

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.—Psalms 43:1.

It is better to trust your fellow man occasionally deceived than to be full and live alone.—William Jennings

Meet The Press

Beginning tonight, members of the North Carolina Press Association will be guests in our community for three days. Indications are that there will be between 150 and 200 members attending the annual summer session, which is being held at Lake Junaluska.

This community and the North Carolina Press Association are "friends of long standing."

The first time the association came here was in 1883, when the group met at Sulphur Springs. At the time, A. T. London was president, and Josephus Daniels vice president.

The press came back in 1920, when J. F. Hurley was president, and Galt Braxton, Kinston, who plans to be here this week, was vice president.

The next convention in Waynesville was in 1936, when the group met at the Hotel Gordon, and had as their speakers, Senator Robert R. Reynolds and Clyde R. Hoey.

The group met in Asheville in 1944, and again in 1950, and both times visited Waynesville for a meal.

The community has always looked forward in having the press come here, and again today, we are delighted in having them for their three-day conference, and trust they will enjoy being here as much as we always enjoy having them.

It Is AECUT

Heavens forbid, the above is not for a new federal bureau or agency. It stands for "After Election Clean Up Time."

The reminder of the recent election are still with us, in the form of large placards nailed to trees and utility poles throughout the countryside.

As time goes on, these placards will become weather-worn, and give a ghostly appearance of those whose likeness they showed to the world.

Election posters, like a circus banner, grow more obnoxious with age.

The fact remains that the candidates in a state-wide race are not going to take the placards down, so it looks like the responsibility of those who put them up.

According to our calendar, it is "After Election Clean Up Time."

Still Catching Fish

According to the Birmingham News, a bamboo fishing pole manufacturer at Montgomery is going strong. In fact, stronger. He reports that despite new-fangled fishing gadgets demand for the old reliable cane pole remains heavy; that he is shipping 75,000 poles a year to 14 states, and is thinking of moving into the Canadian Market.

It's a good sign, stirring deep nostalgia; a refreshing reminder that the more things change, the more they remain the same. And what, by the way, does one hear from the bent-pin industry?

—Nashville Banner.

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Mrs. W. T. Crawford

Few people lived a fuller life than did Mrs. W. T. Crawford.

She enjoyed life, and put much into living by making those around her happy. Truly, she lived for others, and in so doing, enjoyed life to the fullest.

Perhaps the one word that can best describe Mrs. Crawford is loyalty.

Among her many outstanding traits of character was her sense of loyalty to her family, her church, her friends, her county and state and her nation.

Many lessons could be learned from the long and useful life of Mrs. Crawford.

She felt that her mission was to make this a better world in which to live. Her life's record proves she achieved her goal.

Three Good Appointments

Not in recent years have we recalled a governor having to make as many major appointments in such a short period as Governor Umstead.

Last Saturday he filled the vacancy in the Senate created by the death of Senator Clyde R. Hoey by naming Judge Sam J. Erwin, of Morganton. In naming Judge Erwin, a vacancy was created on the bench of the State Supreme Court. The governor on Tuesday filled that spot by naming Carlisle Higgins of Winston-Salem.

Three days before, the governor named Frank Crane as commissioner of labor, filling in the unexpired term of Forrest H. Shufford, who recently died of a heart attack.

Judge Erwin is looked upon as a man who will make a capable senator. He has proved himself a capable man in many capacities, and has served his state in the legislature as well as on the Supreme Court bench. Those who know him best, feel that Governor Umstead made an excellent appointment.

The new member of the Supreme Court, Higgins, is 64, and a lawyer in Winston-Salem. He managed the governor's campaign. He served in the State House of Representatives in 1925 and the State Senate in 1929. He was solicitor of the 11th judicial district and in 1934 was appointed U. S. District Attorney for the Middle District. He held the post until 1946.

He is the state's Democratic national committeeman, and after World War II represented the Justice Department in prosecuting Japanese war criminals, including Japanese Premier Tojo.

Frank Crane was elevated to commissioner of labor after 15 years in the department. Thus, he was promoted on his ability to the top promotion.

The Governor seems to have made good appointments in all three instances.

Crowding To Religion

Undoubtedly the 120,000 people who crowded Wembley Stadium in London to hear the final sermon of Billy Graham's evangelic mission to London paid by their presence a great tribute to the man. The stadium crowd—greater than those which have filled it for the most popular sports events—proved, however, something even more important than Graham's powers as a preacher. They massed in demonstration of the hunger for religion in the so-called materialistic modern world.

Apparently people of all sorts and classes in England were impressed by both Graham and the response to his ministry. He may be a man of unique appeal. The eagerness of the listeners to a religious message today, however, is more important even than the deliverer of that message. These London meetings prove a deep desire for the sustenance of religious faith in a much troubled world.—News and Observer.

