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Strangers In Our Town

The New York Times when discussing editorially the visitors in the big city, pointed out some pertinent facts which can well be applied here. According to The Times, the average New Yorker takes for granted that the visitors are eager to see. The same thing is true here in the mountains, and so it goes. Here is The Times' version:

It is hard to estimate exactly how many strangers come to our big town during the holiday season. In some countries the figure could be easily had, for everybody would have to register with the police. In other countries there wouldn't be any figure, since strangers would not be encouraged to move around. Here we must add up totals furnished by railroads, airlines, bus lines and highway toll booths and arrive at the conclusion that it would take our visitors a long time to pass a given point. In fact, we can see them with our own eyes passing given points, or, in some cases, standing patiently in line and not passing any point, given or otherwise, for long periods of time.

Can a New Yorker, copyrighted, patented and typical, be distinguished offhand from an out-of-town visitor? The answer is yes and no. Everybody dresses alike these days. Farmers do not wear whiskers. At least they wear no more whiskers than city folks. Nobody, in the sense of a generation or so ago, is any greener than anybody else. City folks are not sophisticated, as any body watches them trying to get off and on a subway train at the same moment must admit. City folks do not see so many Broadway plays—they are not on vacation and can't afford to. City folks don't know much about their own city—they are too proud to take sightseeing tours and find out. But one can sometimes detect a visitor; he is somebody who is interested in what has become commonplace to the habitual resident. His feet hurt but he has a light in his eye.

It is pleasant to see these people around. One wishes one could be one for a few days and find again in this often drab-seeming town the magic that is really here.

A Forward Movement

The Waynesville board of aldermen took a definite step forward in setting up a Zoning and Planning Commission for this town. It is a pity that such action had to come twenty years too late.

However, that is beside the point, as the commission is now officially established, the machinery set up for the group to make a careful study of the needs of the present, and looking towards the future.

The aldermen in establishing this commission have made it clear that they want action—definite action—and have given the commission sufficient authority to enforce those things which will be for the betterment of the town.

As the town grows, the problems will become more complicated, and that is one of the reasons the commission had to be established.

The members of the commission will serve without compensation, which makes the appointment a contribution of time and energy to the improvement of the town. The men named have had experience in building, in planning, and in expanding their own businesses. They are men who are capable of making a thorough, and extensive study of the needs of the town and presenting a clear concise picture to the town officials for further consultation.

The aldermen did not go into this project overnight. The plan has been under consideration for a long time, and much investigation has been put into the plan. Experts in the field of town administrations have been consulted, and one of them will be here tomorrow to further advise and discuss the proven methods with the board and new commission.

The action of the board is definitely a step forward.

Cherokee, Our Partner

The Cherokee Drama is creating more interest, and in our opinion will attract more people, than the average person has ever believed.

There is one point which local people must be prepared to handle, or the drama could react and become a liability.

Every business person, every operator of a tourist place, every civic leader, every official, every service station operator, and in fact, just about everyone, should make it a point to see the drama during the opening days. Then you will be in a position to answer questions, give information, and be of benefit to yourself, community and the Drama, which is definitely receiving more publicity than any one thing in our immediate area.

We have been so close to Cherokee all the while that we have learned to take it more or less for granted. Now, that Cherokee is coming into its own, we cannot take it for granted, we must take it for a partner, because it offers business opportunities that we cannot afford to ignore.

A Growing Cash Business

The police department here hung up a new record for May, and the \$2,353 in fines and costs collected represents a sizeable sum of money. An average of almost \$600 per week which defendants had to pay across to the court.

A check of the 110 names of those arrested during the month, show a number of "repeaters". Apparently, some of them enjoy appearing before the mayor and handing over \$12.60 for getting drunk and landing in jail.

The school system has profited by almost \$1,100, while another \$1,256 went into the general fund of the town.

It begins to look as if the police department is doing a land-office business, and for cash.

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
New Massie Funeral Home has formal opening.

Miss Margaret Terrell leaves for New York City to attend summer school at Columbia University.

Dave Turner is named assistant tax supervisor.

Miss Emily Palmer and Riley Palmer, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Palmer received diplomas from Brevard College.

