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Pictorial Editorial



This sign, about three feet square, is nailed on a large tree, beside a road not too far from Waynesville. It is easy to understand what is meant by the message, although the spelling is not exactly according to Webster. The photographer who made this picture has witnessed that the sign still exists, and is just a few feet from a road. This is further proof that more attention should be given to the subject of spelling.

Spellbound

The Gastonia Gazette, following a similar line of thought expressed in these columns not too long ago, finds a definite need for more attention to be given spelling. The Gazette in an editorial pointed out:

Charles A. Dana, famed editor of The New York Sun, always gave a spelling test to applicants for reportorial jobs. It consisted of this sentence:

"It is disagreeable to witness the unparalleled embarrassment of a harassed peddler gauging the symmetry of a peeled pair."

Perhaps some of you school teachers would like to give your pupils that test; better still, why don't some of you principals give the test to your teachers?

Newspaper editors probably see the most flagrantly misspelled words. Everything "from soup to nuts," so to speak, is misspelled in copy which is submitted for publication.

Spelling is no longer considered important in our schools. The children learn to read by sight—not by vowels or syllables or the ABCs. First graders depend mostly upon memory for their reading.

We've no doubt that this is a tried and true method and that our public school instructors know what they're doing. But it remains that our boys and girls are sadly lacking in an elementary knowledge of spelling.

About the only working class which must practice good spelling consistently is the stenographic corps. And many of these girls would be lost without their handy copy of Webster's.

Newspapers have sad experiences not only with high school graduates but those with college degrees too. It seems that no one is required to spell, or for that matter, to write a legible hand.

Of course, we are in the machine age and a legible hand isn't as important as it once was. But we've got several typewriters in our business offices that can't spell a whit!

Bad News Goes Far

Eastern Carolina is much disturbed over the fact that out of fifty men recently sent for an Army examination, that only six passed the test.

The chairman said that heretofore the ratio of rejections had been better than fifty per cent.

The fifty per cent group did not get much publicity; while the 12 per cent group has caused headline after headline. So it goes.

They'll Do It Every Time

GOOD OL' MOM SLAVES DAY IN, ETC., GROOMING THE CHICKENS WITHOUT AS MUCH AS A KIND WORD FROM POP...



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT WHO GIVES EVERYTHING AWAY AND TAKES ALL THE BOWS? ASK MOM... SHE KNOWS!!



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Charles E. Ray is re-elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

W. Tom Rainer is named sales manager of Watkins Chevrolet Company.

Waynesville High girls win Blue Ridge Basketball Tournament.

Mrs. John M. Queen gives all-day rug-hooking party.

10 YEARS AGO Walter Francis opens new grocery store on Church Street.

Mrs. Dewey Hyatt is named president of the Haywood County Parent-Teacher Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alexander of Cataloochee Ranch leave for Venice, Florida for a vacation.

Charles Messer has party for kindergarten class on his sixth birthday.

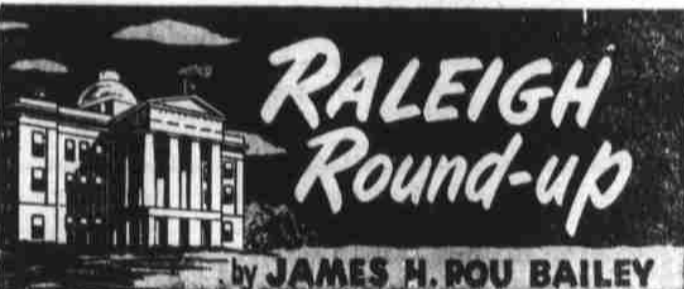
Miss Alma Jackson, Junior of Western Carolina Teachers College, sings on college program.

5 YEARS AGO Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patrick start construction of a 10-unit tourist court.

U. William Ray returns home on terminal leave.

John James and son, Glen James, purchase Walnut Cove Farm on Jonathan Creek from Mrs. Joe Gill.