Voice of the People

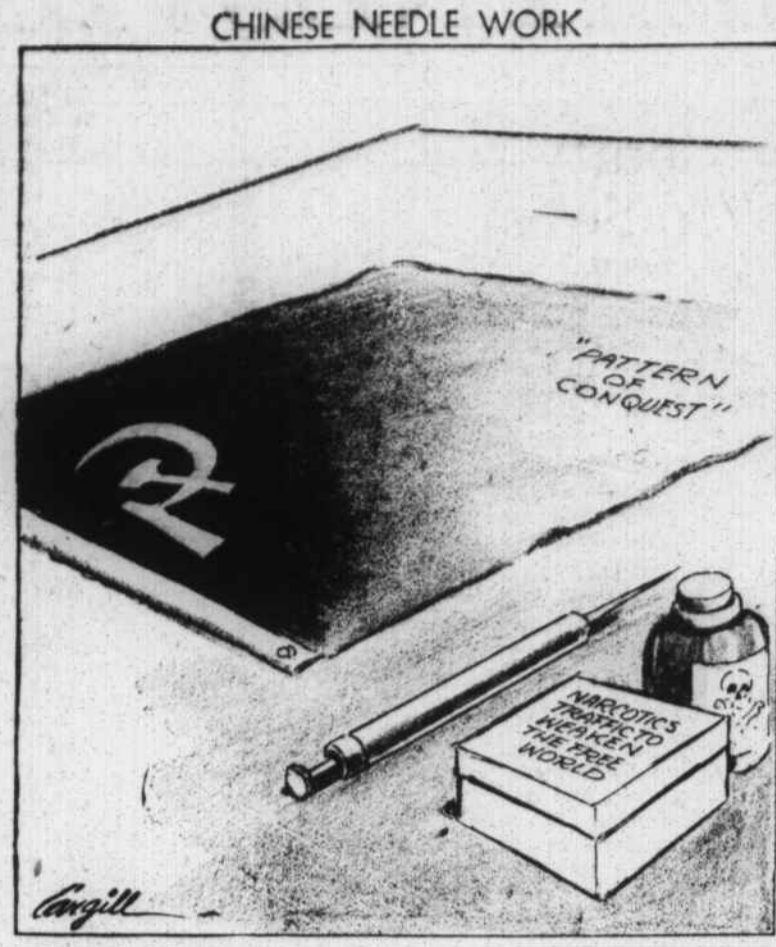
As a new graduate from high school, what are your plans for the coming year?

Barbara Jean Davis, 408 Main St., Hazelwood—"I'm just leaving for two weeks at the Presbyterian Young People's conference at Montreat and after that I just plan to vacation at home. Next fall I go into nurses' training. I've been accepted at Memorial Mission Hospital."

Jessie Alexander, 111 Hospital St., Waynesville—"I'm working in the dining room of the Country Club for the summer but plan to enter Woman's College down in Greensboro next fall as a freshman. I'll probably major in business or art."

Dave Felmet, Jr., Balsam Drive, Waynesville—"I am going to work at the Waynesville Country Club this summer and finish my studies at the Asheville School for Boys next year. I hope to go to the University of North Carolina after that."

Mary Jean Rowland, Balsam Rd.,



Saunook—"I plan to work for the next year or so and have already started in Mr. Frank Ferguson's the lawyer, office. I do secretarial work."

Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO Haywood County Farmers' Day is planned for Friday. Formal opening of new \$25,000 Western Carolina Creamery is set for Friday. Miss Mary Elizabeth Garrett is married to Herbert Hugo Braren. Mrs. Charles Hard and children, Mary Vance and Charles Hard, Jr., of Elyria, Ohio are visiting the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Abel. C. J. Reece leaves for week's fishing trip to Robbinsville.

Letters to the Editor

CONSTANTLY IMPROVING Editor, The Mountaineer: I have read every issue of The Mountaineer ever since you took it over years ago (23). I have seen it grow until it covers Haywood County as well as a blanket. Haywood has never registered so high in the scale as it does now. And The Mountaineer has played its large part in this going forward. The splendid publicity you have given every good cause in the county has been of incalculable help to our county agents—men and women in the splendid work they have done for old Haywood. You have given their plans and efforts such wonderful publicity. And as a result of the multiple efforts, living in Haywood is at the highest level I have ever seen. I have just read your current issue (June 3) and I think it your high water mark in coverage and readability. So keep up the good work, as I am sure you will, and old Haywood will climb still higher. It gives me no small pleasure to write and send this letter to you. Cordially yours Eugene W. Gudger Waynesville.

TVA STATES POSITION AS TO WATER LEVEL OF LAKES

Editor, The Mountaineer: Due to the fact that you received copies of Mr. Bennett's letter to TVA raising some questions about the water level of Fontana reservoir, I am sending you a copy of our reply. You may make such use of it as you see fit. If you have any questions about this subject, or any other phase of TVA operations, do not hesitate to call on us. Sincerely, Tennessee Valley Authority Paul L. Evans Director of Information.

