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Hazelwood's Fire Truck

The Hazelwood fire truck is a thing of beauty, and those with a mechanical eye, visualize it as a piece of equipment designed for efficiency.
The piece of fire-fighting equipment was accepted by the board on Friday, and immediately, plans were started for training a volunteer department. The truck will be housed in the space built for it in the new city hall some months ago.

Modern fire trucks are almost a complete fire department within themselves. They carry water for small fires, in addition to fire extinguishers, and even facilities for pumping from creeks or deep wells, as well as boosting pressure from the hydrants, when necessary.

We understand Clyde is seriously considering the purchase of a similar truck. This would give all four of Haywood's incorporated towns good fire-fighting equipment.

This newspaper has always held that money spent on such equipment is a good investment.

A Busy Spring

It looks like the spring of 1951 in this community will be one of considerable construction.

Several large projects are due for completion before the summer season, and from the progress being made on some of the projects there is every reason to believe that the deadlines will be met.

Rising rapidly on the site back of the high school is the 22-unit apartment house, representing an investment of about \$250,000.

Last Thursday this newspaper carried the news that a tourist center, costing more than \$100,000 would start immediately on the Oak Park property on Main Street here.

Scheduled to begin soon is another modern motel at Lake Junaluska, similar in size and design as the one which was kept full of guests all last season.

We understand that several other sizable projects are slated for spring construction. It looks like this is going to be a busy year, as the building projects go forward.

A Broad Program

Last Thursday Governor Scott presented a rather broad, and far-reaching program for the General Assembly. He covered the high spots of the needs of the state, and we feel that the Legislature will in a large measure, follow many of his suggestions.

There seems to be a general feeling among the members of the General Assembly to go slow on raising taxes, in view of the federal increases. There also seems to be a determined effort on the part of many legislators to demand more efficiency from the agencies paid from state funds.

Just how many of the proposals made by Governor Scott will be enacted into law is at this point a mere guess. We trust that the suggestion for increasing the highway patrol by 105 men, and the restoration of a modified inspection law will be among the things favored by the General Assembly.

The health program needs attention, and certainly the state would be justified in making some necessary improvements as to hospitals and mental institutions.

For the teachers the governor holds that the state should establish the pay on a secure professional level. He would also look into the 1913 compulsory school attendance law with the view of making possible necessary changes.

The Governor shares the feeling of many citizens, that there are needed changes to be made in election laws, relative to the expenditures of a candidate. And along the line of elections, he would have the General Assembly change the voting age to 18 instead of 21. This is a subject of much controversy, but the trend seems to be in that direction.

The age-old question of a state-wide referendum on liquor was also recommended again by the governor.

He hit at the need for increased electric power, and further use of water facilities for power and transportation.

We were glad to note the governor did not have socialistic leanings, as seems to be apparent in the federal program. Although he did suggest increased benefits, he does not indicate a wild, "give-away" program.

In asking for immediate legislation on civilian defense, it appeared that the state lawmakers were being forewarned of the seriousness of the international situation.

We have every reason to believe that the 1951 General Assembly will be a conservative group, seeking to correct, and bring up-to-date our state laws, rather than inaugurate drastic measures in these days of unrest.

General Ike

America is blessed with natural resources. Not the least among these resources is its well of manpower and leadership.

We are thinking right now of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has been called from his post as president of Columbia University to head the international army in Europe.

General Eisenhower was not picked for the international post because of any personal heroics either past or present. As supreme commander of the army which so successfully stormed Hitler's ramparts in World War II, he made no attempts at developing his personal ambitions nor did he seek to bask in reflected glory of his army.

He was all business, with a mind on the job he had to do. And he accomplished that job without his own personality intruding.

Now there is a second job to do. Nobody seems exactly sure of the nature of that job other than it is to keep peace where peace seems most to be endangered.

And, although we cannot expect the impossible of a man even with all the qualities of General Ike, we are willing to trust him to the limit. We believe the country is, too.

—Shelby Star.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO: Supreme Court declares the AAA unconstitutional.
10 YEARS AGO: Mrs. Joe Tate wins first prize in Christmas decoration contest...
5 YEARS AGO: Glenn C. Palmer is named as a member of the N. C. Tobacco Advisory Council.



THE COST—Just how much does it cost the State of North Carolina for its legislative body to meet anyway? Well, the experts here say, that this session will cost in the neighborhood of a half-million dollars. It used to be that a special session of only a few days duration ran a minimum of \$100,000. This tremendous expense has been used by many a Governor in refusing to call a special session.

PROBLEMS—It now looks as if Governor Kerr Scott is almost certain to drive hard on at least one feature of the sales tax: the \$15 limit. He apparently wants no limit to the sales tax whatever. He may prove strong enough to get this through, but its removal will mean that thousands and thousands of dollars worth of various products will be bought outside North Carolina every month, with the State receiving no revenue from them whatever.

Matter of separation of the prison system from the State Highway Commission will engage the minds of the legislators considerably. They must also arrive at a decision as to where to get the money for new buildings and improvements for various State institutions. Requests in this bracket total a cool \$42,000,000.

There is also the problem of city streets. The State is being firmly asked to look after their maintenance and construction. If this is done, how much will it cost and where will we get the money? Questions which the 1951 Legislature must answer.

This Legislature will be faced, also, with two years of deficit spending. This year, the State will spend at least \$5,000,000 more than it takes in. Last year, the deficit ran around \$1,000,000. These amounts may seem large to the lay-

Voice of the People

Should a state law requiring the mechanical inspection of motor vehicles be enacted?
Felix Stovall: I am in favor of a WORKABLE inspection law, yes.
Bill Porter: Yes, I believe the state needs one for the sake of highway safety.

