TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
—I John 3:20.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

TODAY'S QUOTATI

Those recesses of the inner life the God who made us keeps from ev but His own.—Mrs. Jameson.

Proven Optimism

A financial leader is reported to have told a group of civic and business leaders once, "Tell me what your utility companies think of your community, and I'll tell you the degree of prosperity you can expect.

With that in mind, we have tried to apply that yardstick to our own community, and find the answers highly satisfactory, and encouraging.

Let's start with electricity. The Carolina Power and Light Company is constantly expanding. Right now they are tripling the lines to the Maggie area. They are also stepping up the capacity of equipment at the sub station which serves Waynesville — going from 1500 KVA to 2,500. All of this is just part of their program, which represents many, many thousands of dollars.

Only in recent weeks has the Town of Waynesville completed a town-wide program of revising, and increasing the electrical service. The voltage on the lines have been stepped up, and many heavier lines installed.

While the power picture has shown a definite optimistic attitude towards the future, we must add to this the equal optimistic attitude of the Southern Bell Telephone Company and their extensive growth and expansion throughout Haywood. The dial systems here and in Canton, and now all linked together under a toll-free system.

And within the next 30 days, the new filtering plant of the Waynesville water department is scheduled to be completed. This will not only provide a larger volume of water, but will take care of the heavier demands in times of drought.

All this presents an encouraging picture of the optimism as the utility companies serving this section show greater faith in this section.

It's Plural

New maps will designate the place on North Carolina's Outer Banks where the Wright Brothers made the first flight at Kill Devil Hills—very much sounding the ess. It's a victory for Major J. L. Murphy of the newly incorporated town of Kill Devil Hills, who has been waging a one-man campaign for: 1. Designating the site of the first flight where it actually took place, not at nearby Kitty Hawk, where the Wrights lived during their experiments, and, 2. Standardizing the spelling of Kill Devil Hills—there is more than one sand dune within the designated area, although the Wright monument stands on only one of them. The name of the monument and surrounding area was officially changed from Kill Devil Hill National Memorial to Wright Brothers National Memorial shortly before the 50th anniversary of powered flight on December 17, 1953.

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We Feel Haywood Needs A Health Center

This newspaper is elated over the fact that interest is being renewed in the proposed health center for Haywood.

On Tuesday night the matter will be discussed at the court house, with Dr. C. C. Applewhite, director of the local health division, of the State Board of Health leading the discussion.

Last spring the matter came up here in Haywood, and much interest was shown, as the State and Federal agencies offered to pay 71 per cent of the cost of the $60,000 project, if Haywood would pay the remaining 29 per cent or about $18,000.

This newspaper expressed deep regret that the board of commissioners by a two to one vote last July saw fit to turn down the matter. At the time, this newspaper carried full statements of each member of the board, and we have no quarrel with them who saw the matter in a different light from the way we saw it.

We are hopeful that our officials can see their way clear to reconsider and approve the proposition. Needless to say, the health center and program will have a direct bearing on the lives of every person in Haywood county.

Haywood has shown substantial growth and progress in every phase of our economic life, and throughout the years has made substantial progress in everything undertaken. As we come now to consider ways and means of acquiring a higher health standard and facilities, it appears to this newspaper that we should proceed at once, and take advantage of the financial assistance that is so generously offered.

Rotting Down

About the time Hitler started his era of aggression, contractors began work on a link of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Soco Gap towards Big Witch Gap. Along the scenic route there are two tunnels, one near Wolf Laurel and the other nearer Big Witch.

The tunnels were dug in reasonably soft earth, and lined with timbers. During the interval, the seepage of water and lack of maintenance has caused both tunnels to fall in, with the possibility of more damage to come later. This was one of the projects for which Congressman George Shuford was requesting $280,000 from Congress to keep these tunnels, together with the one at Beech Gap in repair, as well as surfacing the Parkway link from Wagon Road Gap to Beech Gap.

The Congress thus far has not shown too much interest in the project, but should they look on the matter from a practical standpoint, they would see the wisdom of taking care of the needs now, and not wait until further damage is done by the continued deterioration.

Funny But!

An Oregon newspaper, the Sherman County Journal, has made this apt editorial observation: "Some of the most amusing literature in America is now being published. We refer to the announcements of candidates. Funniest is he who promises (itself futile) great social reforms and reduced expenditures and lower taxes."

