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What's The Difference?

What was thought to have been "empty guns" claimed the lives of two young people in North Carolina last week-end.
The bride of a State College student was instantly killed when she sat in the lap of her husband as he was cleaning a pistol, which he did not think was loaded.
A few hours later, near North Wilkesboro, a young man in his early twenties, died instantly when the pistol went off as he and his 17-year-old girl friend were playing with the weapon.

Colds

A cold is something which an individual should keep to himself, advises "The Health Bulletin", publication of the State Board of Health.
But if there were no more colds than those which are passed from one person to another, little cold medicine would be sold.
Our observation has been that most colds are caused by carelessness. When you see a bald-headed man walking out in the cold air with his head shining like a peeled onion, is it any wonder that he has a cold within a few hours?
If a child comes out of a warm bathroom after a bath, wearing nothing but a pair of pajamas, and flirts about the house for fifteen to twenty minutes, is it any wonder that there will be pills and capsules to take?
The heated homes of today give a false sense of security, because at 72 degrees, the home is still cool enough to start colds if the body is subjected to sudden changes. And this is particularly true of the feet, which, along with the shoulders, seem to be fertile fields where colds are started.
Fewer colds will result if a little bit of common sense is used, but there seems to be a great dearth of it in many places.—Stanley News and Press.

The Inter-City Survey Commission

The two neighboring municipalities of Waynesville and Hazelwood can well look on the day when the six-man survey commission was named as being a good day's work.
There has been a definite need for an inter-city commission for a long time; and even more so in recent years.
The steady growth of the two towns has within itself created numerous problems. On the other hand, all phases of our government, like private business, is faced today with growing complications. And where there are numerous complications, there are just as many, or more misunderstandings. All of these add to the importance of the survey commission, and their work of making a careful, and impartial study of the mutual problems confronting the two towns.

The complete and final findings of fact by the commission should be given the people in straight and simple terms. The true facts belong to the people, and we are confident that the men who have been named as members of the survey commission are capable, and determined to fulfill this part of their civic obligation.
And right here let us say, that we know of no higher civic tribute that could be paid a man than to be called upon to serve on this inter-city survey commission. It is truly a very often the truth is disturbing. When one place of honor.
In seeking facts, we must bear in mind that goes to a physician seeking a true diagnosis, it is often that the report is a disturbing one, and perhaps worse than had been anticipated. On the other hand, we must be assured that it is best to have the true facts, rather than go along in a complacent manner, feeling and hoping that everything is satisfactory.
The Mountaineer has felt for a long time that such a course as naming an active inter-city survey commission would be the first step towards the solution of many problems confronting the two towns.
We further feel that the commission would be wise in immediately naming a non-resident of the two towns as the seventh member.
There is no question as to the progressiveness of our community, and in our opinion there is no question but what we have taken a great step forward in solving satisfactorily the increasing number of inter-city problems.

27 States Ratify Proposed 22nd Amendment

Sponsors of the proposed 22nd constitutional amendment, which would limit the term of office of presidents to two terms, are putting in a lot of long hours staging an educational program favoring their bill.
To date, the measure has been ratified by 2 states—and 36 are needed to make the measure legal.
Three southern states have joined the strong mid-western and northeastern groups. The three southern states are Virginia, Mississippi, and Louisiana.
The sponsors are aiming their guns on the State Legislature now in session, in an effort to get them to take favorable action before adjournment. The plea is made that the plan is non-partisan.

Too Many Drunken Drivers

The Haywood Court records show that there are 42 cases against persons charged with driving while drunk. All 42 cases are on the current docket of the court.
This is a serious matter, and a higher ratio than most people might imagine for this county.
A drunken driver is a dangerous person—and the quicker people who insist upon driving and drinking learn that there is a severe penalty—until then we will keep right on having an unusual large number of such cases.

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hado



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Haywood veterans plan to put bonus in real estate.
R N Barber returns from a trip through several Southern States, says business men are more optimistic this year.
Board of commissioners order telephone be re-installed in the county agent's office.
Dr. S. P. Gay and Dr. R. H. Stretcher discuss the need of a modern hotel here.
F. R. McGovern, forester, reports over 300 different kinds of trees already found in the Smoky Mountains Park.
10 YEARS AGO
Town of Waynesville purchases property on corner of Main and East Streets with the idea of building a city hall.
Dudley Moore tells Lions of his nine trips around the world while serving with the Merchant Marines.
Mrs. Rufus Siler gives large contract party honoring Mrs. J. B. Siler, a recent bride.
Miss Sarah Louise Leatherwood, student at Peace Junior College, attends mid-winter dances at Davidson College.
5 YEARS AGO
Charles E. Ray is named a director of the North Carolina Travel Council, Inc.
Cpl. Jack Edwards called wife over the telephone from Rome.
Mrs. Grover Davis talks to nephew, Pfc. William Charles McCrary, in Rome, Italy.
Major and Mrs. J. D. Jones leave for Boston where the former will enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mrs. Jones is the former Miss Louise Stringfield.



