

And Mizpah; for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.—Genesis 31:49.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

When you have read the Bible you know it is the Word of God because you have found in it the key to your own happiness, and your own duty.—Woodrow Wilson

Cold, Cold Facts.

Just why the term "cold war" was ever applied to the Korean conflict is more than we are able to understand.

In his press conference last Thursday, President Eisenhower pointed out that the Korean conflict is a fairly major war, as he went on to explain that he doesn't at the moment see how universal military training could be started on top of the draft program needed for Korea.

Oddly enough, the Defense Department on the same day announced that U. S. Battle casualties in Korea have thus reached 130,321, an increase of 228 in a week. The breakdown shows 20,585 killed, 96,700 wounded, 13,000 missing.

A pitiful picture that will perhaps make cold chills run up and down many a spine. These cold facts fail to bear out that the conflict is a cold war, unless one means that the cold hand of death is stretching out and claiming so many Americans.

Something To Consider

Insurance commissioner Waldo Cheek made a statement the other day which should give us something to ponder and consider for a long time.

He cited that liability insurance rates on motor vehicles carried a 15 per cent higher rate when the vehicle was driven by persons under 25. The insurance commissioner said that studies show the rate should be 69 per cent higher.

That is nothing short of startling, because it indicates that drivers from 16 to 25 are responsible for the majority of accidents on our highways.

And with that in mind, what better argument is there for competent driving instructions for this group?

Down in Rocky Mount, where such a program has been in force, the officers point out that the program has been extremely successful and well worthwhile from every angle. Something else to consider.

Application Of Hair Brush Might End Matter

Up in Toledo, Ohio, a group of 35 teen-age blue-jeaned college girls raided a man's million dollar dormitory in search for shorts. Sometime they took the 29c garments with them, and with others pulled the underwear into shreds.

It was the raids of last spring in reverse, when boys went into the girls' dormitories at many colleges.

The application, in public, of the back of a hair brush to an appropriate spot of the anatomy might bring a halt of such a vulgar pastime. If college officials would resort to a childish type of punishment for such an immature stunt, this thing might be nipped in the bud.

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Certainly Worth Studying

Now that we are in the midst of the "season of public fund drives" it might be well to see the success being attained in Asheville and Buncombe county by pooling all their drives under the one group plan called the Asheville-Buncombe County United Appeal.

The report for the first year shows the plan has met with success. In the first place, over \$42,000 more than the goal was given. And since everything is allocated on a pre-determined percentage basis, this means each fund gets more than originally set aside for them.

In looking over the list of agencies included as participants, we find them similar to those for which we stage individual campaigns here in Haywood. The only exception we find is the absence of the polio fund, which we understand, makes it a national practice of not participating in general community drives such as the United Appeal.

A spokesman for the plan used in Asheville, and similar ones elsewhere, pointed out the system "was adopted as a move to stem the tide of solicitation failures which spelled doom for our health, welfare and character-building agencies . . . wisdom of this is now a matter of record, as the plan has proven successful."

Leaders of our agencies here in Haywood would do well to get together, and give this matter of combining our efforts for charitable drives some serious thought. We have a good pattern in our neighboring county to follow and it would not hurt to study the situation which could stand some modernizing.

Judges Can Do Much To Improve The Situation On The Highways

Because of The Mountaineer's firm stand on the matter of highway safety, it was only natural that the editorial in the Stanly News and Press, under the above caption caught our eye.

The editorial, so well put, gets our loud amen of approval:

"Stern and certain punishment for those who violate the traffic laws has long been advocated by this newspaper, for as a nearby editor said recently, 'it is by now . . . an accepted axiom that the certainty of punishment is a greater deterrent to crime than the severity of punishment. If that be true, then certainty plus severity should be an even greater restraint upon criminal tendencies.'"

"A judge in a nearby city recently imposed road sentences totaling 50 months on six defendants for reckless driving. It is our guess that when the word gets around about what he is doing, there will be a noticeable improvement in driving habits. No person likes the idea of a jail or road sentence.

