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Eyesight And Age

In a letter that Mrs. F. H. Edmister received a few days ago was a word written so illegibly that it put a strain on her eyesight. After she had tried in vain to make out what it was, she handed the letter to Mr. Edmister and asked for help. He happened not to have his glasses with him and said he was blind as a bat without 'em. Mrs. Russell Potter, a guest in the house, was then appealed to, but the whole letter was a blur to her because she too, had left her glasses somewhere else. Mrs. Edmister's mother, Mrs. Sallie S. Cleeland, who is 94 years old, sat by, observing this display of helplessness. "Hand it to me," she said, "I don't need glasses." Which was perfectly true. She deciphered the word and read it aloud to the assembled company.
—Chapel Hill Weekly

Now, Here's A Solution

What the world needs is more checker players. Wars are started by people whose only trouble is that they never started to play checkers. People are smashed under the heels of tyrants who would be a lot better off sitting around somewhere trying to figure out a double jump, instead of contemplating a new type of genocide.

Look at Adolph Hitler. Definitely not the checker-playing type. He'd never have chewed a rug, or swallowed a country, if he'd spent more evenings down at the filling station with the boys. The same can be said about Kaiser Bill and Genghis Khan and those other lads. Alexander the Great screamed when he realized he had no new worlds to conquer.

The checker player can always look forward to taking his most skilled opponent next week.

Today the world is full of folks all clogged up with various isms and ideologies. These same folks, generally speaking, are all clogged up with some kind of misery that makes them want to do evil things to their fellow man.

If they'd just sit down to a checkerboard, maybe the world wouldn't be in the mess it is.
—Greensboro Daily News

The Basic Error

A study of highway accidents shows that most fatal wrecks would not have occurred if the drivers had not been heedless of the rights of others.

This means that fatalities result not merely from violations of highway laws but from acts of discourtesy.

Could it be that the mounting highway death toll in the United States is a reflection of the bad manners and the undemocratic spirit of many Americans?

A lot of political and economic and social problems are created by the efforts of some people to get ahead and stay ahead of others. There is a strong tendency to cut corners, act out of turn, and get the jump of the other fellow even at the risk of head-on collision with his interests.

The ill-mannered motorist acts like the privilege seeker in American society. In moving toward his destination, he has little respect for the rights of those he meets along the way.

We need more rigid enforcement of highway laws to curb discourteous motorists, just as we need to impose government restriction on economic abuses that trample the rights of the people.

But in need of correction is the basic error which makes highways unsafe and creates difficulties in all areas of human relations. That is the error of selfishness in the hearts of men.—Smithfield Herald.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
\$1600 is subscribed to Chamber of Commerce Campaign.
George A. Brown intends to develop kaolin deposits in the Fines Creek area.
Work is started on tearing down the livery stable next to the Masonic Temple.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long plan open house for the opening of the recently finished Waynesville Country Club.
10 YEARS AGO
National celebration of "This Pays Your Community" week will be observed here with open house on all projects of the WPA.
Local Red Cross chapter is asked for \$300 quota for war relief.
Mrs. D. D. Alley entertains with dance at the Hotel LeFaine in compliment to her daughter, Miss Corinne Alley, a member of the high school graduating class.
Mrs. Joe Rose and daughter, Miss Carolyn Rose, arrive from Chicago and open their summer home at Balsam.
5 YEARS AGO
Bonds amounting to \$269,000 are sold at infantry show here.
Waynesville will get a large modern bus terminal as soon as materials are available.
Canning sugar allotment's are cut to eight pounds.
Sgt. G. V. Howell, German prisoner, is liberated.
Sgt. James Ralph Chambers and his brother, Pvt. William M. Chambers, war prisoners, are liberated on the same day.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

FLAVORFUL—The most flavorful incident of the event was the Wake County Courthouse speech of Robert R. Reynolds. With face a healthy red and hands waving, he spoke to supporters and curious on his opposition to one-worldism. Why send money abroad, he asked, when everyone knows the best way to lose a friend is to lend him money?

"Let's take some of that money and give it to our old folks. I have no CIO support, but I can unblushingly say that I am the greatest friend that the laboring man ever had. One of my opponents has the full support of the A.F.L. . . ."

