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Misplaced Credit

Unfortunately all the publicity coming out of Washington about the proposed visit of President Truman in this area on the completion of the Parkway to Asheville does not tell the complete story.

It would appear that President Truman readily accepted the invitation the minute the proposal was made last week by representatives of this state and Virginia, with some secretaries of large city chambers of commerce attending.

The truth of the matter, due credit for Mr. Truman's coming should be given the N. C. Park Commission, Senator Graham, Senator Hoey, Congressman Redden, Western North Carolina Associated Communities, State Highway and Public Works Commission, especially. These, together with R. Getty Browning, have had the proposed program in mind for a long time. In fact, their files are literally bulging with letters and information compiled for the event.

Right at the crucial moment, some other ran in, and made the headlines.

Those who have worked so hard for this project all these years will know of this editorial in their defense when they read it. The credit is theirs, and when Mr. Truman comes to Western North Carolina, those who have been master-planning the program all the while should be on the front seat.

They All Say So.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington brings the fact that Uncle Sam has readied his camping grounds for a record crowd of vacationers this season.

A. E. Demaray, associate director of the National Park Service, estimates that more than 33 million will visit the country's 181 national parks, monuments and historic areas during 1950.

This is in keeping with the general belief for some time, and the fact that more than a million and a half people visited the Park, and also a like number to Pisgah Forest last year. This puts us in a position of becoming the hub of activity this season.

Our readers have seen this statement in these columns before, but we still maintain that 1950 will be the biggest tourist season in our history.

White Oak Sets to do A Job

Under last Thursday's hot sun was not a time one would term an ideal day to work on a tin roof all day, especially when there was no pay day coming for the labor.

The heat, and absence of money did not stop 15 men in White Oak from tackling the job, and beginning the initial step in providing for the 60 families in their neighborhood a community center.

The 26 by 40 foot Presbyterian church, having been acquired, is being converted into a model community house, with every convenience that will make it the ideal meeting place for a long, long time.

The people of White Oak, realizing a need for their own welfare, and community life, started out on an objective, and with that brand of determination that succeeds, they have the project well along.

White Oak is not a rich community, as far as monetary values are concerned. But neither did that prove to be an obstacle for the determined citizens. They have worked hard, and by having a common goal, cooperated on the one plan that has enabled them to start the project with "cash-in-hand."

There is a lesson which can be learned from this group of civic-minded, and industrious citizens of the rural community some 15 miles from town—they approached their community needs in a practical and wholesome manner. They decided their needs, then went to work on ways and means to acquire what they wanted. Within a short time their finished project will speak for itself, and be proof on that high hill overlooking the area for miles around that success comes to those who work hard enough to deserve it.

A Political Year From Every Angle

Politics and moral issues can often create some interesting situations. And in many instances, makes for some combinations that are sometimes called "strange bed fellows."

Since early spring, the Democrats of this state have been in the middle of a heated campaign. The first primary held on May 27th brought to a climax a majority of the races in the counties and districts. Many harsh things were said between some opponents.

Then came the second primary on last Saturday. The issues were keen, and many things were said, and perhaps some things done that can be attributed to a heated campaign.

Now the Democrats, with their primaries over, have tossed away all differences, and are out to meet their common foe in the November general election.

Prior to that time, however, there will be another election here in Haywood. On August 12th the voters of this county will decide on whether to continue to retain the law for the legal sale of wine and beer, or do away with the existing laws. In that election the wets and dries will carry their respective torches, regardless of political affiliation.

Then after the beer and wine vote, the party lines will again be tightly drawn, and the ground work set for the November general election.

It looks as if 1950 will go down in history as a year of elections.

A Big Campaign

Tuesday night will mark the conclusion of the month-long observance here of Dairy Month.

Haywood is keenly aware of dairying, as is means something like a million dollars a year income to farmers who own and operate the 83 grade A dairies in the county.

The parade, free ice cream, bankers milking cows on the court house lawn, and the annual picnic has all been focused in such a way as to make the average citizen even more aware of the importance of dairying.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Twenty-two persons from Haywood County leave for convention of Young Democrats in Raleigh.

