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**People Too Silent**

One should not be regarded as a mere alarmist who declares national solvency is threatened by present gigantic proportions of the Nation's debt and the burden of financing another war. That was the assertion of J. Paul Leonard of Statesville in an address to the Hickory Rotary club last week. He is no mere alarmist.

As usual he was advocating curtailment of government spending for non-defense purposes at this time when such gigantic financial burdens are necessary for the prosecution of the war in Korea and probably for a third World war.

But, like Senator Byrd and other government-economy advocates, the North Carolina Fair Tax Association's executive secretary has been like "a voice crying in the wilderness." He was reported by the Hickory Daily Record to have told the Rotarians that one of the most amazing and disheartening aspects of the present crisis is the lack of vital concern on the part of a large percentage of the people as to the disastrous effect it may have on our national economy.

"Generally speaking," he said, "taxpayers have just muted one of their best opportunities to exert their influence when they failed to rise up in righteous indignation and unite in a vigorous demand that the Congress disregard wishes of the national administration and proceed to cut non-defense appropriations by at least five or six billions of dollars before voting the additional ten billions for armed services considered essential to immediate war efforts."

He added that "the economy bloc supporting Senator Byrd's proposals to cut general appropriations were able to reduce non-defense items in the omnibus appropriations bill only about one billion dollars . . . simply because the economy advocates did not get greater support in their efforts."

It is discouraging that more people do not write their congressmen and demand greater economy in the Nation's non-defense expenditures.

—The Charlotte Observer

**No Closed Season**

Many people have rejoiced with the arrival of fall weather, as they now believe they will

**Steadily Rising Costs**

The current issue of Editor and Publisher, a leading trade publication of the newspaper field, carries another pathetic story of a large newspaper closing its doors because of continued high publication costs.

In the past six months a number of the nation's largest and best known newspapers have sold, merged or closed their doors all together because of inability to break even in the business office.

The last newspaper, on the west coast, employed 350 people. Earlier this year, the New York Sun merged with the World-Telegram. Then for 73 days this summer, the paper was closed because of a strike.

The cost of producing newspapers — both large and small — have risen sharply in the past few years, while management has tried to keep the cost of advertising and subscriptions to the "pre-rise" level.

In our own case, the cost of newsprint, general overhead, engravings and features have increased time and time again. We have tried, through rigid economy measures, to hold our advertising rates to the 1947 level, and the same with subscription prices. Just how much longer we will be able to maintain these present prices we do not know. Many fellow-publishers, and auditors have advised several raises, but thus far we have gone along, just hoping.

We shudder to think that such was the case with so many larger newspapers — they tried to fight the steady rise too long, and were swept overboard.

We would not want to imply that The Mountaineer is about broke — neither is this a "poor-mouth" story. It is just facts which all newspaper publishers are facing.

When a merchant gets a price increase of 20 cents a pair on shoes, he just charges accordingly. Newspapers find it difficult to operate in such a manner, as much business is contracted a year ahead — including subscriptions.

Today's newspapers are giving their readers more for their money than ever before, and we know for a fact, that The Mountaineer is giving its advertisers more for their money than at any time during the 19 years the present publishers have had the paper. The circulation and readership is at an all-time high.

In fact, the realization of knowing that we are reaching more people twice-a-week than ever before has encouraged us to the point of overlooking the steadily shrinking little profit figure.

**Some Surprising Facts**

According to the recent survey of farm lands and products here in Haywood, we have less than four per cent of the farm lands as being "idle".

Needless to say, that is a splendid record. It shows the initiative which Haywood farmers have, and the breakdown of the various crops shows that we have a substantial backlog in every item.

We were surprised to know that there are more than 104,000 apple trees in the county.

The whole story is one of encouragement, and shows what a tremendous agricultural operation Haywood's 3,000 farms have.

get some relief from the steady parade of bathing beauties which have been more plentiful on the printed pages this year than usual.

We hardly see why become so elated — remember last winter when the "brave" (?) gals went into the icy waters and had their pictures made.

It just does not look like there is a closed season on bathing beauties.

**They'll Do It Every Time**

WHEN COLD CUTS AND BEANS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SUPPER THE GROCERY BOY DELIVERS THEM AT 3 P.M.



**By Jimmy Hatlo**

BUT PLAN ON SERVING COMPANY A ROAST AND ALL THE FIXINGS AND WOT HOPPEN?



**Looking Back Over The Years**

**15 YEARS AGO**

Contract will be let for road from Bethel toward Springdale.

Woman's Club plans concert by Miss Eida Vetterli, dramatic soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Little Miss Marie Strange has party on her birthday.

Mrs. Woodson Jones and Mrs. Grayden Ferguson entertain at concert.

Miss Queen Justice enters Brevard College.

Joe Jack Atkins leaves for Brevard College.