"We are satisfied that the courts can do as much as any other instrument of law enforcement in improving the situation on the highways. Judges must visualize what could have happened when a driver violates the traffic laws, and punish him accordingly. Just because no actual damage was done does not mean that the next time, he or those in another car will be so fortunate.

"We hope that more and more judges in the courts of the state will face up to their responsibilities, and act with judicial firmness."

Steady, Steady Growth

The growth of our community has been steady, and at times, it might appear slow. But when the figures are down, the bare fact remains that the growth continues rapid.

One proof of this is the report of building permits issued last year, as just announced, running about three times higher than the previous year.

THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN



Voice of the People

Do you think anything would come of a meeting between Eisenhower, Churchill, and Stalin?

Edwin Riggs — After so many false alarms in the past when government heads met, I don't see how any good could come of such a meeting. If Russia is satisfied with the way things are going, why should she make a change?

W. R. Hilliard—I doubt if much good could come of it. World-wide peace must start with the people—such as Heinz Rollman has outlined in his World Construction program.

Dr. Dan Dantzier—I don't believe it will do a bit of good. But anything is worth a try.

Charles Miller — With Stalin as one of the group, it is hopeless.

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Over \$5,000 is being distributed to Haywood farmers under the soil conservation program.

Little Miss Barbara McCloud of Asheville is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. T. W. Ferguson.

Miss Harriet Boyd visits friends in Knoxville.

George Bischoff, newly elected manager of the Hazelwood Manufacturers, holds first practice.

10 YEARS AGO

The Cruso Electric Membership Corporation purchases the properties of the Hominy Power and Light Company in the area of Candler.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Palmer is bride of Benjamin William Price.

Mason Swearingen, formerly of Waynesville, holds important job with the United States Employment Service in Charlotte.

Second Lieutenant Thomas E. (Bud) Blalock is graduated from West Texas Bombardier Triangle School at Big Springs.

5 YEARS AGO

Baxter Jones of Bryson City, solicitor of the 20th judicial district, dies of a heart attack.

Carl William Brock, Jr. is Haywood's Leap Year Baby—born February 29.

Miss Meta Dicus is engaged to William W. Gordon of Sumter, S.C.

Miss Helen Plott is married to Tech. Sgt. James B. Luckadoo.

Miss Mary Quinlan leaves for Fort Jackson where she is working with the Red Cross.

Review Of Rollman's World Construction

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DIGEST OF THE FORTHCOMING BOOK "MY PLAN FOR WORLD CONSTRUCTION" BY HEINZ W. ROLLMAN, FOUNDER OF "WORLD CONSTRUCTION". ("World Construction" is a popular movement designed to give impetus to the formation of a constructive program by our government in order to establish world peace thru raising the standard of living all over the world.)

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

The early portion of the book explained the causes of wars in the past. These causes are misery and want on the part of 95% of the world's population. Communism despite its rotten philosophy is able to take advantage of this misery. It is not difficult to determine the needs of the underprivileged people throughout the world in order to raise their standard of living to the level we have achieved.

We have shown an example of what can be done, and how it should be done, in a typically underdeveloped country, Indochina.

We cannot combat Communism with propaganda alone. There is one type of counter-propaganda

that can be effective behind the "Iron Curtain" and that is an air-drip of consumer goods. Religion alone will not stop or prevent war either. Every civilized religion teaches the same moral philosophy of the "Golden Rule".

Our government was created to carry out the wishes of the people. But thru our own indifference we have lost "touch" with our Congress. We expect them to do all our planning and thinking for us.

The background and political aspirations of a typical congressman do not qualify him to make all our decisions regarding our responsibilities and position in world affairs. We, the people, must again take the initiative and instruct our Congress as to the necessary legislation to insure world peace.

The beginning of the popular movement began on Dec. 11, 1952, when several individual members of the Lions Club of Waynesville signed up for membership.

CHAPTER X (Continued)

Most of us, even though we are a hundred times better off than many people all over the world, feel we have very few things to live for, or occupy our minds or to make us happy, outside of our immediate family and our work. Even if some cynics say that we have only been born so that we are able to reproduce, that we have only been put in this world to recreate life continuously, then I still say that in the process of reproducing ourselves there is something more than just mere numbers. The Creator cannot have possibly meant that we increase the world's population continuously just for the sake of quantity. We must also think of the quality.

