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The Next Phase Of Rural Road Building.

According to the latest official records, Haywood has a balance in the rural road program of \$1,100,000. It is this balance that will be discussed here Saturday between Highway officials and representatives from every township in the county.

Thus far, and again we quote the record, about \$800,000 (in round figures) have been spent on Haywood's rural roads out of the bond money. Under the allocation of the funds, Haywood was to receive \$1,892,000.

According to this, Haywood is not yet half through with the rural road program, as far as costs are concerned. Unless the second half cost a lot more than the first, then practically every major rural road in the county should have a good surface before the current program is finished.

The meeting here Saturday is an important one. At this meeting, the future plans for the road program will be determined, and it goes without saying, that the last half should have just as much thought and planning as the first.

One Drink For Driving Is Too Many

Judge Rousseau's statement in his charge to the Grand Jury regarding drinking motorists who drive brought the approval of every law-enforcement officer in the court room. Judge Rousseau pointed out that a driver under the influence of an intoxicant was more dangerous than a drunken driver.

The jurist said that a driver who takes the wheel after having a drink or two might have his mind "quickened," but when it comes to making quick use of his muscles, the motorist finds he cannot measure up to the occasion, and in those lost seconds, there will be the difference between life and death as the crash takes place.

The drunken driver, it was pointed out, is not capable of thinking, and will not get too far along the highway, without leaving the road.

Many motorists feel that just a drink or two is not enough to keep them from taking the wheel and driving. According to the officers and the judge, one drink is too many. And the sooner the motorists learn this, the better off the nation will be.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Will you have a happy marriage if you elope?

Answer: In the language of sport, you will "have two strikes against you," though that need not mean you're sure to "strike out." The main value of a marriage ceremony is that it expresses the approval of your union by society, and above all by your parents, and this at least helps alleviate the sense of guilt which most young people feel at claiming the prerogatives of adults.

Does discontent foster prejudices?

Answer: Yes, say Drs. Bruno Bettelheim and Morris Janowitz of the University of Chicago. Interviews of from four to seven hours with 150 veterans living in Chicago led to the conclusion that intolerance of other races and re-

Schools Threatened

The people of North Carolina cannot afford to take lightly the warning of the State Board of Education that the schools of this State face disaster unless the General Assembly increase substantially the appropriations recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission.

The State Board of Education has demonstrated time and time again that it is a very conservative body. The last demonstration was in its recommendations for the budget for the 1951-53 biennium, for which the present General Assembly will appropriate.

The Board of Education asked for 169 more teachers for the 1951-52 school year and 730 for the 1952-53 year in order not to increase the present teaching load which is, without exception, the highest for any State in the entire United States.

The budget commission made provision for only 30 of the 169 additional teachers requested for next year and for only 77 of the 730 requested for the following year.

Now actual figures on the daily attendance for the first months of the 1950-51 school year are available and these figures show that the board's requests were far too conservative. Instead of the 169 teachers originally requested or the 30 allotted by the Budget Commission, the actual need for next year is 558 additional teachers. And the following year (when the record breaking number of births in 1949 will first be reflected in school attendance) the actual need will be 1,684 in contrast to the 77 allotted by the Budget Commission and the 730 originally requested.

When it is remembered that none of the above figures contemplate reduction of the outrageously high teacher load, but merely the retention of that already inexcusably high ratio of students per teacher, the importance of this matter is easily seen.

Provisions of enough teachers to maintain the present meagerly standard is only a part of the picture.

The Board of Education points out that the appropriation recommended by the Budget Commission is similarly adequate in almost every detail. There will not be enough buses to haul the children, not enough drivers to man the buses and not enough money to operate the buses the entire school year. There were also arbitrary cuts in such essential items as fuel for the school buildings.

On top of all that, it is proposed that teachers take a ten per cent cut in their present salaries.

The State Board of Education again demonstrated its conservatism when it said: "It will be utterly impossible to operate the schools on their present levels; it may even be impossible to avert a disastrous deterioration in the State school system."

The North Carolina public schools need improvement. The least the General Assembly can be expected to do is to maintain present low levels.—Raleigh News and Observer.

No Objections When Getting Value Received

The general reaction here to the prospects to even higher taxes, as announced the first of the week, is that the citizens will expect more "value received from those who are paid out of these taxes."

This was the gist of the remarks heard in the rural areas of Haywood soon after the announcement was made.

