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Better Check Your Registration

The initial registration in Haywood on Saturday at the newly established precincts was discouraging. The number of citizens putting their names on the new books was very small as compared with the expectations, and what would have been a "normal day's" registration.

It is believed that there is some confusion about the registration, but it seems plain enough as to what voters must register. All precincts that have been divided, or set up as new requires a new registration.

If for example, a voter has always voted at the court house, and under the new precinct set-up will still vote there, he must of necessity register again. In reality, there are no old registration books of the North Ward.

The best way to make sure, is for every voter to check on this Saturday with the registrar in his precinct and see that his name is on the books and in proper order. Such a procedure will enable many a person to vote on November 7th that would otherwise be denied the ballot.

A Little Explanation Would Help

One does not have to drive very far to see evidence of the rural road program in Haywood—or any other county.

Right here in Haywood, about 120 miles have been paved, and according to the latest figures from the State Highway Commission, this has cost \$490,000.

In the law setting up the bond election for rural roads, Haywood was allocated \$1,890,000. And as a news article in this newspaper on Monday pointed out, about one-fourth of the amount set aside for this county has been spent.

The \$490,000 already spent has made a big difference in the rural road conditions in the county, and by the time the program is completed, almost every nook and corner will be paved, according to present procedure.

While all this is going on, we trust that the highway commission will be ever mindful that Haywood also expects a just and fair share of the funds for main highways. There are several projects which the officials said would be underway by this time of 1950. Thus far no explanation has been made as to why the delay. All the citizens of this county want is their just and equal share of such funds.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should you be glad to be criticized?

Answer: Very much so, if you get real criticism and not mere abuse and condemnation. For a critic in the true sense is a judge—that is, a person who can tell you in detail where you're right and where you've gone wrong. And even when you do not agree with such a person, you can nearly always learn from what he tells you. I am always grateful when someone points out where he believes I am mistaken. At least it means that I must try harder to make what I say clear and convincing, as well as that he was interested.



Should you think twice before doing a kind act?

Answer: Yes. For kind acts, like unkind ones, have their consequences and these may turn out to be unpleasant. You may find, for instance, that a person you have helped over one tough

Doubling The Quota

It looks now as if the Crusade for Freedom campaign in Haywood will go over the top, just as all other similar drives which are for the best interest of our county and nation.

Haywood never shirks a duty, and the citizens felt it their duty to show the world that we are a peaceful, and agreeable people, that are opposed to Communism in any form or fashion.

It is typical of Haywood to surpass quotas assigned on such drives, and in this particular instance, the number of signatures will be twice the assigned quota.

Such an attitude reflects the thinking, and the attitude of Haywood citizens. It is a trait for which we can well be proud.

We Knew It All The Time

The selection of Mr. Reuben B. Robertson as the "Man of The South" for 1950 did not come as a surprise announcement.

This successful industrialist, who has always put the human element above all else, is deserving of the recognition bestowed upon him.

We are happy that the announcement came at this particular time, as Mr. Robertson is actively heading the Crusade for Freedom drive in the two Carolinas. It is a foregone conclusion that the campaign will meet with success throughout his territory, which is typical, and characteristic of his leadership, whether it be a public campaign to aid mankind, an educational campaign to sell the plan of Democracy to the world, or a business venture in his field of manufacturing paper.

This newspaper, we know, reflects the feelings of the 37,600 citizens in Haywood, when it says, "we knew Mr. Robertson deserved the honor all the time, and now we are happy the rest of the South thinks so, too."

A Big Disappointment

Back earlier this year we had our hopes raised to the point where we expected several proposed rural telephone projects would be in operation by this time. However, it seems that circumstances have caused a delay, and some of the major projects are still on the waiting list.

Telephone officials here last week in the course of a discussion with leaders, pointed out that a survey of the Fines Creek area would be made in January to determine now how many people wanted telephone service. Three years ago there were 120 families in the section signing application.

Telephones have become a vital part of our lives today, and we look forward to the day when every section of Haywood is adequately served.

Long Road To Travel

The recent eclipse of the moon, which was visible in this area, passed off quietly. Nobody became alarmed in the belief that the heavenly phenomenon was the beginning of the end of the world.

There was a time in civilization when wonders of the sky, like an eclipse, created considerable excitement. At one stage in history even the most intelligent looked on such spectacles as a sign of the anger of the gods.

