

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.—Matthew 7:23.

I have learned what a sin is and infinite imperishable being, such as soul of man.—Coleridge.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

Southern Violence

How does North Carolina stand compared with other states in violence, according to the latest, 1953, Annual Bulletin of the FBI Uniform, Criminal Reports?

As usual the Old North State leads the nation in aggravated assaults. We rack up 364.2 such assaults per 100,000 population to give us our customary preeminence.

Virginia, as usual, is runner-up with 235, but still far behind us. Georgia is third with 223.5. South Carolina is far behind us with 131.7. Why this is we are still wondering?

Compare these figures with Oregon's 30.6, Iowa's 10.5, and Massachusetts's 11.1.

In murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, North Carolina occupies a relatively better position. Our figure there is 11.3, which is lower than Virginia's 11.6, Alabama's 14.9 and Georgia's 15.5. Still, it is far worse than 1.4 for New England, 2.8 for the Middle Atlantic states, and 3.8 for the Mountain states.

The inescapable fact is that the South—the easy-going, placid, courteous South—is still the most violent part of the country by far. Why?

Our guess, again as usual, is that the underlying cause of the South is racial, that is, the indiscriminate and lighthearted cutting or shooting, murdering or maiming, of one Negro by another multiplied manifold.

The FBI statistics of arrests by race in aggravated assaults over the nation in 1,174 cities show 7,611 for whites against 13,388 for Negroes. In murder and nonnegligent manslaughter the figures are 883 for whites and 1,306 for Negroes. Since Negroes make up about 10 percent of the population of the United States, it is evident that they commit far more than their share of crimes of violence; this must be reflected in statistics, especially in the South.

If the crimes of violence committed by Negroes were left out of the statistics, the South's big lead in such crimes over other parts of the nation would be cut considerably, but the South probably would still lead by a fair margin. If the Negro is addicted to violence, the Anglo-Saxon is no slouch at himself.

The purpose of this editorial is not to protect or defend the Southern whites while criticizing the Southern Negroes. It is rather to argue that more defense and protection should be given to the Negroes themselves. The vast bulk of Southern violence is not committed by Negroes against whites but Negroes against Negroes. They, not the whites are the chief sufferers. Men, regardless of race or environment, do not have to shoot, cut, kill and maim one another. Southerners of both races should make a far greater effort than they have done to bring the problem of violence to the light of publicity and then attempt to solve it by law enforcement, education, religion and any other method available. This is an inescapable and continuing challenge to Southern leadership of both races.—Greensboro Daily News.

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A Good Reputation

There is no doubt but what there will be a good attendance at Lake Junaluska Sunday, for the observance of Haywood County Day.

We were impressed by the committee here last week in behalf of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, in discussing the custom of opening the Lake with Haywood County Day. They felt that such an idea showed the friendly spirit within the county, and the cooperation which made such a vivid impression upon them as they came to get information about bringing the 1956 conference to Lake Junaluska.

One of the reasons the committee decided on the Lake for the conference which will bring about 2,000 people to this area, was because of the vast civic pride and evidence on every hand of all groups and agencies working together for a common cause.

Such a reputation is to be cherished, and we feel that such events as Haywood County Day is what makes Haywood such a good place in which to live.

Making Dreams Come True

A report from a survey among libraries shows that high on the popularity list is the material from which dreams are made—books on how to plan a home. Never have they been in such demand.

Young couples with a great yearning for a roof to call their own, take the books home. They study them, discuss, and revise plans. In two or three evenings they have it planned—that heavenly place, their home.

Once they have the plans in mind, they concentrate on how to make possession become a reality. These young planners are greatly interested, too, in books on furniture, and vegetables as well as flower gardens.

Dreaming young dreams and making them come true, that's the blueprint of solid America.

Food Bill Rise, But What Do You Eat?

We are enlightened by word from our food processors that while the country's food bill last year was more than four times what it was in 1939, the trouble isn't altogether inflation. The comparison is 66 billion dollars, in round figures, to 16 billion. However, the cost-of-living index has only about doubled.

Paul S. Willis, president of Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., exhibits a glew in the growing number of working women. There are around 18 million of these, he recited to the Boston Advertising Club recently, and 11 million are married. It is his idea that the little woman, busy as never before, turns for convenience and speed to processed and packaged food, and so contributes to a new "growth industry."

The postwar market basket thus takes on a look different from that of the prewar receptacle. It is less bulky. The spinach, say, is no longer in the raw, but more likely to be frozen, canned or cellophaned. And as another factor in the larger spending for food, with 18,000,000 women working where a round 12,000,000 worked when the defense program started in 1939, Rosie the Riveter has helped with her added income to upgrade her family's eating habits. People are eating more and, if you take the processors' word, better with less trouble.

A little less discriminating than we should like, the U. S. Department of Commerce lumps food and tobacco as a single item of consumer spending. The total spent under this heading in the deep depression year of 1933 was 12 3/4 billion dollars. In 1951, reports Commerce, it was 73.8 billions. As to this, we are still looking at the evidence before entering the argument whether price, quality, quantity or form of food makes the bigger difference.

