

For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause. —Job 9:17.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

Tears and sorrows and losses of what must be experienced in the state of life; some for our manifold all, therefore, it is trusted, for our cealed: for our final and greatest...

Speeding Can Be Expensive

Many speeders are learning to their sorrow that there is a law in North Carolina against speed-violations that is being enforced.

Some 36 motorists here in Haywood county have learned in the last few days just how expensive and annoying speeding can be when apprehended by officers.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol now have in use a simple looking little gadget which takes all element of chance out of telling just how fast a vehicle is traveling.

The law of North Carolina sets a maximum of 55 miles an hour on open road, with many congested areas limited to 35 miles an hour.

If the safety experts did not feel that 55 was the maximum speed it was safe to drive, they would step it up. But since they maintain 55 is the maximum, that remains the law, and violators will be brought to court to pay the consequences, which often means a little over \$32 plus their time in court.

The speed watch is at work—better watch your speed, because it is often placed in the most unsuspecting places.

No More Free Rides

The Chamber of Commerce and the Haywood Highlanders have taken a definite step forward in adopting a policy of recognizing only those with paid-up memberships in the respective organizations.

In the years past, there has been some confusion at times among tourist operators, when they felt that being a member of one organization entitled them to the services of the other. The two organizations are separate, have separate treasuries, and while they work closely together, their individual obligations are not the responsibilities of the other.

As the matter now stands, each organization will serve, and serve efficiently those who have paid-up memberships. Without a paid-up membership, the organizations will not be obligated to render a service to the individual operator.

Both groups are going to work together in the promotion of the travel business in this area, and each is in a position to render continued service to the area as a whole.

We feel it was a wise, and decided step forward when both organizations adopted the rigid business-like service policy. It just means that those who have been riding free, are now going to have to walk, or pay their part of the stipulated fare.

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Personal Editorial Comment

By W. Curtis Russ

Almost every boy, at sometime during his youth, has been fascinated by the marvel of a train to the extent that his ambition was to be a railroad man.

There are mighty few men today, but what get a rejuvenated thrill out of seeing trains glide down the track, or almost humanly shift heavy cars about the railroad yard.

Boys look on trains as a fascinating piece of mechanism, and never for once think of them in their important role to our economic system and every day living. Neither do boys realize the dangers which lurk around a train which is standing still in the station or on a sidetrack. Trains are made for men to handle—men with many years of experience, and other people, except when a passenger, should keep a good distance away.

The success of Ben Franklin flying a kite and discovering electricity is a fascinating story, and has been an important contribution to the scientific world.

Since Ben's famous kite flying episode, electricity has been harnessed, and is now an important part of our daily lives.

And right at this time of year, when a lad's interest centers around flying his kite higher than his playmate, it is a good time for parents to remind their children of the dangers of sending up kites near electric wires. Every season a number of children lose their lives while flying kites too near electric wires.

Flying a kite is innocent fun, if done away from all possible sources of danger. Ben Franklin took a chance, but there is no use for our youngsters to follow suit, because the engineering world has a full knowledge of electricity, even to the point of warning us that it is dangerous to fly kites near the energized lines.

Dr. John C. Rich

There could hardly be a more fascinating and enlightening story in all the history of this mountain region than an intimate account of the life of one of its old-fashioned country doctors. No better subject for just such a story could be found than Dr. John C. Rich whose services to the Candler community covered more than four decades.

This grand physician of the "old school" was a native of Maggie in Haywood County. He was educated in the public schools of that county, at Peabody College and was graduated with honors at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. After practicing at Dellwood in Haywood County for three years he moved to Candler in Buncombe County where he served with distinction for the rest of his active life.

In the early years of his practice Dr. Rich covered his territory of some 100 square miles by horse and buggy and when he could not reach his patients by that means he rode horseback. In those days his fees often were paid in meats, vegetables or other farm commodities. But his medical fees, of whatever variety, were always secondary with this country "Doc." His job was to deliver medical service when and where needed under any and all circumstances. That included the delivery of about 3,000 babies.

Although he was never "off duty" he found time to take active and leading parts in all manner of civic and community affairs. He loved people and the inevitable consequence of that was that people loved and trusted him to a wonderful degree.

The wonderful story of this typical country doctor probably will never be reduced to book form. But the many thousands of people who knew and loved Dr. Rich wouldn't need such a book anyhow. His story is written on their hearts and they will never forget him.—Asheville Times.

ON THE RECEIVING END



Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Haywood officers are searching for a man who bought two gallons of bootleg liquor with a Confederate ten dollar bill.

