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Big Business

We have said so many times before, but REA in Haywood county is a big business. The Haywood Electric Membership cooperative is a million dollar organization, plus, and the recent loan of \$100,000 from the Federal REA administrator for loans to customers is in itself a big item.

To date the local agency has been loaned \$275,000 for re-lending purposes to their customers for the purchase of appliances or electrical installations.

It looks like a big business,

A Dangerous "Pastime."

In ten days time, seven prisoners have made their get-away from the State camp—four broke from the camp, and three from a road gang.

That is the record for the camp thus far. To the average person, such breaks seem futile, in that the percentage of recaptures are almost 100 per cent. As this is written, five of the seven were nabbed in short order, and two are still at large.

Looking at the attempted breaks from the standpoint of the prisoners might be a little different. Most of the men at this camp are in for life. That means that they cannot be given more time for attempting to break away. Their future is pre-determined. They figure that by even a slim chance, they might make a successful get-away, and stay from behind the bars. They are willing to risk being shot in order to take the chance. Their outlook on life is not the same as that of free men.

We heard one man severely criticizing the prisoners for trying to get away, explaining "why they might get killed trying to escape, they ought to know better than that."

The same man was seen later making better than 60 miles an hour on a wet highway, just "going home."

Of course we presume he figured it more honorable to get killed driving fast than by bullets from a guard's gun. It seems that either way is a serious matter—if you care.

A Big Undertaking

Civic leaders are showing much concerted effect in trying to get the way paved for calling a bond election for \$80,000 in town bonds with which to construct a recreational center, including a swimming pool.

Petitions are being circulated for signatures of qualified voters in town, asking that such an election be called.

The general plan is to have an election, which if approved by the majority of voters, would enable the town to offer for sale \$80,000 in bonds for the recreational program. Just how much this would raise the tax rate has not been determined.

We presume the general plan would be to ask the town board to make a levy of from 3 to 10 cents per year for maintenance of the center.

During recent years numerous towns have gone into such a program, and have established creditable centers, with the taxpayers footing the difference in operating costs and income derived from such projects. The project could hardly be expected to be self-supporting.

There is no question as to the need of a recreational center here, but such projects are expensive, and there is no use starting one unless there is assurance that it will be properly maintained year in and year out.

A recreational program was launched here several years ago, dependent upon public donations. These donations fell sharply, and the program closed in the "red."

Any type of community-wide recreational program is expensive, and one that takes far more planning, and execution than the average layman can imagine. When a successful program is staged here it will be the result of not the ideas of just a few, but of a whole community willing to work hard and long, and pay liberally for the benefits derived from the facilities.

Game of "Drop The Handkerchief"

The 1950 football season opened in the usual colorful fashion here last Thursday night, with the average layman feeling that the officials played an excellent game of drop the handkerchief.

Such could be expected on an opener, however, even on a dry field. Tension was a little high, and the players keyed up, and often too anxious to get going, which necessitated penalties for off-sides.

Too many rules and regulations have often ruined a good sport. We do not mean that the players should be allowed to do as they please, but then too, some rules tend to slow down a game, and take from it the thrills for the spectator, who after all pays for the show.

The men who make the rules for football should keep in mind that the spectators do not pay to go and hear a concert of whistles blowing, or see a merry game of drop the handkerchief by the officials.

Historical Markers and Weeds

There is no question about it but what Haywood is rich in historical sites and incidents. The establishment of two more highway markers of the State Historical Commission in the county tends to prove this fact.

And while thinking about some of the historical sites, brings to mind the weed-covered plot of the area around the monument erected to designate the spot where the last shot of the War Between the States was fired—on the Sulphur Springs Road.

To our way of thinking, the spot where the last shot was fired is more important as a monument of preservation than the spot where the first shot was fired. In either case, the spot is worthy of being kept in a presentable condition.

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Dr. J. F. Massey, of Atlantic City, native of Haywood County, is granted patent on wave motor that may mean big change in making power.
Ernest Withers, Jr. and Bobby Sloan enter the freshman class at Duke University.
Mrs. R. N. Barber gives two parties honoring her daughter, Miss Mary Barber, who leaves tomorrow to teach in the Burlington Schools.
10 YEARS AGO Governor Hoey gives assurance
5 YEARS AGO E. S. Slack starts extensive remodeling program for The Union.
that the Soco Gap-Chester Road will be built soon.
Mr. and Mrs. Van Rogers and Mrs. Zimri Rogers of Chicago are visiting relatives in the county.
Miss Corinne Alley goes to Greensboro where she will be a student at the Woman's College.
Mrs. Gordon Wyatt entertains a group of small children in observance of the birthday anniversary of her small daughter, Janet Wyatt.
Miss Edith Noland enters Peace Junior College at Raleigh.
Mrs. H. L. Boyd, Jr. leaves for New York to spend a week with her husband, who is stationed at Mitchell Field.