—The Louisville Courier-Journal

Voice of the People

What is the most important thing about local elections?

William Medford, Democratic candidate for state senate—"It is the participation of people in the processes of government."

Jerry Rogers, Democratic candidate for state representative—"The most important thing in local elections is the belief shown in the honesty of the candidate and the faith that the voter has in that individual."

Fred Campbell, candidate for sheriff—"People getting out and voting."

Walter Baermann, private citizen—"The family, community, county, state and federal union are the five entities to which we all belong. Our local vote is the first step in asserting our right of participation in the affairs of our country."

YOU ASKED FOR MORE OPTIMISM, DIDN'T YOU?



Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO
Lake Junaluska will formally open the 1934 season Sunday morning with the Hon. Josephus Daniels delivering the first address.
10 YEARS AGO
Pvt. Herbert Tate and Pvt. Wallace Tate, brothers, meet in England, seeing each other for the first time in four years.
5 YEARS AGO
The Rev. Clay Madison will preach Sunday morning at Haywood County Day program at Junaluska.
Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn is appointed a member of the State Library Commission.
Edgar H. Gould, Jr. receives doctor's degree in English from the University of North Carolina.
Miss Betsy Siler, Miss Jane Wyche, and Miss Gladys Brown of Clyde receive degrees from Woman's College.

Report from Washington

By SENATOR ALTON LENNON

WASHINGTON—Last week the Senate paid its official tribute to the late Senator Clyde Hoey in a special memorial service.

It is touching to realize that Senator Hoey had attained the highest plateau of respect and admiration from his Senate colleagues. I will not go into the details of the memorial service, but it should be noted here that all of the country held him in the very highest esteem.

EDITORIALS
The editorial eulogies from North Carolina newspapers were eloquent in their tributes to Senator Hoey. They described the great respect with which he was held by all of North Carolina. While it was impossible to get all of the editorials, I was able to get a very representative group of them for insertion in the Congressional Record as a tribute to Senator Hoey.

COMMITTEES
Upon returning to the Senate last week after attending the convention in Raleigh, I began my new duties as a member of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. I am looking forward to service on this committee.

TAX LEGISLATION
Senator George, of Georgia, and I have had an opportunity to discuss the tax situation. I am glad to report that he is even more determined than ever to win income tax reductions for millions of Americans, especially those in the lower income brackets. I agree with him wholeheartedly and am looking forward to converting that belief into action.

TORACCO FOR SOUTH KOREA
Three million dollars worth of American tobacco may be on the way to South Korea. It was a pleasure to be among those pushing the plan for sale of the leaf through the Foreign Operations Administration. South Korea made a bid for this tobacco early this year. The request was later withdrawn. But I have been assured Korea will be given the opportunity to renew the bid and the outlook is very bright that the sale will be consummated.

Views of Other Editors

CONSIDERABLE RELIEF
We woke up with considerable relief—glad to find the bed still under us and everything in the bedroom in its accustomed place. We looked out the window and were relieved to see trees, houses and traffic just about the same as they had been. And we were more relieved as we came downtown to find the same policemen at the same posts; in fact, to note no strangers or changes at all.

WATERWAYS MEETING
There was an unusually large number of North Carolina leaders visiting in Washington last week. Included was a large delegation to the annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. All the projects they proposed for improvement of channels and inlets were passed by the Projects Committee and we'll be hearing more about them in the Congress later.

MENTAL HEALTH
Lee Robert E. is a BACK-GROUND STUDY. 15 minutes, sound, color. Lee is studied first as a Virginian, a devout Christian who was forced to decide between his home and the Union he loved; then, as a brilliant strategist and beloved commander who stood "cause, country, and all"—a man whose integrity of principle, even in defeat, set an example for the New South and for future generations of all the nation.

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Film Schedule

Films available at the Haywood County Library until June 11 are as follows:
May 17 - June 11

- 1. FAMILIES FIRST — 17 minutes, sound, black and white. By a sequence of everyday episodes in the lives of two contrasting families, this film demonstrates the causes of tensions, frustrations, and anti-social attitudes, and shows opposite results of affection, achievement and harmonious personality adjustment.
2. FOREST CONSERVATION — 11 minutes, sound, color. How fire and overcutting of timber have caused soil erosion. Eroded soil in a flooded river clog a reservoir, destroying a community's water supply. How good forest practices would have prevented the widespread damage, and remedial measures which must be used.
3. INDIA: PAKISTAN AND THE UNION OF INDIA — 17 minutes, sound, black and white. This film portrays the ways in which tradition, land, and climate have shaped the ways of life in India and Pakistan.
4. LEE ROBERT E.: A BACKGROUND STUDY. 15 minutes, sound, color. Lee is studied first as a Virginian, a devout Christian who was forced to decide between his home and the Union he loved; then, as a brilliant strategist and beloved commander who stood "cause, country, and all"—a man whose integrity of principle, even in defeat, set an example for the New South and for future generations of all the nation.
5. MENTAL HEALTH — 12 minutes, sound, black and white. Describes its attributes, and discusses its importance to the individual and to society. Illustrates symptoms of mental ill-health, defining such terms as neurosis and psychosis. Explains the basic structure of the personality, and suggests various ways in which mental health can be maintained and improved.
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Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