Not a single person even hinted at not being willing to pay their part of the needed defense bill. The adverse reaction was in regards to the apparent waste, and high salaries of many a federal employe.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

Religion is strongest in men who feel themselves deprived of their rights, are on the down grade socially, and are worried and emotionally unstable. The effect of films attacking prejudice is largely undone by the discontent they arouse through picturing ways of living which most spectators cannot afford.

Do chronic headaches show a "personality disorder"? Answer: Migraine headaches do, at any rate, says Dr. Otto Fenichel. Patients suffering from migraine show "marked emotional instability. They are easily frightened or depressed, are always ready to accept blame, have sexual inhibitions, and frequently an intense attachment to their parents."

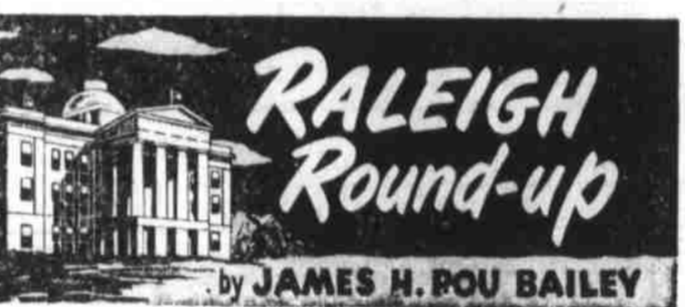
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They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO William Ray, John Murphy, and Miss Jean Morrison are among the thirty students of the University of North Carolina making the honor roll. Miss Frances Dunn, daughter of Mrs. C. B. Atkinson, leaves for Nashville, Tennessee, to enter the general hospital there for a nursing course. Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Stretcher returned to their home this week after visiting friends while their house was repaired following damage done by fire.



LIFESAVING MEASURE About three years ago a former member of the Legislature happened to be passing through Raleigh and decided to visit old haunts around the Capitol where he had passed many joyous hours. He walked up the long flight of stairs to the hall of the House, looked around quietly, chatted softly with relatives he had brought with him. He then went directly to the seat he had once occupied, sat there for two or three moments rethinking in his mind's eye interesting legislative events. Suddenly he felt a sharp pain in his chest. He was rushed to the hospital and died within a short time.

This passed away former Representative J. T. Bailey of Haywood County. Other members of the Legislature, including Senator Rivers Johnson of Duplin and the late Tom Long of Halifax have at one time or another pointed accusing fingers at Capitol staircases. The death of Long was attributed to his legislative climbs, and Johnson once spent several weeks in a hospital. He said the stairs did it.

Of course, there is Veteran Raleigh Newspaperman Tom Bost, who apparently takes pleasure in doing the light fantastic combined with a Fred Astaire rat-a-tat toe dance up and down the stairs several times a day. He has suffered no ill effects, looking 50 at 70. This proves nothing, for in 1944 when he was attending the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, he found his room on the twenty-third floor of Stevens Hotel. Just for the fun of it—couldn't have been anything else, for he never touches cigarettes or alcohol—Tom Bost decided he would walk to his room, which he did very successfully.

So, both houses of the General Assembly, the Senate unanimously, voted last week to install an elevator in the Capitol, Cousin Wayland Spruill said that since the State now has two elevators for crows that the folks in the Capitol ought to have one.

INDOOR RALEIGH—Within a year it should be possible for a little better than one-third of the population of Raleigh to attend State Fair and State College events without fear of rain, snow, sleet, or hot weather. As Government prospers, centralizes and expands, folks living in

NOT WELCOME BACK

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — Joe Valdez, owner of a barbecue stand pushed open a door to yell at his lone departing customer, "Thank you. Come back." A few minutes later the cashier, Jeff Gossard, told Valdez the customer had held him up and left with \$234.95.

By Jimmy Hatlo



Letters to the Editor

Editor The Mountaineer: Today I received a package from home, and inside was a copy of The Mountaineer. The issue recalled to my mind memories of places and things that only a home town newspaper can bring. I am and have been serving with the 24th Infantry Division since the armed aggression was started in Korea. After reading your December 4th edition, I decided I would write you to see if I could subscribe for the Mountaineer, as you probably know, a home town newspaper is definitely a morale builder. Mr. Editor, I know this is not

Voice of the People

What do you consider the most pressing need of the Girl Scout program at this time? (This question answered by members of the Hazelwood-Waynesville Girl Scout Council.) Mrs. Richard Barber, Jr.: "As but chairman I can mention many needs at The Hut—such as pots and pans and equipment for arts and crafts. We also need two new flags—a U. S. Flag and a Girl Scout flag—a screen and projector to be used in the visual education program of Girl Scouting—and more chairs for comfort."

