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## No Need For Inflated Optimism

Once again the news as carried on the front page of this newspaper Thursday tells of surveys being staged in three parts of the county for rural telephone lines.

The surveys have been made previously, and even the time for construction of the projects announced. For some reason, the work did not get underway, and several months after what most people felt the project would be finished, here comes news that new surveys are being made.

Some citizens have been keenly disappointed in that the projects have not been started when first scheduled. And some of the critical ones point out that the announcement of the new surveys were made right on the heels of the increased rates. This, the critics explain, was done in order to "soften" the blow of the raise.

This newspaper has been disappointed that rural lines have not gone up as fast as we were once led to believe they would. We realize that many things enter into such projects, and how easily it is for delays to arise.

The Mountaineer trusts that the needed, and long-promised rural phone lines will soon become a reality. In the meantime, it appears to us that the telephone officials could wisely keep the public informed as to the progress being made, and give actual facts. This is no time for inflated optimism, so let's have the facts as they develop.

## International Recognition

Haywood is gaining even international recognition as an active 4-H Club center. When the 12 4-H Club members from Austria began their tour of the Eastern Seaboard, Haywood was included as one of the two stops in the state.

The young people seemed to enjoy their visit here, and although the mercury was far below the freezing mark, they did not pay much attention to the weather, as they were intent upon the sights, and especially the Camp at the Test Farm.

Such a distinction can do no harm.

Here it is the 18th of December and to date we have not seen a single picture of a girl in a bathing suit holding Florida oranges. A most unusual delay.

## A Big Helping Hand

Haywood is opening her heart and pocket-book for the annual Christmas cheer. Numerous organizations, together with individuals, are going "all out" to see that deserving and needy families are taken care of this year.

The Lions Club is going about their usual program of providing clothing for many needy children; the American Legion here has given \$150 to the Salvation Army for relief work, while the Elks have on a charity campaign.

Numerous organizations, such as Sunday school classes and others will add to the general charity program.

The Welfare Department has listed a number of cases which they deem as "worthy of help. Organizations or individuals should report all persons aided in order to avoid duplications.

The need is apparent. And those who deserve aid should be thankful that there are so many people in Haywood who are making an honest effort to lessen the sting of hardship at this Christmastide.

## A Complicated Law

Some months back, while Haywood was pitching a legal battle over a pending election to ban the sale of wine and beer, Moore county staged an election. Moore county dry leaders were jubilant in winning the right to stage the election, and even more jubilant when on August 26th they won by an overwhelming majority.

In the due course of time, the sales on wine and beer in the county were banned. And Moore county was legally dry. But that is not the end of the story. The State Supreme court has just ruled that the election was illegal, in that it was held within 60 days of another election, although a hearing was held the day before the election before Judge H. Hoyle Sink. The exact meaning of the Supreme Court's decision as to the next step is not exactly plain.

This much is plain, however. The law for holding an election on banning wine and beer is a high technical combination, and apparently even superior court judges become confused by its complexities.

## Forging Ahead With Industries

Many years ago Hendersonville adopted the slogan, "The Gem City of the Blue Ridge." A good one, at that.

In view of their rapid industrial growth—two major plants in less than a week's time, it looks as if the city fathers are going to be forced to change the slogan to include something about the industrial center of the mountains.

Both plants were brought to Hendersonville through united effort of its citizens, who realize the importance of steady year round payrolls.

The accomplishments in Hendersonville just goes to show what can be done on a united community-wide program.

And right here, The Mountaineer would like to point out that we fear the citizens of a community that has diversified industry do not always fully appreciate them. Our industries play a more vital part in our economic life than we sometimes are prone to believe.

We have said before, many times before, and feel it bears repeating—no county ever had too many smokestacks, hay stacks, or tourist facilities." We could well use more of all of them right here in Haywood.

## They'll Do It Every Time

JOE BICEPS SPENDS HOURS IN HIS BACK YARD KEEPING FIT WITH HIS WEIGHT-LIFTING EQUIPMENT



## By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT WHO HAS TO LUG THE DUMBBELLS IN WHEN IT RAINS? ASK WIFE! SHE KNOWS!



## Looking Back Over The Years

## 15 YEARS AGO

Miss Mary F. Webster and Miss Stacy Wilburn win prizes in essay contest of the "Trade At Home Campaign."

Fred L. Safford is named head of Haywood County Alumni Association of Duke University.

Miss Louise Springfield returns from a visit to her cousin, Miss Henrietta Love, in Raleigh.

Dr. N. M. Medford, W. L. Lampkin, Leon Killian, and W. L. Hardin attend stag dinner in Old Fort given by Jim Gilland, famous W.N.C. hunter.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Decision is made to establish a modern shoe plant here in connection with Dayton Rubber Company.

Miss Lois Massie is selected as winner of the Ruth Bryan Citizenship award, given annually by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter of the D.A.R.

W. C. Allen is honored by the men of the First Baptist Church at a supper observing his 81st birthday.

Hobart Hyatt is at home from State College for the Christmas holidays.