Jules C. Welch, Jr., student in the School of Medicine, Stanford University, is awarded a University Graduate scholarship.

Ernest O. Edwards of Anderson, S. C., arrives here and is connected with Garrett Funeral Home.

10 YEARS AGO

Charles Gaddis is winner of the annual declamation contest held by

the DAR for boys in the Waynesville High School.

Miss Jewel Graham assumes duties as assistant to Miss Mary Margaret Smith, home agent.

Ration tokens to be issued on February 27.

Seaman First Class Bobby Colkitt is transferred to Burkan, Calif.

Cpl. Wilburn Paul Campbell returns to his post at North Camp Hood, Texas, after a furlough at home.

5 YEARS AGO

Roy Ruff is named commander of newly organized Hazelwood American Legion Post.

Haywood citizens have over six million dollars in U. S. savings bonds, according to J. E. Massie, county chairman of the Savings Bonds committee.

Hospital bond election is temporarily postponed due to legal technicalities.

Groundwork is completed for community development clubs throughout rural Haywood County.

SENATOR LENNON REPORTS

WASHINGTON—The Senate has been transacting only routine business during the past few days, but by the time you read this the rash of legislative duties will again be on. By mutual agreement each year the important bills that are up for debate are set aside for a few days until the Republicans can make their Lincoln Day speeches and the Democrats their Jefferson-Jackson Day speeches.

WHAT NEXT?

Debate on Senate Joint Resolution 1, the Bricker and other amendments will be the order of business this week. It now begins to look like it will be impossible to get a two-thirds vote on any of these proposals. I am still hoping that the George substitute will be adopted. It is touch-and-go or many legislative matters now. After the action on S. J. Res. 1, I am expecting the statehood for Hawaii legislation to come up and per-

haps statehood for Alaska. SEYMOUR JOHNSON The Air Force notified Representative Barden and me that Seymour-Johnson Air Base at Goldsboro in Wayne County is scheduled to be reactivated if the Congress approves the 137-wing Air Force.

SCOUT WEEK

I had a big thrill last week when John Richardson (now of Arlington, Virginia), a Cub Scout who was born in Fayetteville, came by and presented me a beautiful Boy Scout button. This was done in full attention to Boy Scout Week. He is a fine representative of this outstanding movement. I will always remember being a member of Troop 16 in Wilmington, and my rewarding experiences with boys as Chairman of the Court of Honor. Boy Scouting has done a lot of good work in its 44 years.

COFFEE

Most of us think of a cup of coffee as an American necessity. The sudden jump in the price of coffee has caused a big furor in the Senate. We wanted to find out

what was causing this big jump in the price. The Senate voted unanimously to extend the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act to coffee. I hope this will do something to prevent price increases through speculation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

For some time now a number of Senators have felt that the pledge of allegiance to the flag should be amended to insert the words "under God" in that pledge. Senator Ferguson last week introduced a bill which would accomplish this. If passed, it would make the pledge read as follows: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, under God, with liberty and justice for all." I believe this is a good thing for it highlights one of the fundamental differences between the free world and the world of communism. That difference is the belief in God Almighty.

THIS-AND-THAT

There were many signs of spring I noticed while on a visit to the

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Little Johnny had never seen any one with a "blinker" when his daddy came to the breakfast table one morning. The little boy was overcome with curiosity, and the father decided to explain the incident. "Well, you see, son," he told the little boy, "I was appointed to be on the watch tower of a big ship and when I was through the porthole to get our bearings, a big bomb hit the eye." Later that day Little Johnny was regaling his schoolmates with the story and it went something like this: "You just saw Daddy's black eye. It's as big as the clock in the tower." He went on to his subject: "He was looking through a porthole and a bomb came up and hit him."

He who has the most to brag about, never mentions it.

Mrs. Abbe was unalterably opposed to gossip and when she was in a group where the trend was in that direction, she immediately diverted the conversation to other lanes. One afternoon at a club meeting, the ladies chatted awhile and then Mrs. Abbe arose to leave. One of the ladies laughingly remarked: "Don't go around. We might talk about you after you have gone." Proud of her habit, and not giving too much attention to the remark, Mrs. Abbe smiled as she replied: "That would be fine. I don't like nice people that you could discuss," and out she went.

WANTED: A nice deep hole into which we can descend pulling a boner. And a trap door, too.

Winter, wrapped in snowy ermine, marches down the mountainside. Crushes all that comes before him. With his rugged, icy stride, Well he knows his reign is over. But ere he leaves these earthly spheres, He will touch with icy fingers. And leave us all with frozen ears. The lengthening days will bring us joy. For then we know 'twont be too long Before green leaves will soon appear. And all the world be filled with song.

