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Strong Determination

When a group of citizens set out to do a job, there is no such word as "can't". The first of December, the 55 members of the Waynesville Rotary Club decided to put themselves to a test, and have five consecutive meetings with every member attending.

During the five-week period, every member attended a Rotary meeting once a week. There was one exception where a member was in the hospital, but that was excusable.

It just goes to show that civic leaders and business men can attain any goal which they set for themselves to attain—provided there is sufficient will-power. And in the case of the Rotarians, there was plenty of will-power.

New Drivers License

Four years have rolled around since the State of North Carolina began issuing the first of a series of general drivers' licenses since 1935.

It was back in 1946 that all persons whose names began with A and B had to take an examination for a new license. Now those persons renew their licenses within 30 days of their birthday, this year.

Failure to do so can mean expensive complications when "caught." And don't think for a moment that the "catching" will be too hard—the files in Raleigh show the date of renewal, date of birthday, and also when you apply for renewal this year. The records are there, and it is just a matter of looking at the automatic records to determine the status of every motorist in the state.

A check on drivers' license now might save a lot of embarrassment later.

Results Same

Out there in the sticks, people just protest against something they don't like and let it go at that. In Washington they appoint a committee to investigate it. Most of the time the results are the same.—Bonduel (Wisc.) Times

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Will "striving to please" make people like you?

Answer: Not necessarily. A genuine interest in making other people happy will unquestionably tend to make them like you. But "breaking your neck to please them" is more apt to have the opposite effect. For one thing the feeling that they are taking advantage of you will make them uncomfortable. But what's even more important, you can't help resenting the fact that (as you suppose) you have to pay so high a price for their good will. And try as you may to hide it, your resentment will be bound to seep through, somehow.



Do normal people need "escapes"?

Answer: Certainly. It is everyone's task to "adjust himself to reality," but no one can do this twenty-four hours a day without frustrating his natural instincts to a dangerous degree. The most complete "escape" is, of course,

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sleep, but there are others which should not be sneered at. And who? they all have in common is to let us gratify primitive wishes in imagination without the risks doing so in real life would involve. At the movies, for example, you can fight—or love—vicariously and suffer no painful consequences.



Do "achievement tests" show whether a child is loved?

Answer: Yes, reports psychologist Henry Feinberg in the Journal of Genetic Psychology. The results of an achievement test given to fifty girls and fifty boys living in friendly foster homes were compared with those of children from an institution for the maladjusted. Except for arithmetical reasoning, the foster children made a better showing in all subjects, though they averaged considerably younger. The frustration of a child's need for love and affection can be detected from his "pattern of performance" in anything he does.

Haywood's Challenge

The National Polio Foundation has figured that a fair and just amount to ask Haywood to contribute this year is \$15,200.

The amount is just a few hundred dollars above the request of this time last year.

Since the last March of Dimes drive, there have been 19 Haywood citizens which suffered acute attacks of polio. Each of these have been given special treatment and care through the facilities sponsored by the National Foundation.

The story of the wonderful work of the Orthopedic Home is known—perhaps not as much is known by the general public as should be—but those who have been there testify for the fact that the care and treatment is tops.

Haywood citizens are familiar with the devastating results of polio. Hardly a person in the county but what has had a friend or relative to suffer from this dreaded disease. Thanks to medical science, the patients respond to treatment, and many overcome the attacks in the entirety.

The people of Haywood readily realize the need for the money asked to fight polio. For that reason, we are confident that the result will be gratifying, and the modest goal reached.

This is a critical year for polio; which means we must fight it from every angle, starting with our liberal donations now.

Fire Protection for Rural Areas

In many respects, Rutherfordton county is similar to Haywood. It has many thriving communities, a good agricultural back-log to a diversified industrial field.

Rutherfordton county has had under consideration for sometime the question of rural fire protection. In a recent editorial, The News, of Rutherfordton, had this to say on the matter, which we feel is of kindred interest here in Haywood:

The movement for the county to purchase two or three specially built fire trucks, to save property in rural areas, deserves careful consideration by the county officials. When a home, barn or outbuilding, in the rural areas is saved, it means more taxable property for the county, as well as property within the corporate limits of our towns. These fire trucks would pay for themselves in a year or two. They would help to reduce fire insurance rates.