10 YEARS AGO
Haywood County has 22 per cent gain in population in the past ten years. Census shows 34,719 people.

Katherine Hill wins coveted English prize at Wykenham Rise Junior College in Washington, Conn.

Miss Mildred McCracken, bride-elect of Carl Hagan, is honored at interesting social events.

5 YEARS AGO
D. D. Perry, sells the Palmer House on Pigeon Street to W. E. Henshaws.

Miss Bernice Harrell is listed on honor roll at John B. Stetson University, Deland, Fla.

Miss Patsy Gwyn is visiting relatives in Hartford, Conn.

Youth Club, sponsored by the Community Council, opens for teen-agers.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

Editor's note—The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author, and not necessarily those of this newspaper.

POLITICAL?—Dr. Austin MacCormick, who has been in North Carolina for some time now making a study of our prison system and conditions at the various camps, said in his report last week that Central Prison Warden Joseph Crawford was "appointed for political reasons and has neither the training nor the understanding for the position."

Dr. MacCormick was at least partly right in what he said. Joe Crawford, who is a half-fellow-well met gentleman, managed gubernatorial Candidate Kerr Scott's campaign in Forsyth County and did such a wonderful job in the face of huge pourings out of money that Scott when he became Governor gave him his present job.

Crawford has been a policeman and prior to coming with Gov. Scott as prison head was with Ag. Comm. Scott as a weights and measures inspector.

CHARGES—Tony Tolar, who was head of the State Highway Patrol, was pinched for speeding and was under another indictment when he resigned. Jeff Wilson, Safety Director, was moved out when he admitted attending to private business while on State expense. John Marshall, the Governor's secretary, was accused over and over again of soliciting liquor money for the Frank Graham campaign. He denied it, but the Governor's office has hushed it up since. Now J. B. Moore, State Prisons Director, is charged with using prison labor to build a garage apartment at his home on Park Avenue.

OFF THE CUFF—The Supreme Court's decisions saying that Negroes and whites must eat together in dining cars of railroads and that Negroes be admitted... if they wish... to Texas and Oklahoma Universities, and sit with the white students only served to increase the pressure on Willis Smith to call for a second Primary... and were probably the deciding factor in the Smith decision to try again... Texas University accepted two Negro students last Wednesday... The Supreme Court's ruling may result in private schools like Davidson, Salem, St. Mary's, Wake Forest, etc., having tremendously

heavy enrollments. Since they are not tax-supported, it is argued, they would not be forced to accept Negroes. Some parents, feeling that they would prefer that their sons and daughters go to all-white institutions, would rush to the privately endowed schools which had seen fit to confine enrollments to white students. That's the talk around Raleigh...

ATTENTION NEEDED... Gordon Gray, who within a few months will become president of the University of North Carolina, said in a talk at the University commencement last week that the high schools are not preparing students as they should for college work. That was his inference in his statement that he wanted to raise and broaden the work of the high schools in the State.

Schoolhouses are better than ever before, as regards lighting, heating, and other plant facilities. School teachers are now paid better salaries than ever they dreamed of 20 years ago. But is the high school graduate today... despite the extra ninth month and the addition of a twelfth grade... better equipped for college than a decade ago? If not, why not? Do college instructors find their freshmen any more able to do college work than in 1940? The answer, as far as this column's reports from college teachers this spring are concerned, is definitely no. Who is to blame?

If high school graduates are no better trained than they were 10 years ago, then is not the addition of a ninth month and a twelfth grade a waste of money? Are we not too much concerned with the beautiful plant and the fine athletic teams and the physical aspects of our school and insufficiently interested in the student's mental training?

Voice of the People

"In the first Primary election, 8500 people in Haywood County voted. How many do you think will vote in the 2nd Primary?"

Mrs. Roy Campbell—"Not more than half that many."

Mrs. Irvin Leatherwood—"Why, not more than half that number."

Carl Mundy—"Not more than 6,000, because the Haywood County people aren't as interested in this election."

James McJunkin—"Not more than 5,000."

Mrs. George Bischoff—"About half that many."

Mrs. Sam Lane—"Not as many people will be interested in this election, so I'd say about 75% of them will vote."

