

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. —Isalah 54:7.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

If mercy were not mingled with us, this wretched world could not survive. —Sir W. Davenant.

Better Insurance Rates For Non-Drinkers

The records of the recent term of court here shows that Haywood certainly has her share of drunken drivers. Officers tell us that this county does not have any more than the average, yet far too many, even at that.

Now comes news that insurance companies are giving the person who does not use alcoholic beverages in any form at any time, consideration for accident insurance policies. Now that the news of this consideration has been made known, we wonder if the man making a confidential survey here recently was working on that project. Anyway, it is interesting news. And The Elkin Tribune, in an editorial on the subject, went into greater detail, by saying:

Recent reports have told of a new automobile insurance company in Chicago designed to serve only abstainers. In other words, when buying an automobile insurance policy from this company, the applicant must sign a statement he does not use alcoholic beverages, and that he will not do so during the life of the policy.

The new firm's rates are reported about 25 per cent below average rates for liability, and proper damage coverage. They are about 20 per cent under the average for collision insurance, and therefore those who can obtain insurance from this company do so at substantial savings.

It has long been a known fact that non-drinkers have a small percentage of automobile accidents and that they actually pay some of the cost of insurance for habitual drinkers and those who drive and drink, and as a result have more accidents. The efforts of the new Chicago insurance company is one to give non-drinkers a rate commensurate with their collective accident record.

The new Chicago firm is following an example set in Iowa recently, where that firm also wrote low cost policies for non-drinkers. Evidently the success of the Iowa firm, which has now been operating in the black for six years, encouraged the founders of the Chicago firm, and it may be that soon many companies will be competing for the insurance of non-drinkers, or drivers without accidents to their credit, both of which drivers are entitled to insurance rates adjusted to their record.

We think this is a pretty good idea. A driver who doesn't drink is a pretty good risk, provided he manages to keep out of the way of those drivers who do.

The world is so full of really good lies that there is no excuse for a poor excuse.

Mother Nature At Her Best

Mother Nature has for years, seemed to put on some of her best shows in the Great Smokies, and this year is no exception.

In mid-November, when the weather was warm down in the valley, motorists were pleasantly surprised to find snow on New Found Gap and the route to Clingman's Dome.

Earlier this week, with a six-inch snow fall on the two spots, flowers were blooming lower down the mountainsides, according to Park Naturalist Arthur Stupka. He noted some fringed phacelia in bloom at the Chimney's Campground.

By early April the fringed phacelia usually covers acres of ground in the national park with white blossoms. But the green leaves come up in summer and remain all winter to be ready for spring. Perhaps the December blooms were just confused about the time of year.

On the same day an observer noted nearby some common chickweed, which has been found to bloom every month in the year, and a few flowers of wood aster still lingering.

One of the few regular winter-blooming flowers is now in full blossom. This is the witch hazel, whose curled yellow petals can be observed on trees from November through January.

Not to be expected are alder blossoms, which sometimes can be found in January and may be fairly plentiful in February.

It just goes to show that for the unusual, and beauty at its best, you can't beat Mother Nature's handiwork in the Smoky region.

Santa Did Get There

Down in Dunn there has been a big controversy over the annual Christmas parade. The ministers of the town wanted the theme of the annual event to be all religious, and not have Santa in the parade. Other folk took a different position, and protested.

The ministers held out and said that no Christmas parade should feature Santa Claus.

A compromise was reached, however, and two parades were staged. One featured the arrival of Santa to Dunn atop a fire truck, and the other depicted the birth of Christ — both parades were termed highly successful.

Santa came to Dunn in a five o'clock parade, and one hour later, set atop the fire truck and watched the other parade pass.

Some 20 churches participated in the last parade. The people and ministers are not too happy about the controversy, and frankly said they did not plan to put on another.

Such controversies are unfortunate, and when a community finds itself divided on such a question, the best thing is for all parties to quickly get together, come to some definite conclusions and then make the announcement before trying to air out the difficulties in public.

Flying Facts

This week North Carolina and the world celebrate the fact that just 50 years ago there was only one airplane on earth and it was in North Carolina. Now in North Carolina there are 1,547 planes. The State, however, has naturally not kept leadership in the flying procession. It is not strange that 18 states have more planes, 15 more airline passengers. The strange thing in this year of the Kitty Hawk celebration is that North Carolina's percentage of gain in air passengers from 1951 to 1952 was less than that in all but ten other states.

First flight was in North Carolina but North Carolinians do not seem to be becoming flight minded as fast as many other states.

—Raleigh News and Observer.