When building materials are scarce and homes are in great demand, we should do all possible to save them. With good roads and telephones, firemen could soon reach most any section of the county.

The demonstration truck that was in Rutherfordton during the holidays carried 450 gallons of water with 800 pound pressure off two booster hose lines, each 250 ft. long. It had ladders, spot lights and all necessary equipment. It saved several rural buildings the week it was here and was useful in putting out grass fires. It would be a good investment for the County to levy a special small tax to buy about three of these trucks one to be located in Rutherfordton, one in Forest City and one in Caroleen, Henrietta, or Cliffside, if the proper arrangements can be made to house one in High Shoals township.

More Seeing The Park

Encouraging reports from Park headquarters that travel in the Smokies continues to show an increase. The travel year, starting in October, already shows a substantial increase over the same period of last year.

On this basis, the tourist business can anticipate a good spring and summer season.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Construction is started on the new junior high school building.

L. N. Davis buys interest of W. A. Bradley in the Bradley-Davis Insurance Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan were among those who heard Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa at the First Baptist Church in Asheville.

A new heating plant is being installed at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gwyn attend

5 YEARS AGO

Carolina Power and Light Company plans 25-mile extension of rural lines.

Miss Jane Klutz joins the staff of The Mountaineer as bookkeeper.

Miss Hattie Freeman is elected head of the Ruby Daniel Y.W.A.

T/5 Robert Hosaflook receives discharge from the armed forces.

Fred Ratcliffe opens electrical business in town.

Sims Tire and Battery Company celebrates fifth anniversary.



YOUR HONOR! — The sharply elevated portions of the House and Senate where sit the presiding officers and the clerks are all things to all men. Ministers who too frequently have sat as members of these august bodies have no doubt likened them to a pulpit. For want of a better word, some legislators refer to the dais or rostrum as the "stand". To most attorneys, it is similar to the judge's platform.

To Senator Rivers Johnson, veteran of Duplin, last week it seemed like something else. Since he is probably the oldest man in point of service in the Senate, he was given the honor of presiding over the caucus held to elect the president pro tem and the clerks. Everybody was in a gala mood, full of fun, and having a fine time.

Senator Grady Rankin, as all knew he would be, had just been elected president pro tem—assistant to Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, etc. Johnson called out from the stand to Senators J. Hamont Price of Leaksville and Junius Powell of Whiteville: "Escort our new president pro tem to the bar!"

Then glancing around him with a quizzical, Barrymoreish expression, he said in a stage whisper you could hear out in the yard: "At least it looks like a bar to me." The remark brought down the house, for all the lawyers had heard thousands of times that firm judicial command, "Sheriff, escort the prisoner to the bar!"

BUILDINGS — Indications are that the Legislature, is already beginning to look sharply in the direction of State building projects as it pulls out the long whittling knife on requests for more money. Although the State Fair annually brings into Raleigh more people than any dozen other events, The News and Observer here came out with an editorial last Friday saying that "in the same neighborhood as the site of the proposed coliseum is the Reynolds Coliseum at State College, a multi-million dollar structure designed for the same functions as envisioned for the one at the fairgrounds."

A resolution was introduced Monday night in the Senate directing that the Board of Agriculture not proceed with the construction of the coliseum at the fairgrounds. Several members of the Legislature seem ready to investigate last week's Budget Bureau action awarding contract for building the coliseum at a cost of around \$1,350,000. Since the money was appropriated by the Legislature of two years ago and since the contract has been let, the Legislature's

THEY'LL LEARN TO DRIVE

CHICAGO — More than 200,000 teenagers in the United States will learn how to drive in high school driver-training courses this year, the Chicago Motor Club estimated.

Voice of the People

Should the state of North Carolina replace the death sentence with life imprisonment as the supreme penalty for capital crimes?

Lynwood Grah: I sure do. I think it is entirely up to the Almighty to decide whether a man should live or die. But people convicted of capital crimes certainly should be separated from society for life.

E. J. Evans: Yes, in some cases. But death should remain as the penalty for conviction of first degree murder and criminal assault.