**10 YEARS AGO**

Company "H" leaves Waynesville for year's training at Fort Jackson.

Between 250 and 275 persons attend second annual barbecue held by the town firemen at the City Park.

Mrs. Newton Cook, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, and Miss Alice Stringfield entertain for Miss May Crawford, bride-elect.

\$450 in cash prizes is offered livestock winners in Haywood's first annual Livestock Show.

**5 YEARS AGO**

A. P. Ledbetter is named county chairman of United War Fund drive.

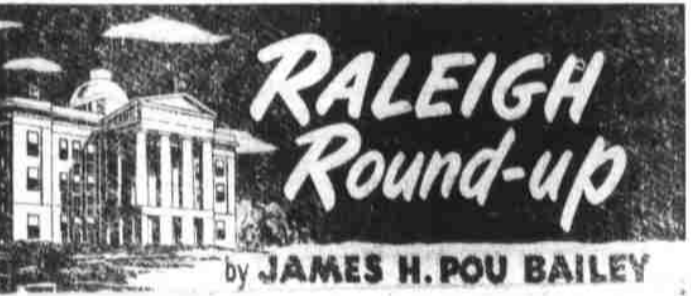
Ministerial Association asks that service stations remain closed on Sundays.

TVY will build \$500,000 unit at Fortuna Dam.

Pfc. Harry M. Dyer is awarded the Silver Star.

Rubber footwear and cheese are taken off ration list.

Miss Ruth L. Harris, who was held Jap prisoner for three years, visits sister, Dr. Mary Michal.



BEVO — That beer-for-the-boys-in-Korea wrangle which entertained Washington for two or three days last week brings to mind the fact that all county and city beer elections in North Carolina are off for the remainder of this year. We have moved into the 60-days-beer-force-election period, the law holding that no wine or beer vote may be held within 60 days of another vote.

The "wets" are breathing long sighs of relief. While the "drys" have scored some notable victories they are short of their goal of "51 by 51" or 51 dry counties by next year. Admitted aim of the dry forces was to slow more than half the counties in favor of prohibition and to demand a Statewide referendum in 1951.

You never can tell but right now there seems to be about as much chance of that as a return to soap-suds Bevo the popular near-beer prohibition drink of the middle twenties. However, those seeking to move Sahara to North Carolina had their opponents on the ropes in 1948 and 1949, winning 18 counties in 1948 and 20 more in 1949 without a single defeat. Yancey and Mitchell were dry by legislative act prior to 1948, thus making 40 of North Carolina's 100 counties legally dry as we came to 1950.

Five county elections have been held this year. The dry forces lost two of the counties: Richmond and Person. Of the three counties which the "drys" won, Anson County spilled over on August 26 when Wadesboro permitted the sale of beer and the other two — Moore and Randolph — are being challenged by the legal control advocates in the Fall term of Supreme Court here.

Thus we see that the dry leaders have done well until this year on the county-by-county campaign. Now with the Nation busily returning to a war footing with all its attendant uncertainties, broken homes, expanding military camps, and further inflation, the trend may be turning once again away from prohibition.

NOTES — Westward shift of the State's population may result in important changes in number of representatives from some of the counties and redistricting some of the State Senatorial Districts. This is another task facing the 1951 Legislature, which is charged with this responsibility each ten-year cycle. . . . Bob Thompson, radio-critic of Gov. Kerr Scott who has

**MARY, MARY, MARY— THEN NORMA**  
 WONDER LAKE, III. (AP)— Mary may be a grand old name, but Bill Smith IV married a girl named Norma and broke the chain. For three generations before him, a William Smith had married a girl named Mary.

**Voice of the People**

"What was the most outstanding event of your Lenoir trip?" This question was answered by Waynesville High students who made the trip to Lenoir on a special chartered bus.

Joyce Carter: "The wonderful way that our boys took their defeat."

Billy Kitchen: "I enjoyed the whole football game most."

Freddie Wilson: "The game and watching our band perform were the most exciting things."

Clark Hixley: "I guess it was the way the fellows played the game and fought to the end."

Jane Rogers: "I think our band and our boys playing were outstanding."

Rose Waincock: "Besides the football game, stopping in Morganton on the way home and eating."

**Bookmobile Schedule**

Tuesday, Sept. 26th	BETHEL
Mrs. Hilary Francis	9:10-9:30
Mrs. Wiley Franklin	9:40-10:00
Mrs. Guy Wells	10:15-10:35
Prison Store	10:50-11:10
Prison Valley Grocery	11:20-11:40
Ed Black's Groc.	11:50-12:10
Miss Welch Singleton	12:20-12:40
Mrs. Ruth K. Terrell	1:00-1:20

**MIRROR OF YOUR MIND**

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Are there times when there is no use in working?