THE VISITORS—A casual visit or around legislative halls last week was one William B. Umstead of Durham. "There goes our next Governor," said whisperers in his wake. Maybe so, but he was quiet and modest with his smiles, handshakes, and general demeanor. In robust health, he looked as if he might be able to carry on a vigorous campaign if necessary.
His greeters seemed about evenly divided between the conservatives of both houses and those who are regarded as making up the more liberal element of the Legislature.
POLITICS—It is only natural that politics should be discussed wherever one or more legislators are gathered together in idle gossip. Consequently, you can hear almost anything around here: that Kerr Scott is taking it easy with the Legislature in order to muster strength for a run against Senator Willis Smith in 1954 and that Hubert Olive of Lexington is being supported by some money men as a candidate for Governor in 1952.
They say that Roy Rowe of Burgaw will run for Lieutenant Governor in 1952, and that Vivian Whitfield, also of Burgaw, will run if Rowe does. Rowe is a former State Senator. Whitfield is a prominent member of the Legislature in the House. Rowe has told some of his friends that he is a definite candidate.
J. E. Pittman of Sanford, formerly in the State Senate, is said to have a covetous eye on the job now held by Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor of Wadeboro. The same holds true for Ralph Monger, also of Sanford, who is the veteran reading clerk of the House of Representatives here.
Thus you witness Sanford and Burgaw having something of a corner so far on the candidacy for Lieutenant Governor.
A fellow who isn't being mentioned, but who may also be a candidate is John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Larkins is destined for bigger things we think.
Further information on these and other candidates must await the holding of the Jackson-Jefferson Day Dinner here in February.

Voice of the People

Do you approve of the bill which would prohibit the sale of concentrated lye in North Carolina?
Mrs. Bill Hembre: "No, I don't because it has so many uses. I think it is the responsibility of the housekeeper to see that lye is used properly and kept out of reach of children."
Miss Mary Cornwell: "I think a law of that kind would prevent a lot of accidents that have caused tragedies in our State. However, I think provisions should be made to make lye available for some household needs."
Mrs. Glenn Palmer: "Yes, I certainly do, because so many people are injured with it. If lye were available only where absolutely necessary, people would become more aware of its dangers and exercise more caution in using it."
Mrs. F. L. Safford: "Yes I do, because lye has caused many a death. I think the law would be a good idea."
Mrs. Thurman Davis: "I don't think I do, because lye has so many uses about the home and dairy barns. I think individuals should be responsible for exercising caution in their own homes."
Mrs. Ernest Chambers: "A law of that kind would have its advantages and its disadvantages. There are many people who still use a lot of lye on their farms; however, it can be a dangerous thing about the house. I think..."

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier
We are deeply indebted to Mrs. R. H. Blackwell for the gift of a most unusual calendar. Each daily page contains, besides the usual date, moon changes, etc., several fine quotations from famous and celebrated personages and writers, philosophers and critics. We will use this calendar as a daily reminder of the friendliness that still lives in this world despite the chaos that surrounds us.
When sudden success goes to one's head, you can depend upon it that it will not be crowded.
Two ladies were discussing the servant question, and both were desperate. "I cannot find a maid who will serve correctly," complained Mrs. A. "I had guests the other night," she continued, "and my maid put a dish down so heavily that the contents spilled on the tablecloth." Mrs. B. smiled; "I know what you mean. But I can outdo that. I had guests, too, one evening and had told my maid we would have canned peaches with whipped cream. My maid brought in the canned peaches all right... still in the can and handed me the can opener."
When you hear an unkind remark made about some one, stop and figure what lies behind it, and nine times out of ten you'll find that fear holds the whip-hand.
They had been neighbors and friends throughout the of their lives; but the a golden-haired girl in caused the first taste of Soon they passed each other speaking, and the This went on for a week. This one afternoon he over his back fence and say, "Say, I'm tired ing friends. Let's forget do you say?" to which she walked out on you, she?"
Common sense usually solidly on its two feet.
Easter comes so early that many a feminine to have chattering teeth ten elegance. It is awful wear a heavy coat with chapeau and a corsage roses, and who of us foreg a new hat for E read that the date this only be exceeded by the earliest that Easter is is March 23rd. We can member the old saying ter is the first Sunday first full moon after the March." But who know the day will bloom first much warmth and best wardrobe planned for the day.
When Today becomes day, remember only things that happened

