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How To Live With "Confusion"

Dr. C. Sylvester Green, executive secretary of the North Carolina Medical Foundation, made a speech last Saturday before Rotarians assembled in High Point at their district conference. In his address he passed on a personal observation that we think could well be pasted in our hats as a guide to better living in this period of tension and strain.

Observed Dr. Green: "Confusion is normal; be sure that your reaction to confusion is normal also."

What he meant is that confusion in times of stress is nothing new; that is has been a part of our history down through the ages. But public reaction to confusion is something else again. The atmosphere is cleared if the reaction to confusion is objective. If the public's emotions are held within bounds and the confused situation faced objectively in the light of cold reason.

Take the case of the current squabble over General MacArthur's removal as supreme commander in the Far East.

First public reaction was one of anger—an emotional response of ever there was one. With the passing of the days came the normal confusion of which Dr. Green spoke. It was difficult to take sides on other than personal or emotional feelings.

Within the next few days emotionalism will die down—the public's reaction will become normal in that it will attempt to learn facts—reasons why all of these things are happening.

Out of the welter of confusion, then, will come some sense, we think. And when it is all over there will be a more unified front, a super, more comprehensive understanding of our current problems, military and political. It is wise counsel: "Be sure that your reaction to confusion is normal also."

—Chatham News, Siler City.

The world will not be altered in a day; neither will the human race. Consequently, the rabid reformers might as well sit down and take a few quiet breaths.

Two Million Visitors

The 25th anniversary of the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is witnessing record attendance which is expected to climax with the two-millionth annual visitor about August.

The park was officially authorized by Act of Congress on May 22, 1926. Next week will mark the 25th anniversary, but no special observance has been announced. It was four years later, in 1930, that the first deeds were turned over to the federal government and the National Park Service took charge.

Since then there has been a steady, and sometimes phenomenal, growth in park attendance. By 1941, the Great Smokies saw the one millionth visitor during a travel year, ending with September. Actually that year had 1,247,019 visitors.

Attendance dropped during the war, but came back over the million mark in 1946 and set a new record of 1,468,636 in the 1949 travel year.

Since then, each year has seen records fall, and each time the Great Smokies has led all national parks of the United States in attendance.

Last year the total passed the million-and-three-quarters mark with a total of 1,774,265. So far this travel year, the total has been 520,230, which is 38 per cent above last year.

Based on past experience, the remaining five months of the year should show at least these totals, each approximately 25 per cent ahead of last year: May, 160,000; June 320,000; July and August more than 500,000 each; and September 225,000.

These figures would cause the two-millionth visitor to arrive late in August, with another month to go. With the rate of increase experienced so far this travel year, the total would be well beyond these estimates.

Such growth in the short span of 25 years is far ahead of even the most optimistic back in 1925.

Haywood county, right at the very doorsteps of the Park, and Pisgah National Forest, realizes more and more each month, the increase of travel these two national projects attract.

Business Trends

Although payrolls are at a high level, retail merchants throughout the country have not been satisfied with their volume of business. It has been hard for them to understand why sales have slumped, although there is more money in circulation than ever.

The Federal Reserve Board, in a report last year, revealed the trouble, and the explanation is as logical as it can be. Following the opening of the Korean conflict last summer Americans went on a buying spree, using their credit to get items that were scarce during the last war.

Shortly after the first of the year, says the Board spokesman, folks became more cautious, and began to pay up their debts. As a result, installment and charge account debts dropped during January, February, and March. Figures on April are not yet available but it seems certain that the trend continued.

Charge account debts in this country dropped by \$72,000,000 in March alone, and in the same month, installment loans dropped by \$95,000,000. During the first three months of the year, installment credits dropped by a total of \$489,000,000. Late in 1950, they had risen to an all-time high of \$13,478,000,000.

While the merchants are not too happy, particularly those who are on a cash basis, they all realize that this is a sound process, and they are not complaining too much.

