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The Soul of The Southeast Is Being Saved Along With Saving of Soil

The soil conservation program is progressing faster in the Southeastern part of the United States than in any other part of the world.

Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, chief of the United States Soil Conservation Service, said that on a recent visit to Spartanburg.

"I know this land. I know what it was like not too long ago. It was going down with erosion. But now it is a rejuvenated land.

"Take that strip of road from Spartanburg to Tryon, N. C. It's different country now.

"And the people are changing with the land. They have something to look forward to now. Before, the farmers were depressed, they wouldn't work together.

"But now it's changed. They are living in a different era and on a different level.

"You can't call this section a cotton country any more. There's plenty of grass."

Dr. Bennett, had he traveled through the Anderson area, could have applied the same words to this section.

Earlier, speaking at the Methodist Assembly missionary conference at Lake Junaluska, Dr. Bennett told them that saving the soil is close akin to saving the soul.

He reminded that the daily bread a person prays for comes from the ground and "chemists haven't been successful in synthesizing food except by using products from the ground."

A man who has been preaching himself for 48 years—preaching the value of soil conservation—Dr. Bennett said that soil conservation is a field in which science and religion can work together for good.

Dr. Bennett does not have to prove that the soil of the Southeast is being saved along with its soil. As he says, all you've got to do is keep your eyes open and you can see the evidence on all sides.

The greener pastures these days are not all on the other side of the fence, thanks to Dr. Bennett's leadership and the cooperation of those thousands of landowners who have cooperated so enthusiastically during the past quarter of a century.—The Anderson (S.C.) Independent.

The Home and Farm Pictorial Series Ends.

Today marks the last of the series of 21 special sections we have published on the Haywood Community Development units. The series began early last spring, and ran every Monday, until forced to miss a week or so due to no fault of ours.

The last one today, Morning Star, brings to a close a series of features which have been the source of much comment. We trust that Haywood is now better known, and better understood because of the series.

We doubt if any newspaper in the state has ever undertaken a harder task, or more expensive one than the series we are now completing. The excessive cost, and countless hours of labor and travel have been offset by the satisfaction which we have gained in knowing we have earnestly tried to give a complete, and true picture of rural Haywood.

More than 1,000 pictures were made, and about 100,000 words written for the series.

As we complete this project, we want to express our thanks to Turner Cathey, assistant county agent, the many chairmen and countless citizens who made the series possible by going with us over the hundreds of miles in the county to get the complete story.

If the series has helped make Haywood county a better place in which to live, then we feel repaid for the many hours of toil, and the more than \$100 per community it cost us to produce the series.

Extra Care Essential

The opening of schools on Wednesday will place added responsibility on those who drive on our highways. It simply means that extra care and caution must be exercised, because 52 school buses will be in operation, picking up and letting off students. Besides the bus riders, there will be hundreds of others who will travel our streets and highways on foot to and from school.

Our officers will maintain a careful watch for those motorists who ignore the rules of common sense in driving. We have a feeling that Haywood courts will readily give the maximum to all offenders.

More Rural Roads

The meeting scheduled here Thursday to make plans for another 20-mile rural road program is one more important step in our paving program.

The highway officials of this district inaugurated a fine system of inviting the counties to take the lead in mapping and deciding on the projects for paving.

We expect another large delegation Thursday as L. Dale Thrash, highway commissioner, and his associates meet here with Haywood folk to map the plans.

The REA Language

It is not very often that a state board holds an annual meeting in Waynesville—most of them are held in Raleigh. Tomorrow we will have here the State REA board, holding their annual meeting. The board members decided to come here instead of meeting in Raleigh for the August meeting. The reason is obvious, and we respect their judgment.

They will find in Haywood that the people can speak the REA language rather fluently, and this should make the board members feel right at home.



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
C. N. Allen starts addition to his store in Hazelwood.

10 YEARS AGO
Glenn C. Palmer is renamed trustee of Western Carolina Teachers College.

5 YEARS AGO
Miss Dorothy Smith, bride-elect of Walter Hyatt, is honored at dinner given by Miss Jane Klutz, Miss Edith Summerrow, and Miss Edna Summerrow.