The human race has come a long way in the process of learning the mechanics of the universe. But we'll be wise if we recognize that the human race has a still longer road to travel in the quest for understanding.

With all our knowledge and intelligence, we are still fundamentally primitive in our failure to get along with each other. As long as war plagues mankind, the world can't rest on its laurels of scientific and intellectual achievement. —Smithfield Herald.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist.

spot has decided it is easier to lean on you than to try to stand up on his own feet. You may try to cheer up someone who is lonely, and discover he thought you were trying to "adopt" him. Because being kind gives you a lift, and makes you feel important, don't forget it may mean shouldering responsibilities which you will find too heavy.



Do habits save mental energy?

Answer: That's just what all habits, good or bad, do. They conserve your mental energy by relieving you of the need to make decisions. Dr. Guy Durandin, writing in the French Psychoanalytic Review, says that military prisoners who escaped, suffered from exhaustion and depression because they had to make new decisions every moment and could not fall back on automatic responses or avoid the choice of what to do next by obeying orders. Also, they felt guilty at having managed to escape "the common destiny."

They'll Do It Every Time



THINGS ARE TENSE ENOUGH TODAY... BUT THE THING THAT MAKES ME TENSER... IS TO WASH MY HANDS...

By Jimmy Hatlo



THEN DRAW A BLANK FROM THE EMPTY TOWEL DISPENSER. Thank to DAVID LANDAU 1204 CENTRAL AVE. UNION CITY, N.J.

Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO: The Mountaineer offers cash prize for best ghost story submitted before Halloween.
10 YEARS AGO: Gregg Cherry, prominent attorney of Gastonia, makes address in Canton.
5 YEARS AGO: The Waynesville band is one of three bands in the state invited to play for President Truman when he visits Statesville this week.



DISLOYALTY — Two or three behind-the-door incidents which occurred here in Raleigh last week indicate that Kerr Scott's appointments—some of them at least—are playing a neat game of ring-around-the-rosy with their boss. This will become more apparent within the next six months.
Governors of North Carolina cannot succeed themselves in office and as their terms ebb slowly toward an end, those who loved them so much in the early, happy days of the administration begin looking ahead to the man who stands the best chance of taking over. Gov. R. Gregg Cherry had this trouble. During his last year in Raleigh, some of his best friends and most sincere advisors had no official positions whatever with the State Government and were not in the least "beholding" to Gov. Cherry. His erstwhile sidekicks were off courting Charles Johnson, leaving the man who appointed them to fend for himself.
Scott will soon complete his second year as Governor. Like him or not, you must admit that he, like Harry Truman, has stood steadfastly by his appointees. But if the trend continues, Gov. Kerr Scott will have no idea a year hence who is really for him and who is against him among the folks in his administration. Many of them are not thinking about Kerr Scott. They are concerned with holding their jobs through another Governor's administration.

Voice of the People

- What feature of The Mountaineer do you like best?
Mrs. James Atkins: "The Voice of the People when they don't ask me."
Carl Mundy: "The Younger Set, because I'm interested in young people and what they are doing."
Mrs. H. H. Platt: "The Woman's Page."
Mrs. Charles Ketter: "The Woman's Page."
Mrs. Harry Bourne: "The news of 15, 10, and 5 years ago. I like the free tickets, too but I've never seen my name in it."
Mrs. W. T. Hannah: "The Woman's Page."
Hugh Jolly: "The Voice of the People."
Mrs. Albert Abel: "Sports — especially in football season."
Mrs. Grace Campbell Fisher: "Sports."
Mrs. Herbert Braren: "I think the one that creates the most interest for me is Looking Back Over The Years."

"WHISTLE STOP"



Rambling 'Round

Bits of Human Interest News

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

He was an exceptionally busy man and day after day found him too busy to go to the barbershop for a haircut until it was too late to be served. Then one noon he decided that all else must wait as the haircut had assumed the state of being a necessity, and off he bustled. In a few minutes he returned, looking decidedly unhappy. "Why didn't some one tell me," he queried sadly, "that this was Wednesday afternoon?"
TRAGEDY IN A CLASSIFIED AD: "Wanted: Home for a thoroughly good dog; no pedigree but a faithful friend and companion. Must guarantee good home and care. Present owner moving into an apartment. Phone..."
The bond of real friendship never tied loosely.
It was as barren and unpromising a patch of clay ground that one could possibly expect to find, yet right smack dab in the middle of it was a blooming morning glory sending out its purple beauty to a harassed world. The three blossoms seemed to rise to meet the morning sun and add to its friendliness. Somehow, it made one wonder why more people could not emulate the little morning glory and send out a bit of beauty no matter what the environment.
Trees shrugging their shoulders and sending leaves flying in every direction.
Florida and Los Angeles report...