The trouble is that there's nothing funny about the influence of this on the country. That kind of political buncombe was largely responsible for our present financial nightmare. And it's the kind of politics that could ruin us economically—which is the dearest hope of our enemies.

They'll Do It Every Time

Registered U. S. Patent Office

By Jimmy Hatlo

Voice of the People

Do you think Haywood County needs a new public health center?

Mrs. Fred Plott, Fairview Rd., Plott Creek—"Well of course we need one. I have used the Health Department many times in the past when my children were young and I don't think it is big enough to accommodate the needs of the county."

Mrs. Bill Prevost, Country Club Dr., Waynesville—"By all means. We not only need a health center but several more nurses and a permanent health officer. It is improbable that we can get a doctor to take this post until we get better quarters and facilities and have more operating funds available. Just two nurses and two sanitation officers try to take care of everything—blood tests, chest x-rays, immunization shots, pre-natal and well-baby clinics, home nursing, inspection of the more than 5,000 private water supplies in the county, of spectic tank installations, supervision of market milk, meat markets and food handling establishments. I wonder if the public realizes that 11,800 people received service in the clinic last year and 9,000 more were seen in schools.

Z. W. Curtis, pharmacist, Curtis Drug Store, Main St., Waynesville—"I don't know enough about it to comment and I believe most of the general public is in the same boat."

Hoxsie Griswold, owner Plott Cafe, Maggie Valley—"I sure do think it's needed. The prevailing crowded conditions warrant it. The work that has been and is being done is probably as good as can be with the funds and space they have but the health of our community is of prime importance and worthy of some sacrifice. I've used the Center considerably and have always gotten fine service."

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Jack Messer, president of the Haywood Council of Parent Teacher Arsociation, and Mrs. E. K. Herman attend State PTA Convention in Durham.

Mrs. Ralph Prevost is honored at a birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. Colin McInness in their home on Brown Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Connatser of Clyde spend Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. M. Noland.

J. R. Morgan attends meeting of trustees of Mars Hill College.

10 YEARS AGO

Pastors of Haywood exchange pulpits for Sunday morning in a "Fellowship Day Program".

Lt. Jack F. Hogan returns to this country after making fifty missions over enemy territory.

Clifford Brown is county manager for Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor.

Pvt. J. B. Siler, infantry division, arrives in North Africa.

Miss Nannette Jones attends wedding of her niece, Miss Lura Laverne Crary, in Wilmore, Ky.

5 YEARS AGO

Maggie citizens are against changing name of their community.

Ernest Edwards is named commander of the American Legion.

Mrs. Reuel Noland entertains at a shower honoring Miss Kathryn Noland, bride-elect of William D. Hyatt.

Mrs. Newton Cook of Portsmouth, Va. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stovall.

Donald Dunham arrives from Jacksonville, Fla., for the summer season.

Highland Flings . . .

By BOB CONWAY
Staff Writer

About this time each year a lot of people around these parts are suffering from (1) love, (2) spring fever, or (3) both.

If you're a man and in love, about all you can do is (1) plead for mercy, (2) join the Army, or (3) marry the girl. (These last two courses of action are considered somewhat drastic.)

If you're a member of the female species and have been bitten by the love bug, you can (1) be coy, (2) be charming, (3) issue an ultimatum.

However, if the diagnosis indicates that you are merely a victim of spring fever, you can find relief by (1) going fishing, (2) climbing trees, (3) running up and down a hill, barking like a dog, or (4) running for office.

The above home remedies are amazingly effective for most people. But if you happen to be a newspaper reporter, you may find yourself itching to write a column as we are now doing. (Of course, if you are still wearing your long handles, your itching may not be purely literary.)

Anyhow, after pressing the search for truth through rain, sleet, snow, and fog of winter (like Joe Friday, we just want to get the facts), we have come to the spring season—when it's time to go meandering over the typewriter keys in a quest not for fact, but for fancy.

In past years — in Kentucky, Ohio, and in England and France—we have tossed around a few bon mots without having too many fatalities resulting therefrom.

And so, unless there are any objections from the cash customers, we'd like to present a new column, "Highland Flings".

It may not make much sense, but it won't scare you quite as much as reading about the H-bomb.

We will attempt to include as many local items as possible in "Meanderings," but since events thousands of miles from here do have their effect on the people of Haywood County, we'll feel free to comment on nearly any subject.