J. L. Kilpatrick is named chairman of the advisory board of the "Theatre of the Sky".

Waynesville Mountaineers get set for first scrimmage.

Spare stamp No. 49, good for five pounds of sugar, expires August 31.



Voice of the People

What teacher do you best remember?

Lester Stockton: "The best teacher I ever had was Mr. Barbee at Beaverdam Grammar School. I believe he is now principal at North Main. His way of teaching couldn't be beat—he talked so that you could understand what he wanted you to know, and at the same time you knew you didn't go there to play."

Homer West: "R. A. Sentelle, at the old Haywood Institute. He was a great historian and a fine mathematician, and he was really good in passing on his knowledge to us."

Gaye Eller: "Miss Margaret Terrell is about the best one I know of—she was my teacher in 12th grade English, and with her I learned to enjoy literature."

Bobbie James: "Mrs. Pearl Yates at Crabtree-Iron Duff. I enjoyed everything I had with her."

Sarah Parker: "Leave something for me to say about Mrs. Yates—she's the best teacher I have ever seen. Whether we were studying English or history or dramatics, she made everything she taught seem real and vital."

Mrs. Rufus Siler: "Mrs. Wharton was a wonderful teacher. She taught the 9th grade at Waynesville High."

Johnnie Hill: "Mrs. Fannie Noland is the teacher I've remembered ever since I was in the third grade. Of course I was too little then to know why she was such a good teacher, but I know I was really sorry when I was promoted."

Jim Killian: "Back about 1890, when I was in school here, there was a Miss Andrews who taught a private school in the J. K. Boone residence. I learned as much from her as from anyone anywhere."

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

We weren't there but the story interested us. A lady visitor went into a popular shop here and looked at ties, spending quite some time making a selection. When that was done, she requested the clerk to put it in a gift box. Being a little out of holiday season, this feat required a search which finally resulted in success. Then came the request that it be wrapped for mailing, and a label was politely affixed. When the lady asked how much, the clerk told her it was one dollar and three cents. Why the three cents? Sales tax. No sales tax in her state, no pay. Exit lady sans gift-packaged tie. Does anybody around here want to buy a nice tie, all ready for mailing? One dollar PLUS tax.

You never know how nice people can be until you try being nice to people.

She was of the old school and modern ways were a bit confusing. She lived quite some distance from town and her visits to the metropolis were infrequent. On one occasion, she happened to select a day when a touring party in a chartered bus was also in town. Most of the girls in the crowd wore shorts and many of the ladies were indulging in sunsuits, the weather being warmish en route. The elderly lady looked at the travelers in bewilderment and remarked to her granddaughter: "For the lands' sake. How come all those women to live in a town that didn't have enough goods to finish making their dresses?"

Paradoxical as it seems, joy and sorrow both produce the same effect... tears.

Another version of the Brown Mule story. Some motorists stopped at a small country store and asked for "Brown Mule". After some hesitation, the storekeeper said he didn't have any. A long and lean man propped against the door spoke up: "I gotta mule to sell if that's what you want. It ain't exactly brown... it's smoke-colored."

The same person who doors at night would slam in your face in the day that he wasn't such a coward.

The folk of today take so many things for granted and do not appreciate how wonderful they are. For instance, the picture "Great Caruso," shown recently. One of the finest modern times comes to us and distinctly accompanied by the joy of it. Thousands of people who have reveled in this picture would never have the opportunity of this treat but mechanics of picture-making have been perfected. But we must not forget that modern science has done all this for our enlightenment and enjoyment.

Throughout the day, from night, I've done my best with my might, And may this be my daily...

Letter To Editor

"FINE NEWSPAPER"

Editor The Mountaineer:

Just a note to tell you how much we appreciate the news coverage the Mountaineer has given the program of the Methodist Assembly this year. It has been a pleasure to read with you and other members your staff.

May I say, too, that Wayne and Lake Junaluska are fortunate to have a newspaper of such high caliber and one not only readable, but commendable. The Mountaineer is of the best small town news that I have ever seen.