It is a part of this quality that makes it essential that people have the proper health, the proper diet and a standard of living which will make them healthier in mind and body. And even should it be so that our main job on this earth is merely reproducing ourselves, then we still have to avoid wars, for if the next war will kill one hundred million people then we, in spite of the amount of reproducing which is going on, would not, fundamentally, be living properly, for the very simple reason that we might lose in one century more people than are being born. However, I do not agree with this thesis, and do not feel that a human life is on this earth only in order to keep on reproducing. There are higher, greater and more important duties which we as human beings have to perform.

Our life has a purpose, and must have a purpose. Our life has an aim, and we must have aims. Being a member of WORLD CONSTRUCTION, being a member of a movement which will improve the world as it has never been improved before, will give those members an incentive, an aim, a purpose in life such as we have never had before. If we start worrying more about the welfare of others, and less about our own petty problems, then only can we start to enjoy life and start really living. Only when we see that through our efforts and through our sacrifices we will be able to help other nations, then we will get up in the morning with a more important purpose than just working for three meals a day and eight hours of sleep.

It has been said, and this is coming very close to the true figures, that half of the world's population goes to bed at night hungry! Obviously, anyone going to bed hungry does not usually worry about anything else, since he or she cannot have the strength or spirit left to do any kind of constructive thinking or any kind of planning of any sort. But what about the other half of the world's population?

Letter To Editor

MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

Editor, The Mountaineer: Another March of Dimes campaign has come to a close in North Carolina with, we believe, a satisfactory success.

Because of the unprecedented high incidence of polio in the nation last year—more than 55,000 new cases, with a backlog of around 46,000 old cases still needing financial assistance—North Carolina volunteered a goal of 30 cents per capita for the 1953 March of Dimes.

Based on the 1950 census, this amounted to approximately \$1,218,000—the highest goal ever volunteered by the State.

It is still too early to predict, with any accuracy, whether or not this goal has been reached. As in previous years, we received wonderful support from the State Press. I can hardly conceive of how greater cooperation could have been given to helping make our fund-raising drive all that we hoped for.

So, once again, we say: Thank you for your help. Sincerely yours, MRS. PHILLIPS RUSSELL, Director of Organization, Chapel Hill, N. C.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



Rambling 'Round

—Bits Of Human Interest News— By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Have you ever stopped to consider how much time and energy you can use up on indecisions? Of course, there are times when it is necessary to study over a situation and not give snap judgments but what we have reference to is minor decisions such as whether to wear, whether to have steak or ham for dinner, or whether to use those torn sheets or forget it and read a good story. And there are dozens of other examples. We all know them.

We make up our minds, unmake them, shuffle the facts, hesitate, hum and haw, and then usually wind up by either doing any of the things or doing them in a stampee. Or, by prodding at the last minute, we make our decision and emerge from the fog through which we have floundered and find ourselves minus that ten-ton weight we have been under in doubt.

How true! March isn't any too nice a month, but it's much nearer April.

Mr. Whissent had bought himself a brand new automobile equipped to the hilt with all the newest gadgets, accessories he had never been accustomed. One day while driving in a city, he saw his old car (which he had traded in) driven by a man. The car, despite its year of service with its former owner, to be in perfect running condition, and a wave of nostalgia came over Mr. Whissent. His memory carried him back to the day he had home that car . . . ten years ago . . . How his wife and his children had shrieked with joy and hugged him in their excitement, children had grown up and gone away now; his wife had her own and her own interests. Then the light changed and Mr. Whissent in his shining new car, drove on . . . alone.

The grass in the other man's field is always greener . . . especially if it's hard to reach.

Time was when any one who had been ill came back into the world looking pathetically wan and languid, and they were immediately surrounded by inquiring friends of sympathetic undertone. But not today. If you have been a victim of the "flu," you are one of thousands and your ailment was of no particular importance to every one but yourself. Instead of kindly solicitations, you met, invariably, with the question: "How many shots did you get and of what?" And your reply is immediately buried in an avalanche of the horrors of the questioner's illness and his was a worse case. No, sirree, 'tain't no fun to be sick no more.