And while we'll always be looking on the bright side, we won't turn our back on the sad side.

Are you all set? O. K., let's have our fling.

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We don't like to be critical of another newspaper, but we can't help mentioning that the Raleigh News and Observer this week pulled one of the worst errors we've ever seen in any newspaper—especially a larger publication.

In the caption under a picture of North Carolina's Cherry Blossom Queen candidate with Kentucky's candidate and Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren, the former governor of California was identified as "Chief Justice Fred Vinson". The paper went on to say that the winning girl was from the same state as Chief Justice Vinson (Kentucky).

Is it possible that a Washington photographer is unaware that Justice Vinson died last year, and was replaced by Warren?

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The creaks and wheezes you hear each evening are coming from the Waynesville High School ball diamond where the Hazelwood team is getting back into shape again (But the boys can hit; they were sending Billy Leatherwood's offerings for a long ride Wednesday afternoon.

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Waynesville people aren't too concerned with the first robin. What we're looking for is that first tourist.

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It appears that it'll be another month yet before blacktopping work gets under way on the Lake Junaluska-Canton four-laner.

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Hollis Price of Jonathan Creek was the object of envious eyes Wednesday morning when he was showing his 24¾-inch rainbow trout to other anglers . . . said he caught it on Jonathan Creek between Dellwood and Waterville Dam.

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After a man had shaken his hand in a drugstore the other day, one of the county commissioners commented: "I don't know who the guy is, but he must be a candidate."

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Sign on the back of a car at Charlie's Place Friday night: "Don't Blame Me—I Voted Democratic."

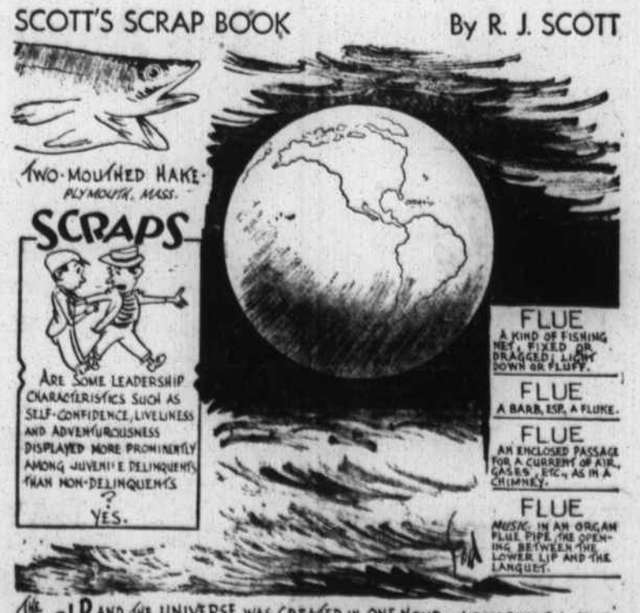
It's A Big Thirst

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. (AP) — Quenching the thirst of 47 swelling cities that contain more than a fourth of the total population of the 11 western states is the never ending task of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Newest undertaking is the Garvey reservoir in the foothills bordering this Los Angeles suburb. It involves moving 3,600,000 cubic yards of earth. When completed in 1955 the reservoir will have a capacity of 489 million gallons of water piped from the Colorado River.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



Rambling 'Round

—Bits Of Human Interest News—

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The church circle had held a very pleasant meeting with Abee, and the ladies were chatting while refreshments were served. Little Mary had done her part in assisting her mother was now circulating amongst the guests. She stopped in front of Bebee who was saying: "Oh my, yes! We are thoroughly enjoying new pool. We were afraid it would take up too much room but plenty of room to hang out our bathing suits." Little Mary, who been listening attentively, shrilled out across the space in her ish treble:: "Oh, Mommie, is that the poolroom where Daddy and Bebee hangs outt?"

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No matter how tender our toes are when stepped on, never seem to realize the other fellow may have a like affliction.

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An icy fear grips our being as we learn of conditions in the China mix-up. A third world war seems to be rising like a spectre and reaching out gigantic hands in its ferocious reach to us in the seething cauldron over the fiery furnace of hate.

Lives, so precious to all of us, are tossed into this maelstrom destruction as one would lightly cast in a log of wood on a bonfire. To most of us, it is a little hard to understand why we expected to take sides with the inevitable antagonisms that arise between countries actuated by greed and conquest.