Answer: I believe so—at least I know it is true in my case. There may be purely routine tasks at which you can keep on going till you drop, if necessary, but with work we like to call "creative," there are times when—for largely unconscious reasons—your "resistance" becomes so strong that to keep on "going through the motions" is a waste of time, or worse. A great teacher of the violin once told me that it's no use to continue practicing once you are really tired because, "All that you will do is practise mistakes."

Will self-hypnosis increase your willpower?  
 Answer: Not really. How much energy you can devote to the pursuit of any given goal depends on how large a proportion of your total energy is wasted in inner conflicts. Conceivably you might

Are "delicite" adolescents really timid?

Answer: Frequently, writes Dr. T. A. A. Hunter in Practitioner. There is a type of teenager who has no specific disease, yet never appears "strong" enough to live the active, vigorous life of other youngsters of the same age. This is probably not due to malnutrition, even where food is comparatively scarce, as in Great Britain. It may come from cardio-vascular disorders, but more often represents the reluctance of parents to let the child grow up and be independent, and fear on his part of standing on his own feet.

**CAUGHT SHORT AGAIN!**



**Rambling 'Round**

—Bits of Human Interest News—  
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

They were about twelve and hurrying as fast as they could toward school. Evidently something had delayed them and the time was short. Their conversation came in short, sharp spurts but continued unabated. "When I grow up," panted one of them, "I'm going to see that my children get off to school so they won't have to run to get there." The other little girl pondered on this for a minute, then jerkily expressed her viewpoint. "Well, when I grow up," she decided, "I'm not going to make my children go to school at all. They can all grow up to be ignominious."

Those who talk least of their possessions are the ones who have the most possessions to talk about.

The conversation had become general and each was contributing some item of interest. The subject of food rationing came up, and one lady volunteered the information that she had already stocked up her pantry and every available space with articles that might become scarce. A listener was decidedly disgusted and remarked: "Do you realize how unpatriotic you are?" to which the lady responded: "I don't see it that way. If I don't get it, some one else will." The first speaker hesitated a second then spoke softly: "Selfishness has disgraced more flags than traitors have."

Some people should sweep behind their own doors before calling attention to the unkempt condition of their neighbor's house.

Somehow, human nature makes itself more manifest in a restaurant than almost anywhere else.

Werry is a cop that we cannot see clearly.

Sunshine spreading a low apron over the majestic mountain.

We seem to have no groups of school children in town. This little girl was new to town and was very small and timid. She had books from her aunt in the city and went through some of them. She had a book on her left hand and a book on her right hand and was reading both at the same time. It was a very good omen for the little girl.

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**YOU'RE TELLING ME**

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

SCIENTIFIC STUDY shows that insects, being less vulnerable to radiation than humans, have a better chance to survive an atomic attack. That does it—now we'll NEVER get rid of the picnic!

The redneck duck, we read, migrates east-west instead of north-south. Not only is it headed—sounds positively bird-brained!

Agriculture department boasts 75 million chicks were hatched in July. Why get excited?—that's only one drumstick per U. S. citizen.

Rain making is really very simple, says Zedek Dumbkopf. Just go anywhere on a long-

**Inside WASHINGTON**  
MARCH OF EVENTS

Neither Russia, Red China | Doubt Invasion of Formosa  
 Seek Big War Now, Belief | Planned by Commie Party

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Government foreign policy experts are saying 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 the Communist population in the north is almost unprecedentedly large. Moreover, Russia has been taking grain out of the country and is not likely to escape public notice because of its censorship. Because of these factors, it is expected to rely on a more subtle keep Chiang Kai-shek's forces and on Communist's feel that Russia's hands are tied and economic poverty.

This factor tends to keep the administration alert over Europe. A drive here is considered most likely since Soviet economic trouble is along on its own, covets the Ruhr and all the rest of the great forges of Europe.

IRON HAND IN VELVET The new war investigating subcommittee appears to be investigating an iron-hand-in-the-velvet scheme.

Chairman Lyndon B. Johnson (D), Texas, has announced the probe will sound headlines, check politics at the committee's discretion. Nevertheless, the unit firmly let Defense Secretary Louis Howland know that the investigators expect facts from two military-glossing over of possible painful situations.

This was made clear by senators in their first meeting with defense chief. The chairman told the secretary at the close of the session:

"Even if your people think we are wrong in our evaluation of a specific matter, we want a factual report upon which we can make our own determination. If we are right, we expect a report on what has been done to correct the situation."

Old-timers around Capitol Hill will note that the probe is nothing of much the same start as their model, the famous investigating committee of World War II.

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

CONGRESS ADJOURNMENT—It is now just about certain 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 the load of war emergency legislation appears to have spiked all such hopes.

Action is still to be completed on the war-necessitated tax 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 at the end of the year.