saturday night, the value of two-way radio in law enforcement work. The fact was all officers cooperated together 100 per cent, and the use of radio kept them informed every minute as to the whereabouts of every other car in the search. This would have been impossible without radios.

Those two points could be listed under assets.

Under liabilities should come the fact that the officers did not have guns for heavy duty work, and were poorly protected by the lack of bullet-proof windshields.

"Mass" shootings like this do not happen often, but then one never knows when the difference between life and death might be a windshield made to withstand the onslaught of bullets.

The life of an officer is at stake every time he stops a car, or goes to make an arrest. He has no assurance that he will not face a hail of bullets. Their work is dangerous, and they should be given every possible means of protection.

Not even our patrol cars are equipped with bullet-proof windshields. Such glass is much heavier, and more expensive, but after all, protection of the lives of officers should be the first consideration.

One case of the value of bullet-proof windshields will be remembered back in the late 1930's when Hugh J. Sloan, Jr., a Waynesville man, was a member of the highway patrol. He was chasing three men down near Wilmington for killing a patrolman at Asheville. The men opened fire on Patrolman Sloan and peppered his windshield with 30.30 bullets. The heavy glass withstood the onslaught, and all three men were caught. Two were electrocuted, and one given 99 years in prison. The bullet-proof windshield enabled Patrolman Sloan to make the arrest. Otherwise, he would have been killed within a few minutes after the chase started. There are numerous other incidents where bullet-proof windshields have saved the lives of officers.

No doubt there are reasons for the discontinuance of the heavy glass windshields, but off-hand, it appears that the time has come for using them again.

Our Newest Industry

Our newest industry is operating "full blast" and from all indications, getting off to a good start. We refer to the Smoky Mountains Fertilizer Company.

It is the only plant of this type in all Western North Carolina, and is making plant food that is especially suited for the crops and soils of this area.

The plant represents a large outlay of money, and the men behind the project have spent a lifetime in the fertilizer business. A number of men are employed, and as the business expands, even more men will be given jobs.

The management of the plant is working closely with all agricultural agencies in making the fertilizer which is found by local scientific tests to be best suited for farms of Western North Carolina.



Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

GRAHAM SUPPORT — They aren't saying much about it in the school room, but reports reaching Raleigh are to the effect that 90 per cent of the school teachers in North Carolina are doing a lot of mental whooping it up for Sen. Frank Graham to be returned to Washington, D. C., for another four years... a recurrence of 1936 and 1944 McDonaldism.

AWAY—Since most of them will be away from home and in the midst of commencements on the day of the primary, their active strength will be as weak as a May wind. However, indications are that more than one teacher will leave for home after school on Friday so as to be able to drop one in the box for Frank Graham... on the weekend of the primary.

NODS — And in Raleigh this week as 3,500 teachers gather here for the annual convention of the N. C. Education Association—sometimes referred to as the Teachers Union—friendly nods will be made in the direction of Incumbent Graham. Nevertheless, when they return to their schools silence will prevail, for school boards frown exceedingly angrily on school people dabbling in politics until they have reached the superintendent or principal stage.

HAIL ALUMNI! — The report was out last week—and it came from deep within the heart of the Frank Graham-for-Senator headquarters—that alumni of the University of North Carolina would be contacted by circulars and otherwise with appeals to go down the line for the alma mater's former president.

The matter has been discussed with Dr. Frank, but he thought it hardly fair. However, latest plans are to move ahead with the idea, which eventually may do more harm than good. If the alumni list is made available to Graham headquarters, it will no doubt be sent, also, to Candidates Willis Smith, Bob Reynolds, Oila Ray Boyd, et al. Since Smith is chairman of the Duke University Board of Trustees, he might be able to obtain some names from there. Frank Graham's publicist is an alumnus of Wake Forest, so he might rink in the Baptists.

All in all, it does look as if college grads are going to have a lot of reading to do. Let us all hope that the letters-to-alumni idea came from someone in Graham's camp who is letting his, or her, enthusiasm for the cause get the better of his, or her, judgment.

NOT SO MUCH—Meantime, as Sen. Frank Graham speaks about the State it is becoming more apparent that he's not really so much for the FEPC, after all; he's against socialized medicine; and he's interested in a lot more things than history and world plans. His next move will likely be along the line of decreased taxes and a balanced budget. If Willis Smith doesn't hurry and get started, he's going to find

Voice of the People

By WILLIAM RITT, Central Press Writer

Would you like to see daylight saving time put into effect here this spring?

Walter James — Anything that saves time—I'm for it.

Louise Campbell—Yes, I really like daylight saving time.

Willie Mae Cope — I surely would.

Mildred Woodard—No, I would rather the time remain as is.

O. L. Yates—I've always favored daylight saving time.

C. C. Medford—I think it is a good thing, especially for the working man as it gives him more time to work in his garden.

Emmett Phillips—I'm for it as I like that extra time in the afternoon.