Guitar made by George Miller is unique piece of native hand-work.

Walter Herbert, associate director of Lake Junaluska Music Camp, speaks to Rotarians.

Angus C. Craft, manager of the Hotel Gordon, places \$600 in advertising with papers throughout the South.

10 YEARS AGO

Soco-Cherokee Road survey is started.

Alvin T. Ward assumes office as president of the Lions Club.

Parking on Main Street is limited to 30 minutes.

Miss Thomasine Stringfield leaves for visit to friends in New York City and to her sister, Mrs. John Allen, in Burlington, VI.

Mrs. Frank Bradshaw gives birthday party for her daughters

at her home in the Iron Duff section.

5 YEARS AGO

Thirteen Guernsey cattle are bought by Haywood dairymen at the second promotional sale.

Earl Scruggs leases former theatre building in Hazelwood to open up-to-date cafe.

Pvt. Ernest Rogers arrives from German prison.

Sgt. Ben Atkins arrives in Miami after completing a tour of duty in the Pacific theatre.

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.

STORE CLOSINGS—The trend to shorter hours is not confined to State departments in North Carolina. Most of you can remember when your favorite trading places stayed open until all hours... or as long as there was anybody around to buy anything or to talk to. In the larger cities now, the N. C. Merchants Association finds, stores open around 9:30 and close about 5:30. As a general rule, all employers are providing their clerks with at least one afternoon off each week. In most cases, this is Wednesday. The old NRA and Hugh Johnson started the early closings at night, good business during and since World War II pushed along the movement, and now even the smaller communities' stores are open only about two-thirds the time they were 20 years ago.

TOWARD \$700,000—The Baptists finally voted not to accept the \$700,000 from the Federal Government to build at their hospital in Winston-Salem a wing. They said they would prefer to raise the money, that they did not want to accept any handouts from Uncle Sam, and that they are tired of having the old boy peep over their shoulders every time any big project comes along. People are apparently getting rather fed up with Government interference... they love Federal money... and it is hard to have one without the other. So, the Baptists are now setting quotas for all the churches in the State as a step toward raising the \$700,000. This will require some time, but at least when the addition is built it will be by the Baptists, and not with Federal money collected from taxpayers who thought their taxes were being used to operate the Government.

"PRESERVATIVES"—Miss Nell Battle Lewis writes a column... and has for years... in the Raleigh News and Observer. She loves the University of North Carolina and now lives in Chapel Hill. In a recent column she quotes University Comptroller W. D. Carmichael's statement to the General Alumni Association at the commencement: "Gordon Gray's acceptance of the presidency of the University is the greatest thing for the State that has happened since the Revolutionary War."

Miss Lewis was intrigued by the statement and she went to Carmichael for more as follows: "About Mr. Gray," said Mr. Carmichael, he wanted to warn the alumni. The University's "Red Badge of Courage" and chief braggadocio Communist Hans Freidstadt, a graduate student in physics, who has now departed, recently repeated what he had previously published in a little sheet he got out from time to time, i.e., that "what with a tobacco tycoon and Truman

tool as President and a Catholic of Wall Street as Comptroller, the University had, indeed, gone conservative."

"If I were to stoop or to stoop to answer Mr. Freidstadt," said Mr. Carmichael, "I would say that Gordon Gray and I are not conservatives but preservatives, and we will devote the rest of our active lives to preserving the things that have made America great and to keeping our University true to the faith of our fathers and mothers and the hope of our sons and daughters."

SHAPPARD—J. A. Shappard of Wilson was set two weeks ago to accept employment with the N. C. Merchants Association as field representative in the southwestern section of North Carolina... and on Monday, June 12, was to meet R. B. Tomlinson, Association Field Secretary, at the bus station at Sanford to begin his training program.

On Saturday, June 10, he telephoned the Association that he had made another connection... but Tomlinson, out on the road, could not be notified that his man would not be in Sanford to meet him. He was at the bus station as planned and had Shappard called on the public address system. No Shappard. He called again that afternoon, but still no Shappard.