Music Camp Opens On 22nd Near Brevard

The Transylvania Music Camp will open for its fourteenth year of operation on June 22nd. The camp, located one and a half miles from Brevard, is the South's only music camp for boys and girls.

The summer camp season runs until August 6th, and is climaxed with the Brevard Music Festival, which dates have been announced for August 11, 12, 13 and 18, 19, and 20.

A number of music students from here plan to attend the camp again this summer.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should you marry "out of your class"?

Answer: It's a risky business, for exactly the same reasons as is marrying someone of a different religion. For the success of a marriage depends upon at least general agreement as to what is "right" and "wrong" or "proper" and "improper," and different social groups may have as mutually conflicting standards as do different religions. A man brought up with the feeling that "no really decent woman smokes," for instance, may have serious difficulty in adjusting himself to a woman who smokes as a matter of course.



Do insane people have allergies?

Answer: They are much less subject to them than normal men and women, say two staff physicians of the Veterans Administration Hospital at Coatesville, Pa. A survey of 1878 patients and 757 hospital employees made at the

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

height of the ragweed season showed both schizophrenic and manic-depressive patients to be markedly less sensitive to airborne pollens than mentally healthy people—though this was not true of epileptics. Here apparently is one more evidence of the importance of the mental factor in allergic ailments.



Is modern art "insane"?

Answer: At least, it is difficult for untrained eyes to see the difference between pictures drawn by insane patients and the work of ultra-modern artists like Picasso. Dr. Eva Henrich, Viennese psychiatrist, showed thirty pictures, half the work of schizophrenics and the other half of noted modern painters, to a group of 158 unsophisticated people and asked them to guess which were which. They were wrong as often as they were right. The unconscious mind, which modern art largely expresses, is the same in insane people as in sane ones.

17 PER CENT FAIL TEST

Seventeen per cent of drivers applying for licenses to drive during April failed to pass their examinations, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported yesterday.

A total of 36,551 motorists were successful in obtaining licenses to drive. Applications were denied to 6,008 persons.

CADETS TRAIN AT FT. BRAGG

Three hundred cadets of the Class of 1952 from the United States Military Academy at West Point will arrive at Pope Air Force Base at Fort Bragg to begin a week's training schedule.

"DATE WITH A ROCKET EIGHT"



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Yesterday has a padlock on the door. You can never enter it again, but you can always carry a picture of it in your memory. So try to make this picture as beautiful as you possibly can. Destroy the prints of those unhappy events that came into your view while Yesterday was in the making.

If you will insist on making a doormat of yourself expect to be walked on.

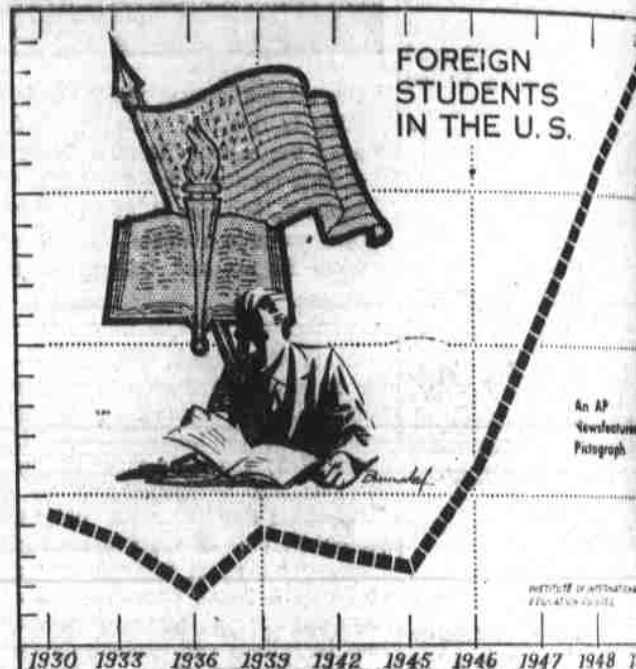
One of those sudden showers that sometimes surprise even those prepared, came scurrying along as the rather plump lady was hurrying home with an armful of groceries. Over her arm she carried one of those raincoats that protect but do not conceal. Hastily putting her bundles on a convenient bench, she started to don the protective raincoat. The rain was coming down now in plentiful degrees as the lady struggled to get her arms in the proper places. But to no avail—and then she started to laugh. She had accidentally picked up her ten-year-old granddaughters' coat.