It has been proven too often that we are allowed to carry heavy end of the load, and are the butt of controversy at the time. We have always been a happy, healthy family and it is this state of affairs will be dissolved into clouds of atomic disintegration.

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Some people use a ladle to dish it out but can't take it in a silver spoon.

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In a week Easter will be over and we will readjust our the summer just ahead. In almost the flash of an eye, the mountainsides will drop their winter garb and flash forth in colors, using a verdant background. Drifting clouds will softer, lighter. The blue of the sky will deepen. Spirits and hope rise with a buoyancy of joyousness missing for months. New new friends will mingle with the returning crowd of depend Sun suits, slacks and hoseless legs will appear on Main the lilt of happy birds will fill the air. Summer showers will kiting for shelter, only to allow the sun to beam down in its When twilight lulls the busy world to rest, the gentle breeze laid dormant throughout the day will drape itself around our ders, and all will be right with the world.

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Ah, welcome Spring! Our voices raise
Paeons of love and songs of praise.

Letters To The Editor

FIRST THINGS FIRST OR REGARDING ORIGINS

Editor, The Mountaineer:

Governor Adlai Stevenson in a recent address in Charlotte remarked that it is good to return to beginnings, speaking of his return to North Carolina; and an article in a recent issue of your paper titled: "Archives Planned By Assembly," has stirred the same feeling within me: "It is good to get back to beginnings."

The article referred to "Architectural plans have drawn and a site allocated at Junaluska for a Methodist building and historical which also will be the headquarters of the World dist Council."

All of which, as I was stirred many memories with for I am now living at

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Inside WASHINGTON
MARCH OF EVENTS

Intra - Governmental Fuss Not New in Washington | **Monroe Once Chased Secretary Out With T**

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Washington observers are casting about American history for an intra-governmental wrangle that pares with the current one between Army Secretary Robert T. and Senator Joseph R. McCarthy.

Some recall that President James Monroe is once said to chased his secretary of war, William H. Crawford of Georgia, the White House with a pair of castiron fire tongs.

Others point out that Andrew Jackson completely upset his when its members directed snubs, or fancied at pretty Peggy O'Neal, the innkeeper's who married John Eaton, and thereby Cabinet wife.

President Monroe

Still others recall the set-to between Harold Ickes, then secretary of the Ex-Senator Millard Tydings (D), Maryland the appointment of Edwin D. Pauley, oilman, to be secretary of the Navy.

Opposition to the Pauley appointment to have cost the self-styled "Old Curmudgeon" job. However, many doubt that any of performances can stand up against the McCarthy fight for purity of invective and swinging verbal style.

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● **CONGRESSIONAL "TAKE-HOME" PAY** — The Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union believes it has the to the proposed wage increase for members of Congress.

To alleviate their "plight," the ILWU proposes a program of away" for each member of the Senate and House. It amounts the lawmaker and his family can consume from the government stockpile of surplus foods—grain, milk, dried eggs, cheese, batter and potatoes.

The ILWU contends this also would help pare down the ment's surplus stocks.

In a statement of policy inserted in the *Congressional* Senator William Langer (R), North Dakota, the ILWU said that with these foodbaskets, plus their present salaries, plus the congressmen should managed through the next year with proposed $250 a week wage increase.

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● **FARM PRICE SWITCH**—The Eisenhower administration ently switched signals on the farm program when the bill embodying the program of Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson was

The measure, introduced by Senate Agriculture Chairman D. Aiken (R), Vermont, provided for a switch from rigid ports to a flexible system with no provision for transition. National Grange and the Farm Bureau federation, the last consistent supporter of Benson, immediately protested.

Benson had previously indicated that he would not favor drop of from 90 to 75 per cent of parity. However, he ordered drop on butter and a spokesman for his department indicated similar drops will occur in wheat and cotton if the flexible system adopted.

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● **CHANGE OF MIND—ALMOST**—The recent shooting the House chamber almost, but not quite, convinced Rep. Usher L. Burdick (R), South Dakota, to favor a pay raise for congressmen.

Burdick, who has been bluntly outspoken against the proposal to hike legislative pay as recommended by a presidential commission, told his constituents that the electrifying incident almost convinces him that he tote a gun when he appears on the House floor so that he back at would-be assassins.

He concluded: "However, if I have to add shooting to my duties, perhaps there should be a raise in my pay. I don't think will be, so I'll have to continue to oppose it."