Frank Kirkpatrick: Yes, I think there ought to be such a law.
Fred Walston: The state should have a motor vehicle inspection law. The statistics on highway accidents have already proven the need for one.

Mrs. Carrie Hannah: Not if it would be like the law we had originally. We should have one, though, but it should be administered much differently from the former one. The original law was badly administered, there was too much red tape involved in the actual matter of getting your car through a mechanical inspection, and there was a great waste of state money.

Jimmy Williams: Absolutely.
Joe Casabella: Yes—provided it is enforced. But not like the one we had before.

Is it any wonder that W. Kerr Scott is called "good copy" by the newspaper folks? Of the 10 outstanding stories of 1950 in this State, he stomped, tiptoed, patted, and pigeon-toed between the lines in five of them. Thus went the old year in Tarheelia.

Rambling Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier
Coincidence plays a large part in our daily lives, yet it would be a tragic thing to convict a person on strictly circumstantial evidence. One of our staff completed a summary of certain items, on January 1, 1951, and was a bit surprised to find they totaled exactly 1951. Out of curiosity, he looked back on the previous year's total and whistled his astonishment. That total was 1950.

A tiny green leaf taking its life in its hands by appearing in public.
A lady told us of a funny incident the other day. She had suddenly decided to accompany her husband on a trip to Asheville, and as the weather was during our "ice-coated" period, she put on a heavy brown coat, pulled down a small brown hat on her head and sallied forth. As so often happens, even in the best regulated families, the appointed hour in which her husband was to stop by Ivey's and get her came and went...

There's many a slip 'twixt a and before they open the door.
The world looks like a place when viewed through cleaned windowpanes. Distant mountains loom forbidding, they suddenly warm and friendliness is much bluer and brighter. It might be an idea to get out the juggling materials and begin our minds as we start a brand new year ahead of us.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK
A DIAMOND IS MADE OF LUCIFER, A BRILLIANT PLASTIC. A REAL DIAMOND IS 100 TIMES HEAVIER THAN A DIAMOND.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS
Tremendous Strain Blamed For Caustic Truman Note
Labor-Management To Discuss Stability

WASHINGTON—Reports from the White House are that President Truman is repenting his angry, caustic letter to the union music critic Paul Hume for panning daughter Margaret.

Men close to the President explain that he has been laboring under extraordinary stress because of world crisis and that when he reached the House the morning after Margaret's comment read Hume's biting review, he simply exploded. The reports are that in commenting to friends about his impulsive letter, the President sounds somewhat apologetic and that his White House confidants are also hoping recent repercussions will dissuade him from sending any future vitriolic letters.

President Truman LABOR-MANAGEMENT PARLEY—The President expects the government to call a labor-management conference in Washington soon to discuss the stabilization of production.

Such a parley was held shortly after Pearl Harbor and a meeting seems to be in order now with the United States mobilization program being stepped up all along the line.

One of the main purposes of the labor-management session is to obtain the advance support of both groups to government wage controls and the projected voluntary price program prepared. In addition, the issue of a no-strike pledge probably will be presented to labor.

Union leaders are expected to assent to such a pledge if the cost of living will be stabilized. It is likely also that the conference would consider establishment of some type of procedure to handle labor disputes without stoppages in vital defense production. This job might be delegated by President Truman to the Stabilization Board headed by Cyrus S. Ching, although the latter feels it has no authority under the defense production act.

ROCKET REVERSE—The 3.5-inch bazooka rocket proved in destroying scores of tanks in Korea, but the same weapon lost a lot of battles for the allies in the future.

The large bazooka has now been given to the Communists, and there are a number of reasons why it may prove useful to Russia and China rather than to the United States. The main reason is that the two-man rocket weapon is cheap to manufacture, and thus ideally suited for the armament of countries where populations are huge and manufacturing limited. Ironically, the Russians had the 2.56-inch bazooka in World War II and thought it was not any good.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Answer: It is a severe one, writes Dr. Edmund Bergler. The immediate cause of being bored is lack of imagination. The chronically bored person inhibited his imagination to repress his tendency to speculate about things "a nice child should not think about." But without imagination, he can see no possibilities of interest or pleasure in life, so that everything and everyone bores him. You can always reassure your conscience that you do not entertain forbidden wishes if there's nothing that you want.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

powers of adjustment. His happiness and his usefulness both depend on his being encouraged to "concentrate on his assets rather than his liabilities," as Dr. Morton A. Seidenfeld expresses it. "He can make for himself a good life, with extra dividends of strength of character," if everyone "treats him like a person, not a cripple."

Do children learn mainly through words?
Answer: No, say Drs. Milton I. Levine and Reuel J. Howe in the Journal of Pastoral Care. It is during the first six years of life that a child's character is mainly formed, and the decisive factor in making him truly "human" is not the words or ideas that he is taught, but his relationships with other people, starting from the hour of his birth. A child learns to love by being loved, to give by receiving, and to manage his aggressive impulses by having them accepted as natural by those who love and understand him.

Does "polio" affect the mind?
Answer: Tests show that it does not affect the intelligence appreciably and it certainly does not lead to insanity. But it is an emotional shock that makes very great demands on the victim's

HE MAY GET HIS WISH! JUST COUNT ME OUT IF I CAN'T HAVE MY WAY! PLEA TO JOIN IN THE MILITARY DEFENSE OF EUROPE