In the public eye: The gorgeous green sweep of the sides with a setting sun as a backdrop; the soft glow of light at midnight; the sudden opening of shutters that have been all winter: snow white wash on the line dancing to the Spring song; the can can petticoats showing their colors; more automobiles with out-of-state license plates on Highway and the Saturday-sunning Association holding their regular on the green benches in front of the courthouse.

QUESTION: Who counted the six million fish eggs that put in the streams for restocking?

We are asked many times how the selections are made guest tickets to the movie theatre. We honestly do not know an entirely different department from ours. But if you know how proof-reading is carried on, just follow us back desk. Look out, there, for those three linotype machines, the up "stone", the Elrod, the Ludlow, the Fairchild and eleven more. We place on our left, the sheaf of copy and on the right proof. Then we grab in our left hand a long ruler and in the hand goes the short ruler, also a villainous red pencil. Let's go!

At last 'tis June and for thirty days we'll bask in the shine we waited twelve months to enjoy. For no month is June.

Little Johnny, who had been playing with his next-door neighbor, Billy, came running into the house crying lustily. He was dirty and on his face was a tell-tale smudge of gore that had been put there recently. "What on earth is the matter?" his mother asked. Between sobs, Johnny replied: "Billy pushed me down and kicked me." His mother, soothingly: "Oh, I'm sure Billy didn't hurt you." Johnny glared: "Maybe not," he retorted, "but sure he didn't wear his cowboy boots over here accidentally!"

Three little black-eyed paragraphs. As happy as could be. A-rambling all around the town. To see what they could see. They found a column on a page. And danced as fairies do. One rode away on a hyphen. Then there were only two.

Two little black-eyed paragraphs. Just having lots of fun. One fell down on a misspelled word. And that left only one.

One little black-eyed paragraph. Went out to hunt some friends. He ran into a period. And thus our column ends.

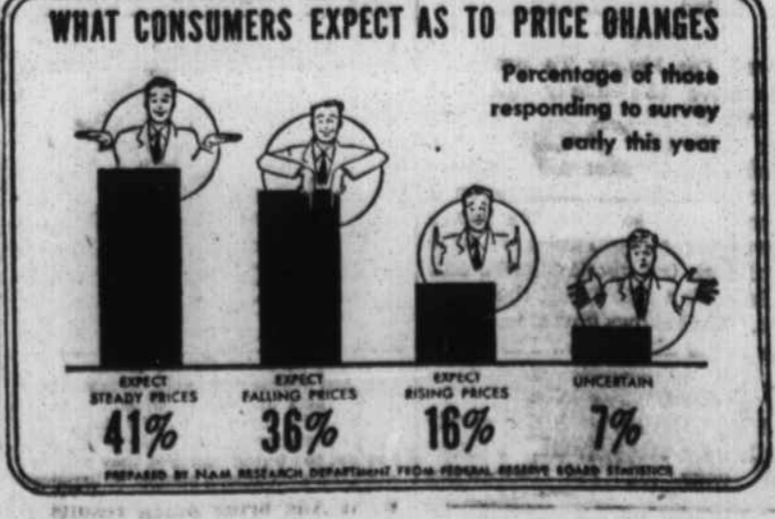
Letters to the Editor

"FINE PRINTING JOB"
Editor, The Mountaineer:
At this time the distribution of our 15,000 booklets are well under way and our hearts are happy. We are now receiving long distance calls and letters requesting a supply of them.
On behalf of the Haywood County Highlanders, I would like, at this time, to thank you and congratulate you for the very fine job of printing our 15,000 booklets; also, for the hours you spent with us in planning these booklets which contain many of your valuable suggestions.
The great savings of cost for producing these booklets are deeply appreciated by the Haywood County Highlanders.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Nellie Clark
Secretary and Treasurer

It Pays To Use Mountaineer Want

CROSSWORD
ACROSS
1. Cushions
5. Cut finely, as meat
9. Debate
10. Stormed
12. Rugged mountain crest
14. Incites
15. Goddess of beauty (Rom.)
16. Winged insect
17. Mature
19. Neon (sym.)
20. To be in debt
21. Just
23. Ceases
26. Weight (colloq.)
28. Merry
29. Exclamation
30. Japanese festival
31. A wing
34. Savage
37. Type of architecture
39. Vestige
40. Summit
41. Sacred (Fr.)
42. Levels to the ground (var.)
43. Require
44. Vehicle with runners
DOWN
1. Slender instrument (surg.)
25. Contest of speed
26. Measure of land
28. Egg-shaped

They'll Do It Every Time



Say I Saw It In The Mountaineer