Oliver Yount, Jr. — For the benefit of inside workers—yes.

Smithfield, Durham, and West Jefferson...

Raymond Maxwell has just written and published a book about his father, "Life and Works of Allen Jay Maxwell"...

Dr. Billy Graham, evangelist, is now holding meetings in Columbia, S. C., and Gov. Strom Thurmond predicts the Charlotte native will be another Billy Sunday.

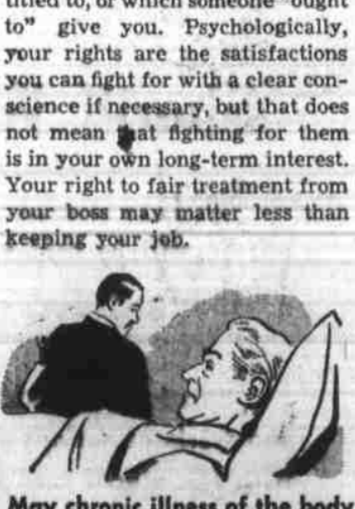
MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is the feeling of "disgust" instinctive?

Answer: No. For instance, babies will eat practically anything and savages love foods, like insects, which we regard as revolting. Disgust is a feeling we unconsciously train children to have for things and behavior which we in turn were taught to feel were repulsive. And while some such training is unquestionably necessary, we should "go slow" with it. For disgust means to a child something associated with complete rejection by his parents—the worst of all dangers. And we must be very careful not to make him feel it toward himself.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



May chronic illness of the body affect the mind?

Answer: Yes, says Dr. David C. Wilson of the University of Virginia Medical School. Just as deep emotional disturbances may bring on bodily illness, so the illness, if prolonged, may warp the patient's thinking and emotions. He may lose interest in everything but his symptoms, may unconsciously capitalize his helplessness and keep himself ill because he enjoys being taken care of, or his self-absorption may become so complete that he stops trying to adjust to the adult world and slips back to the childishness of psychosis.

Rambling Round

—Bits of Human Interest News—

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

He was a bookkeeper with a large firm and as the first of the month approached, he decided to come to the office an hour earlier one morning and have that much uninterrupted time. He had hardly gotten his coat off when the phone rang and a customer, in a hurried voice, asked for the amount of his account as of that minute. After the necessary computation and the reply give, the customer thanked him and added: "I am leaving in a few minutes for a three weeks' visit to Florida, and I just wanted to know." Then as the rest of the office force drifted in, each stopped to chat en route to his desk. Consequently it was thirty minutes after regular opening time before the bookkeeper got down to actual work. 'Twas ever thus.

The news of a sudden death makes us realize how important it is to always have our luggage packed for a quick start on a long journey.

We had occasion to come back to the office one evening after the others had gone. Hearing a rustling in a metal waste basket, we visualized some vicious animal, in search of a victim. The rattling of papers sounded like a rattling gun in full operation... and we left as hurriedly as we could. The following day we were informed that "huge" and life-seeking varmint was a tiny mouse which scarcely again we were firmly impressed.

You're Telling Me

NO MORE bad jokes about women being the worst drivers—a Bronx, New York City, armory is staging indoor auto races exclusively for the gals! The hand that rocked the cradle now really rocks along. Crash helmets may now become tres chic, complete with flossy feathers and veil. Zadok Dumkopf visualizes the day when the Indianapolis 500-mile classic may become better known as the Glamour Derby. In road racing, the femaleness should be stuffed on the hairpins. From now on we may speedway to be called the mixed aromas of the and Chanel No. 5. To make a 100-mile more attractive to the minded fair sex, the next desk suggests that he cut to 95%.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1. Kind of ax (archeol.), 5. Subdivides, 9. Scope, 10. Additional amount, 11. Removed moisture, 12. A support, 14. Devoured, 15. To go to bed, 16. Sign of the infantive, 17. Scorch, 19. Lair, 20. A song of praise, 22. Suitable, 23. Hebrew letter, 24. Is able, 25. A mere taste, 26. Cant, 29. Trouble, 30. Wall border, 31. Board of Ordinance (abbr.), 32. A social gathering of men, 34. A limb, 35. Spring month, 36. Buckets, 38. A spring fast period (Eccl.), 39. Ostrich-like bird, 40. One of Old Norse works, 41. Soft bunches, as of cotton. DOWN 1. Box, 2. One of the Great Lakes, 3. Sheltered side, 4. Little boy, 5. Live coal, 6. Material made of poor diamonds, 7. Plaiting, 8. Private, 11. Facts, 13. Even (poet.), 15. Male sheep, 17. Fragment, 18. Female fowl, 21. Made to fit, 22. Game of chance, 24. Boulder, 25. Straight-forward, 26. Jolt, 27. Mark used to denote a spurious passage, 28. Wooden pegs, 29. King of Judah, 30. Greek letter, 33. Variety, 34. Told a falsehood, 36. Branch-like seat, 37. Wine receptacle.