Letters to the Editor

BUILDERS MUST HAVE PERMITS
Editor The Mountaineer:
It has been published repeatedly in your columns the necessity of securing a permit to build.
There are some people who still fail to understand this, and I wish to call to their attention again, the fact that before a building is begun the property owner shall apply to the building inspector for a permit to build. This permit shall be given in writing, and shall include all types of building additions, alterations, repairs, and demolitions.
The town officials recently estab-

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Averell Harriman Seen
Truman's Closest Aide
His New Post Expected
But Often Thoughtful
Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Keep your eye on Averell Harriman, for he is currently to watch in the tumultuous transition situation as Harry S. Truman's new "assistant President."
Officially, the personable 58-year-old Harriman last month became the special assistant to President on foreign affairs, shifting himself from being roving ambassador under the Marshall Plan.
On the surface it shapes up as an astute move for it was Harriman who in 1943-44, as ambassador to Russia when the Kremlin was desperately trying wartime favors, had more talks with Stalin than any other living American.
Also it is doubtful if anyone can do a better case for Communist leanings whatever on the part of this class of the industrial tycoon who built the Union Pacific, graduated Groton and Yale, and former railroad vice president. That background, nor does he look it, act it or speak it.

HARRIMAN WAS ENTICED INTO POLITICS when John Raskob organized some businessmen to back Al Smith for President but unlike many of them, he remained after Al's disappointing take key posts in the Roosevelt administration.
There he became a close friend of the late Harry Hopkins, whose role as "assistant President" to F. D. R. is precisely what many observers forecast will be Harriman's part in the Truman picture.
Although the term "assistant President" was invented many times to describe the succession of Roosevelt advisers, including Mond Moley, Stanley High, the unique team of Corcoran and Jimmy Byrnes, and Hopkins, the idea is not at all new.
In fact, it has become such a pattern that those who have analyzed the job of President say it is to be expected. Woodrow Wilson had his Colonel House in World War I. Abraham Lincoln looked to his Springfield, Ill., law partner, William H. (Billy) Herndon, and Andrew Jackson had his "kitchen cabinet," to mention just a few examples.

THE ROLE OF CLOSE ADVISER to a President is exciting but usually thankless. The "loneliness" of the chief executive, who variably becomes suspicious of all contacts for fear they will forget him with requests for favors or presumptions, seems to make it necessary.
There is much that an intimate adviser and general handyperson owes absolute loyalty to his chief and subdues all ambitions of his own, can do which the official staff cannot because it means grooves.
Lincoln asked his regular cabinet for its recommendation on issuance of the crucial Emancipation Proclamation, and received unanimous "No." He is then supposed to have said that "I will do it and it is carried," but it is significant that such was Herndon's role too.

But the role of the "assistant President" is not as inviting as it seems. Although most persons acknowledge that the job of President is a terrific task and he should have all the assistance he can get, a country at large seems jealous and suspicious of these shadowy figures that pull so many wires behind the scenes.
Jackson's "kitchen cabinet" became a political liability. Hopkins lost popularity with the public, and also was resentful of the others close to F. D. R., including sometimes Mrs. Roosevelt.
Some advisers, like Moley, High, Corcoran and Cohen, are fated to be thrown on the scrap heap when they have "destroyed their usefulness" in one way or other. For Colonel House there was the bitter pill of all: Wilson himself turned on him and froze him out without explanation.

MOST WASHINGTON OBSERVERS agree that Truman has yet had a full-fledged "assistant President." After he was appointed into the job by Roosevelt's death, he played such a role that it was said that "Truman is Truman's own adviser."
Then the names of George Allen and Gen. Harry Vaughan came into the limelight, but it was quickly seen that they were competitors for relaxation and diversion than official company.