When day is done and shadows fall The open space that once was bright; And dusk slips in where all is still To help twilight turn out the light. Ah! then you know that soon you will Find peaceful sleep in restful night.

are really happy unless it come part of their life. Do they go to bed hungry at night or not? Obviously, as we all know, even though they are not hungry, they often go to bed more or less unhappy. Now, let's think about 160 million Americans who have eaten too much during the day, or at least many of them have eaten more during the day than is good for their health, and let's see whether they can be completely happy when they go to bed at night. I maintain that very few of them

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Motive Behind Iron Curtain | Kremlin May Be Attem

Purges Puzzling Washington | To Lure Neo-Nazis,

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Foreign affairs experts in Washington are purging behind the Iron Curtain.

Although they know that anti-Semitism is one factor, it is known whether the Communists are using the technique to lure neo-Nazis in Germany or the Arabs in the East.

Experts point out that the purges seem aimed indirectly at the Soviet police force chief, L. P. Beria, who once was considered leading contender for Premier Josef Stalin.

At the same time, it was believed that the lin's charges of "medical sabotage" make nervous effort to safeguard Stalin's life.

The one major observation by the diplomats is that the Soviet is using the "purge" to tighten up the fear vise on the people in the Kremlin sphere.

L. P. Beria ● PAGE BOYS—Among the minor news items among Democratic office holders are some boys now serving the Senate and the House of Representatives.

These teen-age youngsters have a pretty good deal. They consist in running errands for officials of the Houses of Congress and making themselves generally useful to the lawmakers. For they receive a salary of \$285.23 a month and attend a special school for pages which gives them the equivalent of a high school education.

The jobs are popular because they enable the youngsters to elbow with the great of the nation. They acquire a precision of attention which cannot be duplicated. However, the jobs are not political.

● FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN—Before he left the White House President Truman made his last social call at the Capitol to the annual luncheon of the Missouri congressional delegation. It was of Mr. Truman's visit a House member learned a definite lesson.

The newcomer—who remains nameless—was in the corridor of the private dining room where the luncheon was held when Mr. Truman's approach stirred up a commotion among sightseers and employees.

The fledgling congressman learned of the chief executive's approach and eagerly prepared himself to see a United States President in person. Unfortunately, he's nearsighted and he darted his hand into his pocket to pull out his glasses.

Promptly, he was swarmed upon by three secret service men who pinned his arms and blocked his view. They held him until the president had passed. The moral: Keep your hands in sight when the den of the United States is near.

● VANISHED "VANISHING" AMERICANS—Mayflower may not be worth a fig if the discovery of a Johns Hopkins university geography professor proves to be Mayflower correct.

Dr. George F. C. Carter's discovery of tools belonging to people who inhabited the United States 100,000 years ago could very well sink the Mayflower list.

Carter claims to have found the tools near San Diego to show people lived in this country between the third and fourth ice periods. The university said Carter's evidence of vanishing Americans disappeared long before the Incas, Mayas and Aztecs appeared to be the greatest archeological find of the last 20 years.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo. A cartoon strip showing a car mechanic at 'SAM'S SERVICE' and a customer. The mechanic says 'THAT GUY REALLY TAKES PAINS WITH THAT CAR—TREATS IT LIKE A BABY—THIS IS THE PLACE TO HAVE MINE SERVICED'. The customer replies 'BUT HORSES AND CARS COME IN DIFFERENT SHADES, EH, PAL?'. The mechanic says 'HEY! TAKE IT EASY! HOW COME YOU WERE SO GENTLE WITH THE ONE OVER THERE?'. The customer replies 'THAT'S MY CAR!'. The mechanic says 'THANK AND A TIP OF THE HATLO HAT TO JOHN R. ELLISON, 107 N. OLIVE, ASHEVILLE, N.C.'. The cartoon is signed 'BY JIMMY HATLO'.