'I'LL PLAY THESE'



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

L. M. Killian and E. B. Rickman are appointed as trustees of the Haywood County Hospital by Board of Commissioners.

Billie Ray and Charles Burr Way have Christmas party at the home of the latter.

Miss Max G. Ford, teacher in the Girls' High School, Sumter, S. C., arrives to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. T. Crawford.

Lawrence Leatherwood, student at W.C.T.C., arrives to spend the holidays with his family on the Dellwood Road.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Josephus Daniels dies at her home in Raleigh.

Ensign Paul Davis is expected Christmas Eve for a two weeks stay.

Florence Ann Bowles entertains with a luncheon party at the Waynesville Kindergarten in observance of her sixth birthday.

Hugh Ector of Salem, Ore., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bridges.

Miss Anne Osborne arrives from Tallahassee, Fla., where she is a student, to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Robert Osborne.

5 YEARS AGO

E. A. Williamson is named worshipful master of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge.

H. R. Caldwell, Jr., is awarded the American Farmer Degree.

Miss Josephine McCracken is married to Pfc. Silas David Carver.

Miss Eloise Martin arrives from New York to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin.

Miss Frances Robeson goes to Newport News to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robeson.

Views of Other Editors

WEDDING BELLS?

Looks as though there might be a wedding in the offing. Business made the proposal the other day and education apparently accepted. The engagement, however, may rival the courtship in length.

Last year railroad executive Robert R. Young expressed the hope that business and education would sit down and work out some of their mutual problems. Last week Young got the ball rolling. With the help of Dr. Milton Eisenhower, president of Penn State University, he organized a conference of some 60 leading businessmen and educators.

Both sides got some surprises. One corporation president said it was news to him that colleges — especially liberal art schools — are having serious financial troubles. Educators, on the other hand, were somewhat shocked to learn that industry felt "a woeful dearth of men with broad cultural education who have talents that can be developed to enable them to occupy the highest places in management." Other questions emerging from

the conference: Why does industry contribute less than 1.5 per cent of its earnings to charities and educational institutions when tax laws permit deductions on gifts up to five per cent? Why, if industry wants graduates with wider cultural training, do the bulk of its donations and grants favor technical education?

The probable core of these and other business-education problems is the feeling of mutual distrust and suspicion also evident at last week's meeting. One businessman expressed concern at the idea of supplying funds for support of liberal professors of economics who

don't share his ideas on free enterprise. The educators maintained that their field would lose its purpose if teachers had to trade intellectual freedom for financial support for their schools.

The upshot of the Young conference seems to be that business and education, long reluctant traveling companions, have suddenly discovered they have a common ground and that both stand to gain through closer, friendlier relations. There are many barriers as yet, but conferees clearly recognized the need for better understanding and indicated they were willing to work in that direction.

With further meetings being planned — probably at state or regional levels — prospects are good that the business and education

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They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Voice of the People

What is the best way to overcome loneliness?

Aaron Provost, Grimball Dr., Hazelwood—"Keep occupied and busy, preferably with or for some one. There's nothing like accomplishing something to take your mind off yourself."

Mrs. Jack Campbell, Soco Gap Rd.—"Not to think of yourself and think of other people."

Mrs. M. V. Bramlett, Jr., Hyder Mountain Rd.—"I think a hobby, something you are interested in outside of your regular work. And of course it helps to have enough friends to keep you from being lonely."

Mrs. Troy McCracken, Upper Crabtree—"Talk with one of your neighbors or read your Bible."

Advertisement for home expansion. Text: '7,000,000 Homeowners Need More Space'. '5,000,000 Owners of MINIMUM-SPACE HOMES'. '2,000,000 Owners of LARGER HOUSES AND RURAL HOMES IN NEED OF EXPANSION'. 'Prospects for BUILDING on a New Room'. '20% Have Expansion Attics', '54% Have Full Or Partial Basements', '51% Have Garages', '32% Have Convertible Porches (At least 72 Sq. Ft.)'.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Here's a suggestion to those mailing gifts. Put all your ribbon bows and gew-gaws INSIDE the box. Then use odds of fancy wrapping paper, cut into designs or figures, and the box cover. This gives a pleasant surprise to the recipient the outer wrapping is taken off... and any damage from en route won't do any harm or spoil the pretties inside.

The busy fingers of today weaving together threads tomorrow.