"Name him!" yelled one of his hearers. Reynolds didn't have time for naming. He was too busy talking. "Paris hotels," he declared, "are filled with French tourists having a helluva good time with your hard-earned money. Those European gals, loaded down with jewels, are having a helluva time on your money. They make the girls in our own Stork Club look like orphans."

He said he is vigorously against Europe sending people over here to compete with American labor when we have so many unemployed laborers in this country. Put this down: Reynolds deeply and sincerely thinks he is going to win in the first Primary. Stranger things have happened—but not lately.

PUSHED TOO FAR — William Howland, who used to be the executive news editor of Gordon Gray's Winston-Salem papers, is now with the Time-Life-Fortune people in Atlanta. He cruises all around the South looking for interesting incidents. He was in North Carolina the

Voice of the People

Should the Ramp Convention be held on some other day besides Sunday?

Joseph W. Mills: Yes, I believe it should. I think it conflicts with church services when it is held on Sundays as it has been in the past years.

Members of the staff of the Town and Country Shop: It doesn't matter which date, really, as long as it isn't held so late in the season that the ramps are too strong. We can speak objectively about the matter, since we don't particularly care for eating ramps.

Tom Campbell, Sr.: I believe Sunday is the best day for the Convention, since many people wouldn't be able to go on any other day during the week.

Harry Lee Head: No, I don't think so.

Kerman Fie: No. But perhaps the Convention should be held a little earlier in the season—say, a week or two earlier. Otherwise, I'm afraid the ramps will be too strong.

Virginia Hyatt: No. Because few people are able to attend the Convention when it is held on a Sunday.

The one worry of Graham's supporters was that overactive backing from either the CIO or the Negro organizations would raise the old Southern rallying cry of outside interference. With the warning of Florida fresh in mind, the order went out to them: keep under wraps until primary day.

Church Of God Revival Services Continues Tonight

Revival services which began May 17 are continuing at the Church of God, located at the corner of Carolina and Balsam Streets in Hazelwood. Serving as evangelist for the services, being held every night at 7:30 o'clock, is the Rev. H. Reid Sisk of Shelby. The playing of special music by the Church's band is a feature of each of the evening programs. Everyone is invited to attend. The pastor of the Hazelwood church is the Rev. Q. J. Cox.

DEER TURNS TABLES

LAKE CITY, Fla. (UP)—Hunters had been talking a heavy toll of deer around Lake City before one finally turned the tables. A well-antlered buck dashed through residents' yards, down main streets and across a railroad track to a logical goal, the game sanctuary.

The famed Indian scout, Kit Carson, chose Taos, New Mexico, as his permanent home. His residence there is now a museum.



Rambling 'Round

Bits of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Mary, a fourth grader, was rather proud of her vocabulary and liked to use big words whenever the occasion afforded her an opportunity. But she overdid it the day she came in from a party and said: "Oh, Mother, it was a beautiful party and the cake was exquisitely decorated."

Weariness from accomplished work, gives one such a rested feeling inwardly.

The first warm days of summer sort of catch one inclined to feel he heat a bit more than they do a little later when they get accustomed to it. Anyway John came home after a pretty strenuous day, a bit testy as to temper and inclined to resent any inference that it wasn't hot. His wife fixed him a cooling drink and suggested that he get out the fan and turn it on. After having done this, John rose in mighty wrath to say that he was getting hotter by the minute and the fan wasn't doing any good. His wife investigated and then told John he had the wrong switch on; he had been getting a heat current instead of the opposite.

Thoughts wandering as idly as a vagrant cloud.

Letters to the Editor

THANK YOU
Editor The Mountaineer:
I wish to thank you in behalf of the Morning Star Home Demonstration Club for your part in helping to make our "Home Demonstration Week" a great success. Mrs. Lane Medford, Pres.

HISTORY OF THE NOLAN
Editor The Mountaineer:
For several years I've story about the Nolan which was copied from the of Haywood County. It has my intention to write further the family but long illness kept me from going ahead now when my inability to gives me plenty.