Carl Setzer: No. I think the death penalty prevents the commission of many capital crimes. If the death sentence were replaced by life imprisonment, I believe that more and worse capital felonies would be committed.

Joe Murrill: I believe the death sentence should remain for first degree murder and first degree burglary, and certain types of criminal assault. It also should be the penalty for arson when it is proven there was a willful intent to burn down a residence, when the crime is done at night and there are people sleeping in it. Death should be the penalty, in that case, whether the crime results in loss of life or not.

J. T. Russell: No. I don't. If a man has proven himself in the commission of a capital crime to be a menace to society, then he should not be permitted to live in society.

Rambling Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Little Johnny had reached the advanced age of three years and the age of discretion in knowing how to put on his shoes and tiny abbreviated trousers. But one day, his course of action became confused and he ran to his mother with his shoes on the wrong pedal extremities and his trousers in reverse. Gazing ruefully at the state of affairs, he asked plaintively: "Mommie, am I better to sit down or bend over?"

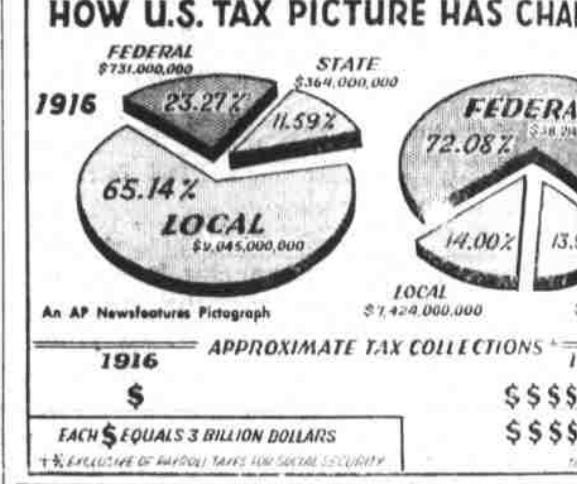
How small a worry would become if we would carefully dissect it before it grew up.

He was a nice looking old gentleman and was intently reading the paper when we took the seat next to him at the counter in the cafe. After a few minutes, he passed the paper to us saying: "The news seems to be practically what it was yesterday. Too bad!" and he walked away. We picked up the paper, glanced at the date line and smiled: It was yesterday's paper!

What a wonderful companion and comfort Memory can be.

Have you noticed that "thickening" on the aspen trees? There is a particular trait about these trees that we have never noticed in any other of the trees around here. Along about the time the full effects of winter are with us, the aspen trees put out a full supply of pod-like attachments, and we begin to perk up thinking that Spring must be lurking near-by. But, alas, the March winds come

You realize how must weigh when weight lifted off you



Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

No Lend-Lease Program For Immediate Future? Defeated Senate May Become Law

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Thus far in the defense mobilization nothing similar to World War II's Lend-Lease program has been introduced by administration officials and apparently nothing considered along such lines in the immediate future.

While Washington is watching an organizational growth of the World War II pattern of controls, production bottlenecks, power shortages and other problems, Lend-Lease hasn't official appearance.

The nearest thing to it is the present assistance program by which the United States supplies limited quantities of military to North Atlantic Pact Allies.

World War II Lend-Lease was more than this however inasmuch as the program resulted in the shipment of clothing, industrial equipment, ships, railroads and every conceivable item.

Officials concede that should a military build-up of our Allies be required, Lend-Lease may become necessary.

They point out that to mobilize the production potential of such countries as France, it would be necessary to provide with food, clothing, shipping and industrial equipment to stabilize their domestic economy and the burden of military output.

However, in the light of mistakes attributed to the Lend-Lease program in the last conflict, the administration and Congress are tending to a "go-slow, wait-and-see" attitude to such a vast program.

Only in the event of an all-out war with Russia and the world would they favor reinstating the supply program.

NEW PARTY CHIEF?—Capitol cloakroom sources are strongly for Senator Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania for re-election by Gov. James Duff, stands a good chance of the next Democratic national chairman, succeeding present chief William Boyle.

It is anticipated that Boyle will retire shortly because of health and a strong faction of Democrats in Congress will land the post.

FLYING THE HUMP!



HERE'S HOPING!