I leave Lake Junaluska, Purdue University to cover National Convocation of the Youth, and from there to Nashville.

I hope to see you again sometime. Meanwhile, if ourville office can ever be of any use, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,
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Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Dewey in Line for Secretary of State? Governor Good Some Insiders

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Despite official denials, there is a strong "inside" opinion in Washington that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York will replace Dean Acheson as secretary of state by snow flies. The insiders say:

1—Although his faith in Acheson's ability and loyalty is undimmed, President Truman is expected to get off the hook as far as the controversy over the cabinet member is concerned, especially since congressional opposition to the secretary remains strong.

2—With the bi-partisan foreign policy as advocated as a human skeleton, some of the President's close advisers believe it would be a master stroke to bring the titular head of the Republican party into the cabinet.

3—Governor Dewey and Mr. Truman see eye to eye on many aspects of United States foreign policy.

4—The New York governor has been courted by some of his intimates that becoming secretary of state under Mr. Truman would not demolish his chances for the GOP presidential nomination in 1956 or even '60.

5—Dewey's announced support of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the presidency is no barrier. Should "Ike" be elected, either as a Republican or a Democrat, Dewey probably would remain in the cabinet.

6—The governor's far Eastern trip has "qualified" him as a "hand expert" on international affairs.



Gov. Thomas E. Dewey

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

Is an engagement ring "a girl's birthright"?

Answer: Hardly. The engagement ring as distinct from the wedding ring is relatively recent and the practice of bestowing it is limited to a few countries and to certain social classes. But the average girl who has been brought up to feel that her main task in life is to "get a man" will attach great importance to the opportunity which a ring gives her to show her friends she has been successful, and will make the value of the ring an evidence of how precious she is in her man's eyes. A man ought to realize this, and may rightfully be called thoughtless if he attempts to evade or ignore it.

Are old people better off in institutions?

Answer: No, writes Ruth Laverty of the Peabody Home, New York City, in the Journal of Gerontology. She reports a survey of 30 elderly women, 15 of whom had been admitted to a home for the aged, while the other 15, although qualified for such admission, were maintained in the community with financial and social service aid. Those who received non-resident aid seemed happier and better adjusted, and the cost of their care was a small fraction of that of the care of residents of the Home. Institutions should be for those who require special medical or psychiatric treatment.

Should a child be forced to give up toys?

Answer: No. Unless it is actually harmful, a child never should be forced to give up anything that is a source of pleasure to him, since this both increases its importance for him and intensifies his feeling that you don't want him to be happy and therefore don't really love him. A girl who continues to play with dolls or a boy who clings to his toy soldiers longer than the average is probably having trouble in adjusting to the ways of other children, and this is the problem which you really have to deal with. Don't deprive a child of anything he values without substituting something better.

YADKIN MINK—They said not to tell this, but it's too good to miss. Remember that mink coat in the RFC row early last spring? That coat came within an inch of making mink synonymous with government graft.

Well, the girl who got it and who wore it has kind folks living all over Yadkin County. Bless their hearts, their offspring went to Missouri.

If memory serves right, the lady's name was Mrs. Merle Young. Anyway, she is a granddaughter of Phil Holcomb of Yadkin, who "went West" (Islam to Missouri) many years ago. Phil Holcomb was brother of John D. Holcomb of Yadkinville, salt of the earth in North Carolina.

ABOUT FROST—For two or three months now William B. Umstead of Durham has been telling friends they may report to all and sundry that he will be a candidate for Governor next year.

He may be one before that. The grapevine says he will formally announce "about frost". This could be anywhere from the middle of September in some of the mountain counties to the latter part of December in the Beaufort area.

Our guess: Within two weeks of October 1... or between September 15 and November 15.

HEAT LIGHTNING?—The statement that Kerr Scott might run for Lieutenant Governor was put down by several newspapermen as "heat lightning" when it first appeared here last week. That was before they had an opportunity to talk to the Governor.

Last Friday after watching him