APPRECIATION
Editor The Mountaineer:
The Francis Cove Home Demonstration women wish to express our appreciation for the publicity given us in the May 1st, Mountaineer helping us to celebrate the National Home Demonstration Week. We also appreciate your carrying our club news every month. Sincerely, Mrs. Homer West, Secretary, Francis Cove Club

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Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Mr. Truman Formalizes His Press Conferences
Close Touch Sacrifices Newsmen Now Want

Special to Central Press

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Furthermore, new rules require each reporter wishing to fire question at the President to restrain himself enough to state his name and the publication he represents. Since not only the news gathered but the manner in which the newsmen garner it is significant, the new development is of interest throughout the nation.

Newsmen in the nation's capital are asking themselves what it portends in the way of relations between President Truman and the corps of journalists assigned to cover him. Will the effectiveness of the weekly press conference, on which Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Citizen now rely so heavily for news of what goes on around the President, be affected? And does it indicate that White House press relations deteriorating in the fashion of past administrations at about stage?

On the mechanical side, the new arrangement might work well, however, as Press Secretary Charles Ross explained to White House Correspondents' association. Reporters may be so and therefore can take fuller notes. Doubtless a factor in requiring identification of the increased number of reporters, from an average of 150 for F. D. R. conferences to nearly 300 on big occasions today.

As to whether the Truman attitude toward the press is stiffer it appears that H. S. T. has been undergoing some change of this line. Lately Truman has become increasingly testy. The first sign only a symptom: he snapped at a reporter who said he was "fused" by an answer the president had given to an earlier question. His temper flared at a well-known newsmen who, during the forces unification controversy, asked if Navy officers were active opposition.

Then came the recent incident when Truman gave a rare private interview to a reporter on relations with Russia, and at a conference rebuffed other reporters who chided him. It is regarded as almost a sure sign of an administration's turpitude for presidential press relations to become somewhat strident. Even F. D. R., the acknowledged champion at the difficult task of facing the press en blanc, aroused resentment by conferring imaginary dunce cap upon a reporter he considered impertinent.

Late in his third term, Roosevelt even cancelled a few conferences altogether with a cryptic "no news," and it was reminiscent of President Herbert Hoover's failure to hold conferences at the end of his term.

The White House conference is of comparatively recent origin having been pioneered by President William Howard Taft, brought to full flower by President Woodrow Wilson. Presidents Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Hoover faced it with varying degrees of enthusiasm, and usually insisted that all questions be submitted in writing in advance, to be ignored or answered as the president wished.

So there is no law that it has to be held. Under F. D. R. came a major feature of the Washington scene, however, and President Truman has kept it such, holding it on Thursdays, usually in the mornings and afternoons in order to even up breaks to the newspapers. Although it may undergo changes from time to time, the prevailing view held here now is that it is such a fixture that it is of the unwritten code that makes the American President the accessible chief of a major state in the history of the world.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Can you tell when you are being a bore?

Answer: Yes. It's all too easy to bore people without knowing it, and there is no surer way of losing friends—or customers. But there also is a fairly easy way of telling when you are committing this grave social offense. You will interest other people when or if what you say touches their lives and emotions, and will bore them when it does not. If you cannot make your listener feel: "That could happen to me," or "I would like to have been there," you had better let him talk than tell him about your ideas or experiences.

chological similarities of "monozygotic" or "one-egg" twins—who are always of the same sex—tend to continue through life. As compared with twins who were not born from a single ovum, they are more nearly alike in the number of children they have, and the difference in their life span is only one-half that of the others.



Should we subsidize psychiatric training?

Answer: Yes, says Dr. Karl A. Menninger, director of one of the nation's largest psychiatric training centers. Doing so would be good economics, since while it costs \$50,000 to train a psychiatrist, "any psychiatrist who is any good at all will save the Veterans Administration \$1,000,000 a year." Again, to treat a mental patient before he becomes incurable costs one-third as much as keeping him permanently in a hospital. Today there are only a few psychiatrists in training though we need four times as many such physicians as we now have.



Do identical twins remain alike?

Answer: As a rule, yes, report Drs. Frank J. Kallmann and Gerhard Sander, after studying the records of 1602 twins over sixty years old. While there are exceptions, both the physical and psy-