At 6 o'clock, he had completed his day's work and went around to the bus station. This time Shappard was present. But it was R. W. Shappard of Route 2, Sanford. Tomlinson talked to this Shappard... only to find after two or three stops and starts that he had found

Voice of the People

What, in your opinion, is the most attractive feature of the section around Waynesville?

Herbert Singletary: The friendliness of the people.

Mrs. C. G. Medford: The home in the sections between Waynesville and Hazelwood.

Mary Lee Elwood: The way the mountains look different every day. They are ever changing.

Mrs. W. E. Carter: Mount Pisgah.

Mrs. Joe Massie: Lake Junaluska.

Mrs. Fisher Sprinkle: The friendly people and the mountains.

a Shappard, but not the right one. This new Shappard, however, was interested in coming with the N. C. Merchants Association as field representative.

He went to Raleigh to see about the position which he had stumbled onto by being named Shappard. The day after he made application, Walter H. Paramore, secretary of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, resigned that position. Having been editor and reporter on papers at Plymouth, Raleigh, and having operated merchants organizations in Whiteville and Fuquay Springs, he was given the job.

On Monday morning, June 19, Paramore met Tomlinson at the bus station in Sanford to begin work. There being no other Paramores at the station, no major difficulties were encountered.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

It will probably come as a distinct shock to you, but the fact remains that one week from tomorrow is the Fourth of July. One sudden jump and it's Labor Day. Then — we'll all be agreeing that the street lights and the decorated Christmas tree on the Courthouse lawn were never so beautiful. Tempus sure does fugit!

If all our good intentions were built into a ladder, we could climb up to the Pearly Gates in a hurry.

Heard in passing: "I'm so mad at her about what she said about me that I never want to see her again. Oh oh! Here she comes now. Let's wait and see what gossip she has about somebody else."

"I WILL" is the magic key that opens the most intricate lock.

The ballots have all been counted, the successful candidate named and another Election has gone into

history. How blessed we are we live in a free country we can mark our ballots according to our viewpoint and not have point of a bayonet directing where to make our mark.

We wonder if we'd really completely happy if all our wishes were granted.

He didn't like night picnics particularly didn't want to go to this one—and he didn't like Jones. So he watched with a deal of satisfaction, the laydown that gave every indication of staying awhile. So he tied down in his easy chair was fascinated detective story... was soon brought back to reality by his wife's voice: "All right, John. Get up and help with the picnic at Jim Jones' barn." Jones' barn, by the way, is just miles from town and on a road!

When hands are idle, the works overtime.

Letters to the Editor

A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE H. SMATHERS

Editor The Mountaineer:

The news of the death of George H. Smathers, formerly of Waynesville, brings to mind an incident which I wish to put on record as a tribute to the memory of this man of high character—whom I have known since I was a mere lad. After my father's death in the spring of 1913, during my vacation at home that summer, I set to work to collect his law books, which were scattered in the offices of various lawyers in Waynesville. When Mr. Smathers heard of this, he sent me a message that he had a number of these books and that he wanted me to come to his office. When I called on him, he pointed to a shelf of law books set aside from the others and said—"These are all of your father's books that I have and I wish to purchase them. They are North Carolina Supreme Court Reports of the 1880's and 90's and they contain records of land title settlements going far back. I am specializing in legal

work relative to land titles in Western North Carolina and these reports have been of great use to me and will be in future. I will gladly pay you for them.

The price he named was so beyond what I expected that I he was setting it very high, but I really to pay you more than market price, and you must the money"—and so I had to. This incident reveals clearly integrity of my father's old friend George H. Smathers. I publish as a tribute to his memory. EUGENE W. GUDGEON, New York City.

Geological Survey North Carolina was the state (1823) to undertake a geological survey.