Harold Masie is discharged from the Army Air Force and returns home.



JUST FERTILIZER—Consideration last week of a bill which would require motorists convicted of speeding to have governors placed on their cars and thus keep the speed to a maximum of 50 miles an hour brought up the yarn about the colored man who was on his way from Lumberton to Whiteville.

He was clipping along in his pickup truck at around 65 miles an hour when he heard what he described later as the "sireen of the gray goose." It was the patrolman—or petroleum, as some people refer to him—and he pulled up beside the truck and asked the driver if he knew how much speed he was making. No, boss, he didn't. "Have you got a governor on your truck?" "No siree, Boss, that's just a load of fertilizer."

TOSSING IT AROUND—This story was tossed around last week as if it was new and they were having a big time with it. As a matter of fact, the yarn was getting plenty of laughs several years ago when Senator Clyde R. Hoey was Governor. In fact, he seemed to get a big kick out of telling it on himself.

TAKING IT EASY—A legislative measure which would change the senatorial representation in the State does not seem to be making too much headway. This General Assembly has matters of more importance to consider, thus the bill may be delayed out of existence. However, sooner or later a reapportionment may be effected. The Mecklenburg Senator represents 196,000 people; the Guilford Senator, 190,000; and the Forsyth Senator, 150,000. Senators from the more populous counties represent 100,000 people or more.

In the eastern and far western counties, the senators represent around 50,000 people each. It is proposed that there be a redistricting, with three or four of the big counties having two senators each, and enlarging some of the senatorial districts in the less populous areas.

This looks good on paper. However, the less populous counties are in the majority and their senators happen to be among the most able in the Legislature. That's why you are not likely soon to see any drastic rearrangement of senatorial districts.

REPORT—The sub-committee named to make recommendations to the Joint Appropriations Committee should be prepared to make its report by the latter part of next week. The Joint Finance Committee has lopped off the head of each attempt to raise any taxes. Its work may be completed within the next day or two.

As day follows day, it becomes more apparent that there will be no new taxes and no alteration in our present tax schedule. Estimated State income will probably be increased from \$146,000,000 to

\$156,000,000. This \$10,000,000 increase—\$20,000,000 for the biennium—should prove sufficient to help the teachers, the State employees including the Highway employees (who need assistance just as much or more than the teachers), and to give assistance to our more pressing social needs.

GOLF CURSES—Charles Parker is doing a good job for the State News Bureau, but one of his writers has no doubt had some trouble with sand traps and other hazards and handicaps of golfing. In one of the recent beautiful booklets on "Variety Vacationland," reference is made to the many beautiful golf courses in the Southern Pines-Pinehurst areas. In fact, the bulletin reports that probably no other area of that size in the United States has so many golf courses.

ALL MAKE 'EM—We all make our errors. When Senator Hoey was Governor, he decided to raise a window at the Mansion. The windows at the Governor's Mansion are about three times the size of that one right over there and the would-be lifter had a hard time with it. So hard, as a matter of fact, that the next morning the Raleigh News and Observer had a writeup to the effect that "Governor Hoey suffers hernia lifting widow at Mansion."

Greenland About six-sevenths of Greenland, world's largest island, is capped by an ice mass up to a mile and a half thick. If the ice cap were suddenly to melt, it would cause the oceans to overflow their present shores.

Voice of the People

What do you think of the proposed tax increase of 3 cents on a pack of cigarettes?

Edward Haney: "It wouldn't hurt me. I don't smoke. But from the standpoint of raising taxes, I don't think it is necessary."

Fred Jones: "I'm in favor of it. There are so many people who smoke who don't pay any other tax. I think everybody should help bear the tax burden."

J. C. Rose: "I think cigarettes are taxed enough. I'm not in favor of an increase."

Bill Ray: "It would make smoking pretty expensive."

Ralph Sumnerrow: "I guess we'll have to roll our own, if any more tax is put on cigarettes. If money were spent as wisely by the government as it is individually, we wouldn't need any more tax."

