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Played Down And Played Up

Enough paper has been used in printing stories about an \$8,000 mink coat that was grown in the influence department of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to cover every billboard surface in the nation. Maybe the stories were in order.

But it is amazing how the papers will play up a deal covered with an \$8,000 mink coat and play down an eighty-seven million dollar railroad deal.

And when it comes to making poor old Uncle Sam poorer, the brand of politics matters little. Jesse Jones, as long as he played ball with the big boys was thought to be a mighty good fellow by the tycoons Republican or Democratic. It is a bit strange why an investigating committee would surpass the \$87 million tune played by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad back in th forties. That was in 1947 when the Republicans were in command in Congress.

Somebody chose to overlook 87 million dollars, and now that same somebody is yelling and howling about an 08,000 mink coat, presumably made available to influence the right people.

Senator Harry Byrd, exalted chieftan of the economic royalists, comes along and joins hands with the gang to kill off the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The ole Virginia Byrd could render his country a service by ferreting out the crooks and restoring the RFC to a dependable agency.

The RFC is just as important to thousands of little businesses today as it ever was to big business, including Jesse Jones, his henchmen and his home town of Houston. And Mr. Byrd should remember that the RFC could be needed again by the big boys. But it is assumed he would re-establish it for them, (if necessary) leaving the little fellow to flounder during the meantime.—The Williamston Enterprise.

As the N. C. Park Commission meets Tuesday, another year will be closing on a group who have done far more for this area than most people will ever realize. These civic-minded men are making this area more progressive, because of their untiring efforts on the commission.

Some News Not Fit To Print

We do not recall a single instance during the past 21 years, where a judge of superior court has cleared the Haywood county courtroom of spectators during a trial. This was done Thursday afternoon when Judge J. C. Rudisill made such an order prior to starting the trial of a man charged with incest.

We hasten to say right here, that we admire Judge Rudisill for his action, because the very nature of the case to be tried was not fit for the public to hear.

There are many newspapers that thrive on such sensational cases, and would have cherished the opportunity afforded by Judge Rudisill that the trial was open to the press.

The Mountaineer looks on the matter just as Judge Rudisill. The sound facts in the case were not fit for the public to hear, according to his ruling, and in our opinion, the same facts were not fit to read.

This newspaper goes to great effort and expense to give full coverage of Haywood county news. This is evidenced twice each week, as our editions come from the press. Last week, for example, we published 36 pages crammed with Haywood news.

In this particular instance, we are not going to ignore the news, but as always, have given first consideration to the some 20,000 readers of this newspaper. We publish a newspaper that every member of the family can read, and derive pleasure and much factual information. We like to think of our newspaper as being of such character that it can be read aloud in the family circle.

The Mountaineer prints court news just as thoroughly as we deem necessary to give essential facts. This we shall continue to do. However, when it comes to giving the vivid facts of some of the sexual cases which from time to time come before the courts, we shall continue to draw the line of giving the vivid details.

One great editor once said that he would print anything the Lord let man do. The editor credited with making that statement achieved fame, and a fortune. As for our part, we hold a different opinion, and are glad that one of our superior court judges — Judge Rudisill — holds a similar view about his court.

An Important Election

Tuesday, the citizens of Waynesville will elect a mayor and a 3-member board of aldermen. This is the first election for town officials in over four years, and the first since the incorporate limits of the town were extended as to include East Waynesville, Allens Creek, Dellwood Road, Country Club, Sulphur Springs, and some of Ninevah section.

This is also the first time that the town has had two voting precincts.

This town election, like all other elections in which officers are named, is an important one for the community. The men elected Tuesday will be charged with the responsibility of handling the affairs of the town which is a big business. With the light and water departments alone, the town does a big business, and an important business.

It is essential, and very important that every citizen who is qualified to vote, exercise that right on Tuesday.

The names of 11 men appear on the ballot — two candidates for mayor, and nine candidates for the board of aldermen.

The action of the voters on Tuesday is of far-reaching importance, and one of the most important of all, is for everyone to vote.

They'll Do It Every Time