It's hard to see the other fellow's viewpoint—unless you move over to where he was. She made a most attractive picture, this little lady of about eight. She wore a daffodil-yellow frock, all nicely frilled and edged. She was evidently waiting some one as she leaned on the granite marker at the end of the Courthouse pathway. It had been drizzling but the sun came out for a moment or two and a ray of its beauty overtook her, and the girl.

We had occasion to make a hurried trip up town at 8:30 morning. We never dreamed there were so many brooms in Waynesville.

Somehow, the incident made a deep impression upon us. We went into the restaurant and stopped en route for the moment which had left him in a talkative sentiment. Plopping self down at a table occupied by the visitor immediately opened conversation. He picked up the book the other man had been reading and began to clump through its pages. The book was Hymnal. Suddenly he began hum the familiar strains of Old Rugged Cross, and his nose higher into one of the baritones we had ever heard. Abruptly, he stopped and tears streaming down his face walked unsteadily out of the door.

If wishes were horses, probably be fresh out of saddle.



Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Rising Auto Production Called Peace Barometer

Truman-Stalin Conference Seen As Highly Unlikely

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Cooler heads in the Defense department say that the war temperature can be gauged better by looking at certain everyday statistics than by listening to military speeches.

They take, for instance, automobile production, climbing toward a phenomenal rate of nine million a year, and say that a comparatively modest proportion of the nation's productive power is going to military purposes.

Obviously, the calm thinkers say, this could be the case if the White House thought that might be imminent. And the White House ought to know because it has access to much better information than the Defense department.

The Central Intelligence Agency, although headed by an admiral, reports only to the White House—bypassing the military services without hint as to its activities.

Also the voluminous confidential reports of State department reach Defense only after they have been sifted by the President's staff.

WASHINGTON • TRUMAN-STALIN CONFAB OUT—Still considering war possibilities—don't look for any meeting between President Truman and Soviet Generalissimo Stalin to discuss "cold problems" despite Trygve Lie's mission to Europe.

In the first place, it's not likely that the United Nations secretary general would propose such a meeting outside of the U.N. That would place him in the position of ignoring such powers as France, Britain.

Secondly, Mr. Truman still is determined not to confer with Stalin outside of Washington. And, Stalin certainly isn't expected to the United States capital.

Lie's mission may not be a failure though. He might arrange a meeting between the United States, Russia and the other big powers which would solve the Chinese Communist issue in the U.N.

This agreement presumably would provide that the United States recognize Communist China and its delegation in the U.N. Russia in turn would drop some of its blocking tactics, including boycott of U.N. sessions.

MCCARTHY SCARE—If there are any subversive elements in the State department, they won't have much chance to serve their masters since Senator Joseph McCarthy (R), Wisconsin, cried Communism among the policy makers.

The widespread publicity which these charges originally created plus the tremendous buildup of open Senate hearings, has created havoc in the State department.

Deputy Undersecretary Puritoy, in charge of administration, spent all his time on the McCarthy charges. So have several administrative assistants, file clerks and secretaries.

Now the department is mastering the problem: a special committee has been set up, popularly known as the McCarthy committee.

This group meets each day to sift the senator's outpourings. Evidence and charges brought out in other forums. Before the end of the day, the department's press section is able to make refutations.

OMNIBUS BILL—House leaders are predicting privately that the Omnibus Appropriations Bill may be disbarred after a one-year delay. They say that Congress will return next year to the favored since the early days of the republic—appropriating bills for the departments and agencies in nine or 10 separate bills.

It can be revealed that Rep. Clarence Cannon (D), Missouri, chairman of the House appropriations committee, who "fathered" the bill for a single-package bill, did not consult anyone, even Speaker Sam Rayburn.

Cannon ignored the chairmen of the various appropriations subcommittees, the groups responsible for the actual work of drawing up the legislation. Leaders were highly dissatisfied with the whole procedure. The bill "tied up" the house for more than a month, during which no other legislation of importance could be taken up, before it finally was passed.