C. N. Allen: "I'm against a tax increase on cigarettes. I think we have enough."

Zeb Curtis: "I think we had better have tax on cigarettes than on food and other essentials."

Refrigerator Care The next time you clean your refrigerator use your electric vacuum cleaner and the attachments. Considerable dust and lint collect on the condensing coil and plate of the electric cord plug on the refrigerator for safety precautions while cleaning and remove all this dust and lint. Your refrigerator will operate much more efficiently.

FIBBER SOMEBODY'S CLOSET



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News—By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Well, did you attend to your Income Tax duties today? Now, for twelve months, you will be able to think of something else... and by the time the fifteenth of March rolls around again, so many important things can happen. Time has always had a way of carrying on as usual despite our frantic attempts to stem its advance or hurry its passing. Time and the weather are two important items that neither money nor politics can influence.

Spring fever is an ailment that is followed by a rash of sun burn.

Laughter is the oil that lubricates the machinery of every-day life. Somehow, a good laugh loosens up all the muscles of the mind and heart; the sun comes from behind a cloud of uncertainty and beams warm and soothing on ruffled spirits. People seem more friendly after a congenial ha-ha together; opinions that have varied have a way of becoming reconciled. Never was there a truer saying: "Laugh and the world laughs with you" and you know the rest. The quickest way in the world to reach isolation is to continually seat yourself beneath a weeping willow tree.

The passer-by stopped staring at his newly-acquired automobile. "Well, greeting addressed to owner, 'have you lost test yet?' And the other mournfully: 'Do you or er or sanity?'"

She was one of those enced but willing young offered her services during campaign. The card usual name, address, the word: "Remarks," card came in as follows: John Jones; Address; street; Remarks: Very ary.

As elusive as the was on the tip of your

The spring breeze green the branches on the shrub by the porch, and in the bright sun was weaving a web so delicate wondered how it with swaying of the branches worked, each intricate falling into its exact place make the pattern perfect yet some women say they even a straight seam.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Nevada Atom Tests for Soviet Russia's 'Benefit'? Reactor Can Create Faster Than It Can

WASHINGTON—There is strong conviction in Washington the series of atomic tests in Nevada recently may be conducted to serve notice on Russia of our atomic strength as to experiment on new A-bomb developments. Observers point out that the tests were publicized more the previous atomic blasts even though the Atomic Energy Commission clamped a security blackout on any of the details. It is by holding the tests in the continental States the AEC adopted a course which would lead to wide publication of the news. The AEC probably could have conducted experiments just as well in its Emeryville ground in the Pacific and kept them a secret until it chose to announce them. However, it may have been just what the Atomic mission wanted. The Nevada tests certainly demonstrate Russia and the world that we have plenty of bombs and are busy at work improving them.

Atomic Blast • ATOMIC MAGIC—In the midst of it all come up with its most sensational practical vice—the first electricity-producing atomic power plant. The commission's so-called "breeder" reactor, being built at Idaho, is nearly ready for unveiling. Engineers say its heat will generator big enough to keep a thousand light bulbs burning. Although experimental, the plant is bound to be successful cause it will produce more atomic fuel than it burns. It will be the closest approach to perpetual motion. What happens is that the "spare neutrons" produced in the process are captured to make more atoms radioactive and the use as fuel, and the amount of fuel thus created promises to be the amount burned. However, economic electricity from the atom is still a long off. The cost of the breeder is more than \$3 million and its operating costs will be high. Chemical processing of fuel is costly even it is created.

DEFENSE CONTRACT PROBE?—Do not look for any special probing by the House armed services committee into defense contracts. Something hot may turn up, but it will be more incidental. Reasons: Chairman Carl Vinson (D), Georgia, insisted on investigative powers and the \$50,000 appropriation for the order primarily to head off a move by some House members to fish a special investigating committee, which Vinson feared would too much of a publicity hunter. The committee's efforts will be chiefly preventive, more "watchdog" nature. There is no driving chairman who is crusade and to exploit any tasty morsels dealt up by investigators. The Senate war preparedness subcommittee under Chairman Johnson (D), Texas, is too far ahead and too deep into situation to lose the ball.