Ring out the bells! Oh, let them ring! Welcome to you, dear lovely spring!

Egotism is the offspring of insecurity.

What Do You Know About Washington? (Illustration of George Washington)

- 1. Was the first President of the United States actually born in 1732?
2. When did the observance of Washington's birthday become a legal holiday in every state?
3. Is Washington's birthday a legal holiday in every state?
4. Everyone knows the story about little George and the tree. What is the one about young George and his mother's pig?
5. How did Washington get his pock marks?
6. Did Washington ever fight for the British?
7. Who asked him to become king after the revolution?
8. How did Washington get along with the ladies?
9. How did Washington feel about slavery?
10. Did he have a ghost writer for his famous "Farewell Address"?

(Answers are on page 6, third section. Give yourself 10 points for every correct answer; 70 or higher is excellent. 50 good, 20 fair—your're honest, anyway.)

State last week. Tobacco farmers have out a lot of hard work in on plant beds. Boys are beginning to play baseball on the school grounds. And just as I was excited about the pretty weather I got back to Washington and ran

Changed Rules Can Save Money (Fifth of Six Articles) By FRANK O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON—The law has not changed since you were last income tax. But the Revenue Service has made some changes in interpretation some of which might save you money. Among the important are:

- 1. Premiums for health insurance which does not pay for expenses cannot be deducted from income. Some policies pay for lost time from work but not for doctors, hospitals and medicine. You still can deduct premiums on most health insurance as medical expense.
2. Some health benefit payments must be added to income. When your employer pays you benefits through a "plan of insurance," that is not income. But it is not a "plan of insurance" if the employer pays for it out of company reserves rather than doing it through an insurance company.
3. Cost-of-living allowances for U. S. employees in territories and possessions of the United States are no longer considered income. If you are one of the 30,000 people who get them, you do not even have to report such money. And if you are an old hand, you can make tax claims for what you paid on such allowances back to 1950. (Deadline for 1950 claims is March 15, 1954.) However, the ruling does not apply to "territorial post differentials" where an employee gets paid for difficult rather than more costly living conditions.
4. Depreciation schedules for businesses, once approved, will be changed in the future only for

PSYCHOLOGIST BILL IS DEDUCTIBLE (Illustration of a man sitting at a desk)

They'll Do It Every Time

At home, Lenzo complains of teeterophobia... He's just got to have both feet on terra firma... (Illustration of a man on a ladder)

By Jimmy Hatlo

And this is Lenzo on the job... (Illustration of a man working on a roof)

Voice of the People

Which do you think is more character revealing—letters or conversation? Mrs. Wiley Galloway, Jonathan Creek Rd.—"A conversation is better than a letter any time. For one thing, you can see the person's face and read a lot in it." The Rev. A. L. Gardin, pastor, Church of God, Hazelwood—"It seems to me that maybe letters would. You can get more out of a letter as to what the person is like than you can in a superficial conversation. You are apt to be misled when you judge a person by their conversation. A letter builds a character." Mrs. W. L. Turner, Rolling Dr.—"I think conversation. In letters you can hold back more than you can when you talk to someone. In direct conversation you may not say all that you are thinking but it pretty well comes out. The expression of the eyes and the tone of the voice have a lot to do with it."

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1. Bang, 2. Steep, 3. Rugged rock, 4. Luffed with effort, 5. Period of time, 6. French king, 7. Beasts of burden, 8. Burden, 9. Public notice, 10. Soak flax, 11. One of Aleutian islands, 12. Girl's nickname, 13. Free, 14. Remnant, 15. Paradise, 16. A fine, cotton fabric, 17. At the present time, 18. Hawaiian food, 19. Worthless plants, 20. Spirit lamp, 21. Blunder, 22. Confer knighthood upon, 23. Longing, 24. Boat, 25. Unit of work, 26. And (L.), 27. Glossy silk fabric, 28. Sultan's decree, 29. Weight unit of India, 30. Back of the neck, 31. Native of Arabia, 32. Ogled, 33. Blended, as colors, 34. Cut off, as tops, 35. A firm, 36. Measure of length, 37. Mandarin, 38. Girl's name, 39. Severity, 40. Famous Scotch village, 41. Green, 42. Arrived, 43. Soapy water, 44. Boy's nickname, 45. A dynamo, 46. Bend the head in greeting, 47. Female deer, 48. Marry, 49. Networks, 50. Errors in printing, 51. Owing, 52. Required, 53. Poker stake, 54. Salt solution, 55. Black and orange lizard (Ariz.), 56. Black and white, mixed, 57. Seize, 58. Simian