Capital Letters

By TOM OUTLAW
BLOCK TO BLOCK—Excavation has begun on the new Highway Building. Its size is becoming apparent to the casual passer-by. The structure will reach from New Bern Avenue all the way across to Hargett Street. The Capitol thus will have to its north the Agriculture and Labor Departments; to the west, the Revenue Building; to the south, the Utilities Commission, the State Library, and the Justice Building; and to the east, the Highway Building. Interspersed among these buildings facing the Capital are four churches, the UMCA, the Education Building, two dwellings.
When the Legislature comes to town, contractors should be pretty well along with the Highway Building and the Speaker of the House and Pat Taylor, who presides over the Senate, must have strong lungs indeed. The din will be terrific.
OFF THE AIR—Bob Thompson, editor of the High Point Enterprise, and alleged castigator of Gov. Kerr Scott, Sen. Frank Graham, and Jonathan Daniels over a 14-station radio network in North Carolina, is off the air until he gets somebody to pay him to carry these Sunday night broadcasts. He did it for months and months without charge, sacrificing many a pleasant weekend, and during the course of his discussions persuaded the people to persuade Willis Smith to run for the U. S. Senate.
Since many businesses take a dim view of sponsoring a commentator who might jeopardize their relations with the Governor's office, sponsors for the Thompson program might be scarce. Still one may come along. Meantime, Alvin Wingfield, who sells typewriters, and followed Thompson on the air each Sunday evening, is regarded as a good bet to become associated with Willis Smith in Washington. To this rumor, and others of similar brand, Smith is saying nothing for publication.
LOUDSPEAKERS INDEED—Hearings of the State Utilities Commission are held in the old Supreme Court headquarters which are ornately decorated and convenient. However, people attending these hearings have a difficult time of it hearing anything from the witness except a mumble. The witness, as is proper, faces—in fact sits face-to-face with the court stenographer; and the five commissioners hear without difficulty. But the folks in the back, and

Voice of the People

What is happiness?
Mrs. Charles Edwards: I think happiness comes from feeling useful, not only in family, but in your community.
Mrs. Porter Frady: Happiness is made from the little things of life. Mainly, PEACE ON THIS EARTH.
Mrs. Charlie Woodard: I think that happiness is contentment and in order to be happy, we have to give, as it is something that is multiplied by giving.
Miss Edna Summerrow: Knowing each day that you are living close to God and helping your fellow man.
Miss Bernice Harold: I think happiness comes from the little things of life and living close to God each day.
Miss Thelma Ann Jones: Happiness is contentment and peace of mind.
Editor's note: This question formed the basis of Friday night's Beta Sigma Phi sorority meeting program. The ladies all are members of the sorority.
Corn Has Satellites
NEW STRAITSVILLE, O.—A freak ear of corn was picked by Mrs. Hubert Thompson on her farm near here. The ear was perfectly formed and was surrounded by five partially-formed ears, all connected at the base of the center ear.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

We saw a cute item in a neighboring paper the other day that we believe bears repeating. The neighborhood children were having a pet show and little Johnnie was disconsolate. He didn't have a dog or cat, a chicken or even a turtle. Then suddenly a bright idea struck him and on the day of the contest he appeared carrying his two-year-old brother. When questioned as to why his brother was entered, Johnnie replied solemnly: "Mother says he's the pet of the family."
Nature is already providing her fall goods for protection.
Having always been a fan of the higher caliber, we have in every effort to complete fiction. Recently we have collected material on the effects of worry and the antidote was given to us on a cloud; the second day a little nearer the earth. Third day we were back in firm, but somehow, our security we had never had the ground up, many tasks had been drained, we are in the straits. We had we are cured but we realize that we are on the "red" conveyer.
Slips that show: "The flower show, were the floral red NOSES!"
"Into the lives of all of rain must fall," wrote He might have added that ally hammer, but he had umbrella at home.
Faith is the bridge that us safely across the Fear.

MacARTHUR DIRECTS LANDING



AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS on Korea's west and east coasts, below the parallel, opened a second United Nations front designed to cut Communist invaders from their home territory. General MacArthur's U. S. Marines took Inchon (1), in 20-mile push toward the capital of Seoul (2). On the west coast, U. S. Navy covered a landing of South Korean troops at Yongdok (3), and north of Pohang (4). U.S.S. Missouri, flying the United Nations flag, pounded Communist installations in the Samchok (5) area, where likely allied landings slash a direct east-west line across the Korean peninsula, pinning North Koreans between the United Nations forces. (Continued)

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS
Neither Russia, Red China Doubt Invasion of Formosa
Seek Big War Now, Believe Planned by Commie Forces

Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—Government foreign policy experts are busy with their fingers crossed, but they believe that neither Russia nor Communist China want to get into a major war at this time.

The basis for their reasoning is that each has enough trouble at home. This is known to be true in China, where famine has killed a population in the north in almost unprecedented proportions.