## 5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Elsie Smathers Edwards is named riding instructor at Virginia Intermont College.

Guy Massie and W. H. Owens are trapped by 18-inch snow while on hunting trip in Pisgah Forest.

Fred Whitman and Charles B. Whitman, sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Whitman, receive their discharges and are at home with their parents.

John West, Jr., arrives home from the Azores Islands, where he has been employed under the Corps of U. S. Engineers.



**COSTLY DELAY**—Those counties and cities which for one reason or another have delayed erecting new buildings such as hospitals and schoolhouses now find themselves lacking sufficient funds with which to carry out the projects as they were originally outlined.

This was one of the most difficult situations facing new county boards of commissioners as they held their first meetings last week. Early last spring contract bids in many cases began dropping below estimates. With an eye on saving money, some officials held off getting started. Now it is too late. They must go ahead and build now, though not as ambitiously as planned, or wait to see what happens to a jackrabbit dollar.

**STATE LEVEL**—The State is faced with the same perplexing questions as the local governmental units. With the Government looking with eager eyes on metal and other strategic building materials, further delay could result in no new buildings at all for years to come.

A little less than half the State's 1949 grant of \$50,000,000 for schoolhouse additions and new structures is still to be allocated. Meantime, the Advisory Budget Commission will meet in Raleigh on December 20, just two weeks before the Legislature convenes—to see what effect the Korean War and the world outlook may have on the State's finances during the two years from July 1, 1951, through June 30, 1953.

This group must come up with an estimate as to what North Carolina's income will be in that period. Nobody knows, of course, but events of the past three weeks are expected to result in the budget-eaters raising the amount they expect the State to bring in during the two-year period. Although the picture is changing rapidly, the December 20 date will be their last chance to give an estimate, for the printer is waiting. He must go to press at once with that portion of the budget matter in order to have it as definite as possible for the legislators when they come to Raleigh. Other pages are ready.

**BEER**—Moore County's beer dealers may get their licenses back soon, but for the time being they will have to sit tight.

A State Supreme Court decision handed down Wednesday apparently wiped out results of an election banning beer and wine sales in Moore County. But until all legal angles are clarified, the ABC Malt Beverage Division is going to hold on to beer permits collected after the election. Director C. A. Upchurch, Jr., said yesterday.

Already he has had calls from dealers and distributors eager to get their licenses back. Upchurch said. However, until the Malt Bev-

## Voice of the People

Do you favor total U. S. mobilization immediately?

Carl Mundy: Yes. But let's not draft the 12-year-olds.

Phil Queen: I believe we ought to stay ready at all times.

Elmer Rathbone, Crabtree: I think we should do anything that is necessary to prepare the nation for the worst.

Terry Campbell: I do. Mobilize every able-bodied man, including combat veterans of World War II.

Roy Parkman: Yes. I think it's necessary. Though I'm not a Republican, I agree with the statement made on the subject by Governor Dewey.

## Letters To Editor

Editor: Inasmuch as our nation is passing through a critical period due to the practice of gambling on the part of a large number of our people which threatens to undermine the moral and economic welfare of the country, and due to the fact that many of our national leaders are alarmed, and believing that the remedy of this evil must come

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ed that he'd had a week of vacation in Florida but wintry weather followed him to that state of customary sunshine. Still nothing to report on his future work, said Graham.

## Rambling 'Round

—Bits Of Human Interest News—  
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

To be as hospitable a place as Waynesville is, it does seem to us that we have been pretty unkind. We refer to our treatment of the branches of greenery which we tore from the parent stems and brought in to decorate our Main street. It does seem as though our view of them has mostly been through flying snow flakes or dodging icy blasts, while the branches drooped under the weight of chilly icicles. But when the sun shines, as it always does eventually, the spirits of the people and the decorations rise to the occasion.

Those who carry chips on their shoulders usually also carry loads on their consciences.

"Hoot, mon," might have been applicable one night. It was about midnight and this certain lady awoke with a start. Her eyes sought the window and she saw something outlined against the glass. Investigating, she found a fairly good-sized owl sitting contently on the window ledge. She told us later that if that owl had given a "hoot," it would have taken six weeks for a post card from her to reach Waynesville. It would have scared her out of the country!

The "life of the party" sometimes needs a transfusion of humor.

Every day, these two little folk would go back to the same store

window and stare at thing inside of went on for several owner of the bus, and went out to make first the little boy, finally blurted out watching that play in your store. We Momma! that some put the cart in front and we wanted to look when you did.

"Every day is a ring" so wrote the so, but at this time son we seem to be same old worries about to build up on

Slips that draw at Debby looked like a her ultra-slim song. "The part of the cantata was played Jones. He was only plays the huge muffs

Buy and use those seals on all your mail lots of food and mugs lots better, too

The eggs of last long filament passed to them, always to be scavenged so that they beaten again! The broken.

## YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT  
—Central Press Writer—

THE TENTACLES of the giant squid, according to a nature article, often extend 30 feet. Among the denizens of the deep the squid, obviously, is the star boarder.

Mexico City has just forbidden its traffic cops to sell tickets to the annual police ball. Sounds like Utopia.

Few people, we read, really know how to use a telephone. Just a lot of wrong numbers trying to get right ones?

A Vancouver man has invented a combination clothes presser and pocket umbrella. Handy gadget

Little Six has just from her infant crying what?—she writes and for one of those dolls

Irene, to whom our birds, week after week, singing goodnight, must the North Pole, where there are six months long

During the recent Cleveland some snow got up to 50 inches for driveway. Word ever there was buried treasure snow flake?

## Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

All-Out War to Mobilize Five to Seven Millions? One Out of Five N For Fighting Front

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Pentagon leaders believe that if the Chinese decide to turn the Korean conflict into an all out war, require the mobilization of between five million and seven million. Most of these would be ground forces and, in terms of power, would represent about half the effort required to win War II.

However, in terms of cost, it would be more expensive, per man in the past conflict because of inflation. Moreover, a five million would place only about one million on the fighting front. The rest would be for rear echelons, such as supply and services.

It is recalled that, while more than 14 million men were mobilized in World War II, more than one million 800 thousand combat troops ever in the field. Military intelligence estimates that the Red Chinese troops, equipped with Russian, Japanese and captured United States supplies, could deal with any force of less than a million.

Senator Joseph McCarthy (R), Wisconsin, is probably doing the best shouting over the past elections. It was his charge that Communists are active in the administration which proved the liveliest issue of the campaign.

The senator is convinced now that he has sufficient evidence to force the criminal prosecution of at least one of those he accuses being a Red. However, McCarthy plans now to sit tight on his evidence and await the convening of the 82nd Congress in January before exploding his case.

His immediate purpose is to establish proof that the individual involved perjured himself before the Tydings investigating committee which has been labeled a "whitewash" by anti-administration forces. This evidence is said to involve the use of the diplomatic pouch of unidentified foreign power. Incidentally, McCarthy now boasts of term "McCarthyism," widely used by the Democrats in the past campaign as opprobrium.

DEFENSE PROFITS TAX—This is the term being considered by the Treasury to make President Truman's proposed excess profits more palatable. The chief executive still clings to the hope that tax may be passed at the coming session of the 81st Congress and the heavy tide of business sentiment against it.

Top government economists insist that it is not possible to be choosy about taxes in the face of heavy rearmament expenditures and the need to shoot at a "pay as you go" budget policy to hold down the public debt.

They maintain that there must be a tax increase designed to be in an additional \$10 billion yearly—a tax increase of about 25 percent. This would mean not only an excess profits tax but heavy burdens on normal corporation income, individual income taxes, levies on estates, gifts and consumer goods.

POPULATION INCREASE—Marshall Plan officials have entered a new difficulty. It is the population boom in participating countries.

According to latest estimates, countries benefiting from the Marshall Plan will have populations of 280 millions by the end of 1952. This is about 12 per cent above prewar levels. 12 Per Cent Growth Among Marshall Plan Nations

Some economists believe that food production can be increased to meet the need. However, they are not so optimistic about housing. Europe was pressed for housing before the war. Now the need will be more urgent.

In addition, new schools and hospitals will be needed. The hopeful sign is that the birthrate may have reached the peak. It may happen that the rate in the 1950-55 period will be lower than in the 1947-49 era.

## MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Does your personality affect your driving?

Answer: Yes, say Drs. W. A. Tillman and G. E. Hobbs in the American Journal of Psychiatry. Studies of bus drivers, taxi operators and other motorists show that certain types of personality coincide with "accident proneness" and that the same drivers have the highest accident rates over long periods of time. If you are aggressive, impulsive, resentful of authority and generally "maladjusted," you are likely to have more than your share of accidents, while if you are stable, serious and well adjusted, you'll probably have less.



May habitual scratching be neurotic?

Answer: Definitely. Specialists have come to recognize "factitious dermatitis" (inflammation of the skin brought on by scratching) as a symptom of emotional disturbance which can be cured most effectively by helping the patient

## By LAWRENCE GOULD

Consulting Psychologist

realize what lies behind it. It may embody the conflict between a desire for self-gratification and the need to punish yourself for indulging in it. Or it may unconsciously express an effort to avoid the temptation to be too attractive to the other sex by spoiling your appearance.



Do insane patients "deteriorate"?

Answer: Evidently not so much as has been supposed. Dr. Edgar A. P. Kellerman tells in the Psychiatric Quarterly of a chronic schizophrenic whose severe and long-standing symptoms made him seem to have deteriorated past hope of recovery, but who showed striking improvement under intensive psychotherapy. And Dr. James M. Mott, Jr., of Topeka (Kansas) State Hospital reports the apparent cure through psychiatric interviews of a 72-year-old woman adjudged "hopelessly insane" in 1941. Lack of doctors is the biggest problem for the insane.