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Bi-Partisan Foreign Policy Is Undergoing Final Split Taft's Answer to President To Make It Campaign Issue

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The Republican reply to President Truman, delivered by Senate GOP Policy Leader Taft, of Ohio, is generally interpreted as marking the final split in the bi-partisan foreign policy. Thus, the politics point out, foreign policy becomes a campaign issue up and down the nation in the 1950 congressional fight. The first time since World War II, the foreign policy issue emerged into the open with the chips falling toward the ballot boxes.

Taft drew up the battle lines when he came squarely with the charge that the Truman administration, and the Roosevelt administration before it, made possible a third world war.

GOLD—The United States gold-mining industry is considerably irked at the government—and Treasury in particular. The industry has come to a slow boil over the fact that although the world market price of gold is considerably higher than that fixed by Treasury, it can only sell for home consumption. To get the higher price, the gold industry proposes to take two steps: (1) proceed against government in the courts to determine the right of gold producers to sell their product anywhere, and (2) try to get the Treasury to revamp its regulations to pay higher United States prices.

SMALL A-BOMBS—Development of small, "baby" atomic bombs has heightened the military possibilities of the weapon. Where tacticians in their planning previously had to "constantly ammunition" because a one-punch blow might miss, they can now plan a "saturation pattern" as employed in the bombing of Germany. Such a plan would still use up a critical number of bombs but the chances of vital hits would be greater because of the recognizing theorem that it is impossible to stop every bomber from getting through to the target. Furthermore, the smaller and lighter A-bombs can be carried by fast fighter bombers—interception of which is much more difficult than of the comparatively slow heavy bombers used to carry the big bombs.

ASIATIC COMMUNISM—The United States will play a tough hand in its aid to southeast Asia despite the urgency of saving the area from Communism. There will be "strings" attached to American aid. State department officials feel that the failure to put such conditions on assistance to China caused the collapse of the United States aid program to that country. With that debacle in mind, this country will insist that train administrators help the Indo-China, Indonesia and Burma governments in making use of projected American aid to those nations.

The United States probably will insist upon reforms in the administration of the southeast Asia countries as a requirement for American assistance.

NEW FLYING TIGERS—A new "air force" of volunteer pilots may be fighting for Chiang Kai-shek by midsummer. The group, recalling the famed Flying Tigers of pre-World War days, is called the International Air Brigade. It is reported that 500 airmen have enrolled and that the brigade has financial backing from the Chinese Nationalist government.

IAE reportedly is dedicated to fighting Communism everywhere, but the Chinese financial influence indicates that they will do their first fighting in the Far East, where Chiang is making a last-ditch stand against the forces.

The brigade is seeking assurance that it can get its men and equipment out of the United States without interference. Here may hit a shoal, as United States policy has been consistently against any sanction of a non-federal military force to fight against a nation, even a hostile one.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Are you responsible for your mate's moods?

Answer: Not always, at any rate. But you may prefer to believe you are, even though it makes you uncomfortable. If, let's say, your first reaction to seeing your husband looking depressed is "What can I have done to hurt him?" you may be reacting with a sense of guilt to an unconscious wish to do so, but it's also possible that you wish to believe you are so overwhelmingly important to him that any emotion he has must somehow involve you. Yet much goes on in the minds of those who love best that has nothing to do with us.



Does the Army understand neurotics?

Answer: It learned a good deal about them in World War II, but Dr. David M. Banen in The Military Surgeon lists several false ideas which are still too commonly held. Among these are: that neurotic reactions are intentional, if

not pretended; that they occur only in men who are somehow "abnormal"; that deliberate malingering is common; that a sufferer from neurotic illness will never get well; and worst of all, that neurotic can be made into effective fighters by being called "yellow" or punished.



Should you always "say what you think"?

Answer: Certainly not. You may find yourself in situations in which you hear someone say things which you vigorously disagree with and feel that it would be untrue to yourself and your own convictions not to "speak up" and oppose them. But unless there is a real chance that you can convert the other person to your way of thinking (which is seldom the case) you will only get yourself disliked, and do no good to anybody. If you can't keep quiet, some such question as "How do you know that?" may possibly be effective.

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