—Stanley News and Press.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Mr. and Mrs. James A. G. Davey of Soco Gap and Master Troy Eagle of Maggie return from a 4-100-mile tour of the United States. Mrs. Gene Wyatt entertains at birthday party for her daughter, Carolyn Wyatt. Mrs. Lester Poteate and three young daughters leave to join Mr. Poteate in Newport News, Va. The Balentine Family holds reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Walker. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Killian visit their son, Leon Killian, Jr., at Newport News, Va.



RALEIGH Round-up

WHOSE DUTIE?—On the day before the Legislature adjourned in 1951 session, Governor W. Kerr Scott sent in his 199 new appointments to the State Board of Education. The legislators had been here in Raleigh for nearly three and one-half months. They had drawn no pay in two weeks. New bills and revisions on old ones were floating like chaff in the wind. This was the day Governor Scott chose to send along the names of the two appointees he wanted to succeed A. S. Brower of Duke University and Harold Lineberger of Belmont. Consensus among most of the legislators was that the Governor was trying to rush them. Otherwise, they said, he would have submitted the names for confirmation earlier. He only submitted these two. They were not acted upon. He didn't come in with another set. If the Governor had submitted the names of his two new appointees at some reasonable time during the session, he would have received a positive answer one way or the other. Now the group known as the "Advisory Council" of the South Piedmont District of the N. C. Classroom Teachers Association solemnly resolves and says the Legislature "deliberately evaded its duties" when it failed to accept Governor Scott's nominations which came in only a few hours before adjournment. It does look as if someone besides the Legislature did some evading of duties. Thus the South Piedmont "Advisory Council" by indicting this way the entire 1951 Legislature surely made a great contribution toward friendliness and peacefulness and mutual understanding between the 1953 Legislature and the teachers. Anyway, aren't Harold Lineberger of Belmont and A. S. Brower of Duke University just as able as Margery Alexander of Charlotte and Dr. Roma Cheek of Duke University. Who's kidding who, or whom, teachers?

MORE DEPTH—Some of the legislators during the recent sessions of the General Assembly referred to the new tar-and-gravel and asphalt roads as "tender tops". There were several controversies about the tenderness of the roads. This got over into the State Highway Commission. Highway officials aren't saying much about it, but future roads—and some already built—will not have the tenderness of the older ones. The surface is being made thicker so that they can withstand heavier traffic. Those people who have been forced to wait for their hard surface roads should benefit from the experience derived from those first built.

TOO LATE?—Unless the State is able to crack the wall of defense regulations, there is a good chance that we are going to have literally hundreds of thousands of dollars kicking around with no place to call home during the next two years. The Federal Government is looking down its nose at building projects which have not yet been started. Assistant Budget Director D. S. Coltrane is going to Washington this week to see if something can be done to jump the hurdle. Main objection to new buildings, public and otherwise, is the use of steel. This is needed by Uncle Sam for his rearmament program. The shortage of steel is more serious than most people seem to realize. Some of North Carolina's most ambitious building projects may be delayed several years.

5 YEARS AGO

The first issue of the twice-weekly Mountaineer is published. W. C. Allen, well-known historian, and J. T. Bridges, veteran printer, compile history of newspaper in Haywood since 1884.

Hundreds of Haywood citizens visit First National Bank at open house on completion of remodeling program.

Mr. Charles E. Ray is elected president of the Waynesville Woman's Club.

Voice of the People

Do you think that some other day would be preferable to Sunday for holding the Ramp Convention?

Oral Yates: "I think any day would be better than Sunday, and I would be in favor of seeing the day changed. I feel sure, too, that a larger crowd would attend on some other day."

Jerry Rogers: "I would like to see the convention held any day of the week except on Sunday; and I know a lot of people that share my opinion."

Mrs. W. L. McCracken: "I think that any other day would be better than Sunday—and especially Mother's Day. That was just too much of a mix-up."

Miss Evelyn Siler: "Definitely yes. I can't suggest any particular day, but I'd say any except Sunday."

Miss Sarah Fullbright: "Yes, I'd pick another day. Saturday might be the best day—you know it's known in this county and maybe in other districts as 'Farmers' Day'."