LATIN AMERICAN EMERGENCY—Latin America is being a strong fight to get protection from: United States control allocations. Most Americans do not realize it but controls here Latin America profoundly. During World War II the economic neighbor republics were put under terrific strain. Latin Americans are particularly worried about price controls. They fear that while their big exports to the United States will be controlled, the price of goods they buy from here will be allowed to rise. The results would be shortages and inflation. They fear allocations will not give fair consideration to their for economic development. They fear loans and United States development programs will be curtailed. Latin America wants guarantees on these and other matters. They have a strong bargaining point since Latin America is an increasingly important source of strategic materials.

Cool, Careful Study Needed

The local school building program is a deadlock until an election has been held on the bond issue, according to the decision of officials, after consulting the law, and authorities on the matter. And that is the reason petitions calling for signatures of 1,500 qualified voters are now being circulated.

The Haywood district has \$346,000 from the state bond program, but under the present circumstances in Haywood, none of this can be spent until an election is held.

The officials have had a ruling to substantiate their decision, and thus the push that is being made to hold the election.

Again, The Mountaineer reaffirms its former stand, that now is a time for cool, clear thinking on this important subject, and not a time for snap judgment, and off-tangent ideas.

Marines On Another Beachhead

Tourist operators at Wrightsville Beach are faced with a problem; as well as causing a problem.

When housing became scarce for the nearby Marine Camp, numerous families moved into beach homes last fall. Now the owners have ordered eviction, because they want the property for the summer season. The families of at least 25 Marines can't find living quarters, but that still does not mean the property owners are content with anything less than having their houses.

Someone suggested the Marines pay the summer rates and keep the houses, but with rates from \$55 to \$100 per week, the Marines ask, "Pay with what?"

All this is another complication brought on by war.

Modified Inspection Law

Another modified inspection law proposal has been introduced in the General Assembly. It is less complicated, and calls for greater convenience to the motorists than the former law which was killed last session.

The Mountaineer is still of the opinion that a regulation governing inspection of motor vehicles is a good piece of legislation, and believe that one designed to be of service, rather than a hardship on the general public, would be an asset to the citizens of the state.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Do children naturally fear the dark?

Answer: Most children go through a phase of seeming to do so, but it generally is not the dark they are really afraid of—it is being left alone. Freud quotes a child as saying, "If someone talks, it gets lighter." Fear of being alone has a realistic basis in the fact that the child has intense urges—hunger, for example—which he knows he cannot satisfy for himself yet which cause painful anxiety and tension if frustrated. The surer the child has come to be that his needs will be met as they arise, the less afraid he will be of the dark—or of anything else.



Is "communication" an important business problem?

Answer: Very much so. Elton Mayo, quoted in Personnel Journal, says that the inability of individuals and groups to communicate their feelings and ideas to one another is "without doubt the outstanding defect that civilization is facing today." The businessman who expects his employees to know without being told that he intends to treat them fairly, or wants them to take an interest in work for which they see no adequate reason, leaves them an easy prey to fomenters of unrest. It is as important to "sell" yourself to your workers as to advertise your products to the public.

Does insanity affect the I. Q.?

Answer: Yes, say Drs. Sheldon R. Rappaport and Wilse B. Well of Alton (Ill.) State Hospital. Tests given to ten patients positively diagnosed as schizophrenic, the records of whose school-day I. Q. scores were available, showed a very large and significant loss of intellectual capacity. They were negative in attitude, did not concentrate or pay attention, and appeared indifferent and preoccupied. However, all these are emotional attitudes characteristic of the schizophrenics' withdrawal from reality and show that the patients did not want to use their minds, rather than that they could not.