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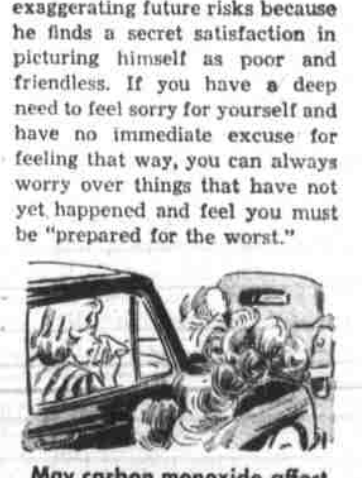
MARCH OF EVENTS
Foresee Battle in Congress Over Draft of 18-year-olds
Pentagon, Law May Find Comp
Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—The pending Defense department proposal to draft 18-year-olds for possible combat duty is raising a bitter fight in Congress and there is a distinct possibility it may not be granted.
This age group was drafted during World War II but well after Pearl Harbor and after the fighting had drained on the remaining manpower pool.
There has always been tremendous opposition in Congress to calling up boys of 18 and no indication that this opinion has abated. On the other hand, the Pentagon feels that the 18-19 age bracket make the best soldiers.
As usual, there is talk of a compromise proposal would make the draft applicable as they reach the age of 18½ years with the provision that they would be trained for six after induction before assignment to combat.
At present, 17-year-olds must register, but are not subject to military duty until they come 19.
The proposal being drafted by the Defense department seeks to meet one major point of contention by deferring youths 18 years of age until they finish high school. But once a man is 19, the military thinks he should be whether he has completed high school or not.
WINTER WONDERLAND—The creation of numerous overlapping federal agencies has produced a state of confusion distinctly reminiscent of World War II in the minds of many. In the maze of alphabetical agencies and bureaus, there once again the question of authority over certain phases of the war effort. General administrative problems are more complex and sweeping nature of plans necessary to mobilization of 150 million plus.
However, many officials feel that the same mistake of World War II is being made all over again. That is, they say there is delineation of lines of authority.
For example, there's some doubt about where the powers of the Resources Board Chairman Stuart Symington end and Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson begin. Theoretically, Symington's superior but it may not work out that way in practice.
One explanation is that Symington formulates policy and directs the administration of policy. Many officials feel that policy-making and administration should be delegated to one man or two.
COMMON VIEW—On one highly important point Senators A. Taft (R), Ohio, and administration leaders are in agreement is on the additional amount of money that can be raised by Taft says present taxes will yield about \$51 billion a year. mates it would take another \$14 billion to finance his proposed \$65 billion annual sea-air defense budget on a pay-as-you-go basis. Taft says this is "about the limit" to be obtained by further tax increases.
The GOP leader insists that a \$75 billion budget for the 1952 fiscal year would have to be partly financed by new taxes.
Administration fiscal officials admit that a budget of that could not be financed out of taxes. They also concede that it difficult to raise much more than \$10 billion by new tax

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should we change our attitude toward crime?
Answer: Yes, says Dr. Richard L. Jenkins, head of the Research Section of the Veterans Administration. The psychiatrist who is called to court as a witness finds that both "guilt" and "responsibility" have very different meanings up law from those he attaches to them. Our laws should embody a social philosophy which sees the criminal's need as rehabilitation, not as punishment. It is better for society to convert offenders into law-abiding citizens than to spend millions on keeping them locked up.
Do hoarders like to suffer?
Answer: Yes—at least, unconsciously—writes Dr. Edmund Bergier in the Psychoanalytic Review. A person who buys more than he can use, or will not use what he has because he must "save it for a rainy day" may be

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



May carbon monoxide affect the intelligence?
Answer: Yes, says Dr. Milton B. Jensen of the School of Aviation Medicine. He describes the permanent mental deterioration of a young man who attempted suicide by inhaling carbon monoxide. In nine years after his attempt failed, his I.Q. dropped from an estimated 125 to 78, and although he was no longer hostile or emotionally disturbed, he took little interest in anything and was able to do only manual labor. This is an exceptional case, but points out the precautions you should take if you are exposed to this poison.

DANGEROUS 'MINES'!