Mrs. Templeton Leekie: "I don't think it makes too much difference—Sunday is the only day that a lot of men could attend who would not be able to go otherwise."

A poultry producer at Petaluma, Calif., has developed an egg cleaning machine that washes and dries 2,700 eggs per hour with less breakage than hand cleaning methods.

Twenty-one players in the National Football League gained 100 yards or better in single games during the 1950 football season.

Rambling Round

Blis Of Human Interest News—By Frances Gilbert Frazier

More than anything else, little Johnny wanted a dog but his mother discouraged the idea and Father flatly objected: "No, son. Dogs eat too much and as things are now we have to curtail." But in a few days, Johnny came home from school dragging the most forlorn and dejected looking dog imaginable. His father showed his horror and exclaimed angrily: "I thought I told you that we couldn't have a dog." Johnny looked up happily and smilingly explained: "Oh, this dog's all right. You said we'd have to curtail and the man that gave him to me said the cur had a tail alright."

Little old helpful at the bat: For dusting silk or plastic lamp shades, or small articles, use a pastry brush, bought at the dime store.

When one looks up at these mountains and sees Nature's beauty, dignity and magnificence, it is hard to realize that other mountains are being used as slaughter pens. Where our valleys are gorgeous in their new, green mantles there are other valleys that are swimming with human blood. Greed and desire for power have driven all decency, honor, integrity and sympathy from the Creator of the beauty of the earth. Must sorrow at the destruction that is despoiling earth!

When one argues with a fish person, they have to be equal terms.

Say, "I Saw It In The Mountaineer"

YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

MOSCOW, announces Tass, the Russian news agency, is a century or so older than formerly believed. All we have to say is that it is certainly old enough to know better.

In Japan the wheels of industry must be humming. There's a big boom in the manufacture of bicycles there.

April, we read, often is a combination of winter, spring and summer. Makes hash of the weather, eh?

Now we know what that poet meant when he referred to a sky "dotted with heavenly jewels."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

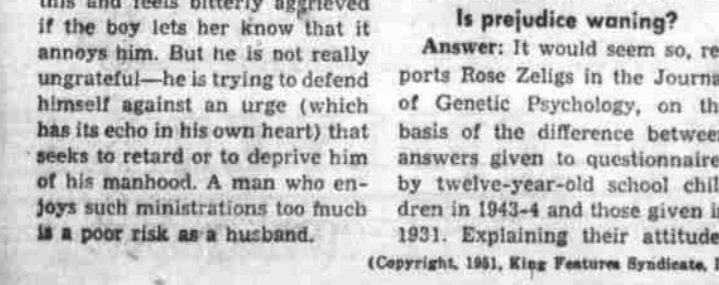


MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



May sons resent being waited on?

Answer: Yes, and often justifiably. A mother who is at heart unwilling to see her son become independent of her may unconsciously try to prolong his childish helplessness by "waiting on him hand and foot." She believes it is unselfish love that makes her do this and feels bitterly aggrieved if the boy lets her know that it annoys him. But he is not really ungrateful—he is trying to defend himself against an urge (which has its echo in his own heart) that seeks to retard or to deprive him of his manhood. A man who enjoys such ministrations too much is a poor risk as a husband.



Is "style" achieved deliberately? Answer: Usually not in creative work like writing, painting or composing music. In a recent radio interview, a composer known for his "distinctive style" said that he never thought of anything when writing music except how best to express the feeling he was trying to convey, and the same is true in general of painters and of writers in words. Thinking about style tends to make you feel self-conscious and seem insincere and artificial. Once you have learned the technique of your medium, you will be most original when you try least to be so.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

towards members of other groups, both sets of children cited "customs, costumes, cleanliness, language, religion, character qualities and civilization," but "the recent trends are away from prejudice because of racial and physical differences." The change has been slow but is greater than is generally realized.



Is prejudice waning? Answer: It would seem so, reports Rose Zelig in the Journal of Genetic Psychology, on the basis of the difference between answers given to questionnaires by twelve-year-old school children in 1943-4 and those given in 1931. Explaining their attitudes

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