Moreover, Russia has been taking grain out of the country, a matter not likely to escape public notice despite the country's censorship. Because of these factors officials believe that an invasion of Formosa will be attempted.

Peking is expected to rely on a mere threat to keep Chiang Kai-shek's forces tied up. Other officials feel that Russia's hands are tied because of economic poverty.

This factor tends to keep the administration alert over Europe. A drive there is considered most likely since Soviet economy, unable to get along on its own, covets the ruble and all the goods of the great forces of Europe.

IRON HAND IN VELVET—The new State War Investigating subcommittee appears to be taking its task.
Chairman Lyndon B. Johnson (D), Texas, has announced that the probes will shun headlines, check politics at the committee desk and refrain from telling the generals and admirals how to map strategy. Nevertheless, the unit firmly led Defense Secretary Louis Johnson know that the investigators expect facts from the military—and glossing over of possible painful situations.

This was made clear by ephors in their first meeting with the defense chief. The chairman told the secretary at the closed session:
"Even if your people think we are wrong in our evaluation of specific matter, we want a factual report upon which we can make our own determination. If we are right, we expect a report that we have been done to correct the situation."

Old-timers around Capitol Hill will note that the probes are getting off to much the same start as their model, the famed Truman investigating committee of World War II.

For weeks after it was formed, the Truman committee made news. Then, well-grounded, it went into headline-producing after case. Lyndon Johnson has told newsmen he expects that will eventually use the "case" procedure.

CONGRESS ADJOURNMENT—It is now just about certain that Congress will not adjourn until just before the next Congress convenes, early in January.

Congressional leaders had hoped that the nation's business could be wound up in time to adjourn, but have spiced all such hopes.

Action is still to be completed on the war-necessitated tax increase bill, wage-price control legislation, the omnibus appropriation bill, Communist control measure and a supplemental war appropriations bill. Leaders have resigned themselves to a series of three-day adjournments at best, with the technicality of adjournment taking place near the end of the year.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



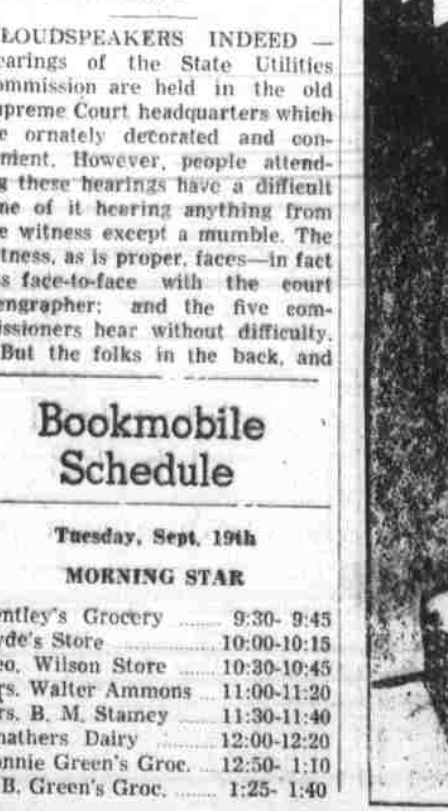
Are there people who can't stay awake?
Answer: Yes. Besides the victims of "sleeping sickness" (a now relatively rare disease of the brain), there are people who have what is known as "narcolepsy." They may become drowsy under the most inconvenient and embarrassing circumstances, and may even sleep for days at a time. Narcolepsy is sometimes a form of epilepsy but more often is "psychomotor" expressing an overwhelming but unconscious urge to escape from some situation that arouses emotional conflict. A neuropsychiatrist should be consulted for it.
May insanity have fatal results?
Answer: Yes, but deaths from this cause are becoming much less frequent, due to better care and treatment, says Dr. Herman Joseph of Chicago State Hospital. Deaths caused by exhaustion in the course of acute schizophrenia

By LAWRENCE GOULD, Consulting Psychologist

have shown a marked decrease in the past ten years, as have those from general paresis (syphilis of the brain). Delirium tremens ("D.T.'s") is no longer fatal, and "malignant tremors" are much fewer. The one increase in the hospital death rate has been due to the admission of more senile patients.

May "high motives" screen unconscious self-deception?
Answer: Certainly. There's no better way of getting your conscience to permit an act which you would otherwise be ashamed of than to make yourself believe you are doing it to help someone or further a "good cause." The old question of whether "the end justifies the means" is frequently best answered by the fact that the supposed means are the real, if unconscious end, while the pretended end is merely camouflage. When you hurt somebody "for his own good," nine times out of ten your fundamental purpose was to hurt him.

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Tuesday, Sept. 19th
MORNING STAR
Bentley's Grocery 9:30-9:45
Hyde's Store 10:00-10:15
Geo. Wilson Store 10:30-10:45
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Mrs. B. M. Stamey 11:30-11:40
Smathers Dairy 12:00-12:20
Lonnie Green's Groc. 12:50-1:10
R. B. Green's Groc. 1:25-1:40