Mrs. Dan Watkins: "We need more leaders to take care of the waiting list of girls who would like to become Scouts and more assistants for the troops already organized."

Mrs. Jonathan Woody: "We need a guaranteed yearly fund for the Girl Scout program so that we may have an established budget to carry out our plans."

Mrs. Howard Hyatt: "My term as president of the council expires next month and as yet we have not been able to find a volunteer to take over the work. We need a new president."

Mrs. George Bischoff: "We need adults to teach the girls specialized skills and to help them attain their proficiency badges."

Mrs. Bill Prevost: "We need training courses for leaders."

Miss Alice Fincher: "We need the co-operation of parents in plan-

Rambling Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

She was as dainty a young lady as one would meet in many a day, and she was trying desperately to stay awake and listen to the services. But three years old is just a bit too little to expect strict attention to words and music. We watched her as she slowly and carefully drew her mother's fur neck-piece along the pew, curled it into a pillow and curled herself down in its warm embrace.

Long slivers of pastel clouds piercing the eastern sky so the sun can appear. They are a most charming young married couple but they are living in a world of unrest so, naturally, they have differences. But this was the first real quarrel and it had reached the tear-stage with the bride. "The trouble with you," she sobbed, "is that you are too sure of me." He looked at her thoughtfully for a second or two and then slowly spoke: "Well, why shouldn't I be?" and the quarrel ended right there.

The difference between "here" and "there" is the letter "t". He was naturally of a very bashful nature and often suffered untold agony over incidents that would have gone unnoticed had he not brought them to the attention of others by his embarrassment. He was well liked by his fellow workers in his new place of employment and they decided to

show their friendship to him by luncheon in a room as they were leaving for the office for some time and the others told him as they would go ahead and allowed hurriedly, all right to the wrong restaurant. He waited. He probably would yet if his hosts hadn't scouting party... him. He still doesn't know what he ate for lunch and still apologizes.

Heard in passing: "I went but once and I like him since." Little Mary had been very carefully while she read an article to her Jennie. It was telling what was proper to be fingers... and what was right at dinner, Mary's face was full of difficulty and asked with trouble. Between sputtered: "I've gotten chicken bone in my I'm afraid to use a fork out... and the lady's bones should never be fingers." She hesitated went on: "Unless you are an and Mommie, this nic."

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each his ex-wife, Juliet and each other of striking. There's an angle that even Shakespeare overlooked. Psychiatrist says that ways leads to failure. To the in the Kremlin; Please say. Zadok Dumkopf says the first year in which he break a single New Year's tion. He didn't make any. The bagpipe, we read, introduced into the British by the Roman legions. He constituted Julius Caesar's secret weapon.

You're Telling Me

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

FIRST it's the Stone of Scone and, now, the bronze sword of a London statue of Britannia has been swiped. As Sherlock Holmes might have said: "It's a monumental case, my dear Watson."

Three of four wildcat "oil wells," statistics show, are dry. In other words, the idea to drill 'em was all wet.

The king of Nepal, ousted in November, is to get his job back again. Wonder if he'll be docked for absenteeism. In Detroit a man named Romeo

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1. Pant, 2. Macaw, 23. Naval officers of highest rank, 9. Verbal, 4. Excuses, 26. Still, 10. Glass part of a window, 5. Mineral spring, 28. Steal, 11. Reptile, 6. Thermal units, 30. Valuable fur, 12. Solitary, 7. Positive terminal sun god (Egypt), 14. Public notice, 8. Doctrine, 34. Exclamation, 15. Organ of hearing, 11. Wise men (Eur.), 13. Before fabric, 36. River (Eur.), 17. River (Ger.), 16. Twilled fabric, 38. Passageway between seats, 18. Sailor (slang), 19. Storage place, 21. Black gull, 24. Hawaiian food, 25. Covered with sand, 27. Great masses of ice, 31. Encouraged, 33. Short-billed rail, 34. Expected, 35. Apron top, 39. One who inherits, 40. Swablike implement, 42. Any powerful deity, 43. Province, NE India, 45. Artless, 47. Girl's name, 48. Measure of land, 49. Pause, 50. Peruse, DOWN 1. Kind of boat (Venice)