And while we're on the subject of Christmas (who us tell you of one of the prettiest table decorations imaginable know, for the girls in the front office made us a surprise present). A glass salad plate and a goblet are the focal points, let holds a tiny red candle (fastened by melting the end candle) and around the base is tied gobs of red ribbon, festooned with glamor balls, greenery and sprigs of holly. The lighted candle cheerily and is a constant reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

Little Mary was seeing her first snowfall and she quite figure it out. Then suddenly she cried out: "Oh, Mom, come quick. The angels are moulting."

Uncle Mose always had a good reason for not working. man had decided dozens of times that Uncle Mose just won't but the old negro managed to keep along on the payroll. One had been told to deliver a package that was needed at once the boss returned at noon, the package was still at the house. Uncle Mose was thoroughly enjoying his favorite sport, rest about the good old days.

"Why the blazes wasn't that package delivered," the boss angrily demanded. Uncle Mose was quite unperturbed. "Hit this, Boss," he calmly explained, "Ah knowed when that package he'd be as mad as a wasp-stung tom-cat an' come a'rarin' up here." The old man hesitated, took a deep breath and continued: "Ah knowed you-all'd talk so nice he'd be ash'ard would buy something else... and then Ah'd take both parts the same time."

There's nothing quite so wonderful As riding on a drifting dream; Touching the stars along the way And winking back at the moon's gleam. An open sea of purple sky, A galleon of golden stock To carry us... just you and me... Then the alarm of that darned clock.

wedding will come off. —The Minneapolis Star

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS DURING THE HOLIDAYS MAY BE LIFE SAVERS

A group of experts, sponsored by an insurance company, have estimated that 1,160 persons will lose their lives in traffic accidents between December 24 and January 3. This is an increase of 22 per cent over the same period for last year. Principal factors for this seasonal increase will be bad weather conditions in many areas, increased holiday travel, increased social activity and generally poor visibility. These experts list six "Don'ts" which will keep your name out of the obituaries. Perhaps it is a little early to list them for the holiday period, but they appear to us to be good any time during the next sixty days. Here they are:

- 1. Don't drive any more than is necessary.
2. Don't drive on long trips if a train or bus or other transportation is convenient.
3. Don't drive home from parties after drinking.
4. Don't drive without lights when visibility is poor.
5. Don't drive without chains when roads are iced or slippery.
6. Don't allow younger drivers to use the family car unless you are certain that they are responsible and experienced enough to meet the season's increased hazards.

—Stanley News and Press.

A marker to Gen. Billy Mitchell has been erected on the new coastal highway through the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina designating the area where it was first proved, on Sept. 5, 1923, that an aerial bomb could sink a battleship.

Letters To Ed

BIRTHDAY OF CHR

Editor The Mountaineer: Christ does not receive credit and honor of His day. It will be easy to know how He feels about the day to Him if you put yourself in His place; that is, pretend that Christ and that it is Christ's birthday. No doubt, you would be people who would not let you, but only of themselves, their few friends, you would the place of a neglected on his birthday. It is not feeling. Give Christ the proper respect that is due to His birthday—this Christmas.

HELPS CAUSE

Editor The Mountaineer: This is simply to say "you" for the very fine you gave our effort on the tourist industry in County. It was a privilege with you about the problem confront the county, and forward to the solution them ultimately. The publicity you gave fort was of incalculable the tourist industry in tion, and the comments upon the efforts are very appreciated.

I look forward to a visit to Waynesville, in time, if I can be of any to you please call on me. Sincerely yours, Fred A. Whitaker, Manager, State Tourist Bureau, Raleigh, N. C.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1. Any fruit drink; 4. A ball; 5. Melody; 7. The dye indigo; 8. Scope; 10. Species of pepper; 11. Simpleton; 13. Mature; 14. Species of flowering tree; 15. Nickel (sym.); 16. Wise; 18. In what manner; 19. Crypt; 21. Winnows; 22. Extinct bird (N. Z.); 23. Forbid; 24. Fragment; 26. Long, protective coat; 29. Owns; 30. Relative; 31. Greek letter; 32. Having a handle; 34. Young dog; 35. Aim; 36. Lumps of earth; 38. Particle; 39. Mature; 40. Near (Scott.); 41. Affirmative reply. DOWN: 2. Addition to a building; 3. Kind of roll; 6. Liking; 7. God of the sea; 9. Negatively charged ion; 10. Slam; 12. Steers wild (naut.); 14. Past; 16. Cease; 17. Luxon native; 20. Something omitted; 21. Quick; 23. Kind of roll; 24. Fellow; 25. French Indochina city; 26. Owing; 27. Discharge through the pores; 28. Tears; 30. Oil of rose petals; 33. Pilaster; 34. Explosive; 36. Weep; 37. Reclining.