Kelly E. Bennett Mayor of Bryson City, North Carolina This is in reply to your letter of May 14, 1954, relative to the water level in Fontana Reservoir. The present relatively low water level in Fontana Reservoir, as is the case generally in the TVA reservoirs on the tributaries, is due to the dry weather conditions experienced in 1953 and the heavy power load that now prevails. These circumstances made it necessary to draw these reservoirs much lower than is desirable during the latter part of 1953 and during the first part of January of this year. Thereafter heavy rainfall and increased runoff reversed the trend and made it possible to begin refilling the reservoirs, but the runoff was not enough to permit recovery to the elevations we would normally have at this time of the year. To give you an idea of the sever-

10 YEARS AGO Haywood County Hospital is designated as penicillin depot. Charles Jack Davis, U. S. Navy, is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Davis, at Hazelwood. Humes Hart, Jr. and Robert Gibson, Jr. leave for Oxford, Miss., to enter the University of Mississippi for training. Cpl. Joe S. Davis is serving overseas. 5 YEARS AGO Alice Marie Burgh and Nancy Floyd are chosen to attend Girls' State at Woman's College. Baptists approve plans for building new auditorium. Miss Evelyn Underwood, faculty member of Mars Hill College, plans to spend the summer studying and traveling in Europe. Tom Alexander is appointed to State Board of Conservation and Development. Mozelle Linder wins second place in state-wide speaking contest held in Hickory.

ments of the TVA Act. As a matter of fact, it is in the best interest of the primary objectives for which these reservoirs were built to have them filled at this time of the year, and it is our hope that rainfall and runoff will be sufficient from here on out to permit continuance of the filling operation. Of course, we cannot foresee what weather conditions will be like in the next month or two, but we should very much like to fill Fontana to the 1700-1710 level before beginning the drawdown, if possible. As to the relation between Fontana levels and the fish spawning, our records show that from the first of April this year to the 27th, the water level in Fontana Reservoir rose steadily and fell only about 15 inches between April 27 and May 4. As you may recall, there were a number of warm days in this period. This resulted in water temperatures in the reservoirs rising sufficiently for fish to spawn. We do not have the temperature of the water in Fontana at that time but in Nottely, which is at a higher elevation than Fontana, the temperature rose to the upper 70's, which is well above the required temperature for this purpose. For the above reasons, our technicians tell me that the period of rising or stable water levels from April 1 to May 4 provided suitable conditions for fish spawning. Moreover, many individual bass and crappie spawned at such great depth that their nests would not be disturbed by the small drawdown that occurred between May 4 and May 24. I hope this explanation has made it clear—first, that we too would like to see Fontana Reservoir much more nearly full, both for our primary operating needs and for recreation; and second, that the circumstances which have prevented its being filled are not within our control. We operate the reservoirs as required by law, for the maximum flood control, navigation, and power benefits from the system, and we accommodate other desirable purposes insofar as possible. Clearly such operation is directly in the public interest. Since we understand that your letter addressed to us under date of May 14, 1954, was released to the Waynesville Mountaineer and the Asheville Citizen, we are sending copies of this letter to those newspapers. Very truly yours, John Oliver General Manager.

Radioactive Credit

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—An engineering student and his girl friend had dinner at a restaurant. He discovered he was short of money to pay the bill. After he told the manager his troubles he said, "I'm awfully sorry. If you'll trust me until tomorrow I'll leave my Geiger counter as security."

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

When it started to rain, Uncle Mose left his usual lounge on the bottom step and went on up to the back porch. Here he had an equally comfortable spot and gazed with deep satisfaction rapidly soaking lawn. No mowing today, even if the sun came later.

He was musing, with half closed eyes, on the kindness of when a figure entirely enmeshed in gossamer, misty white and past him, down the steps, across the sudden lawn and down in the garage. Uncle Mose let out an unwholesome yell and tried to his unwilling legs buckled up under him. Mamma Jo appeared in the kitchen door and cried out: "What on the good green earth matter with you, Uncle Mose?" The old colored man's head tilted in his head as he stammered: "Laws a mighty! Did you see that? It had wings and was breathing fire!" Mamma Jo was shocked and exclaimed in no uncertain terms: "You're just a fool. That was Miss Alidee in her new white plastic raincoat."

Some people like to dish it out but can't take a word the same.

There's something spooky about poems, or rhymes or whatever you want to call 'em. They have an uncanny way of slipping under the skin and slithering their way along the heart. No matter how much poetic license is taken, the lines seem to have a responsive chord. Men may turn up their noses in disgust at poetry addicts express their disapproval, but the fact still that rhyming is better able to express our inner feelings than seems able to do.

Do you think Joyce Kilmer's immortal "Trees" would be maintained the classic it is, had the idea been put out in sentences? How about Walt Whitman's "Drum" with the Longfellow's "Children's Hour" and "Evangeline"? This is a question only a few that have remained with the world since and their rhythm has crept below the surface. Don't disdain. Once you become a rhymester, you're a poet, gosh!

He who can close his lips when angry, has a strength than that of Samson.

We are indebted to the radio program "Can You Top The Senator Ford doing the talking."

Little Johnny had been a regular attendant at Sunday school some time but today was the first time he had attended the church services. He was very enthusiastic when he returned and his father, wishing to see what impression the sermon had on the child, asked him: "Johnny, do you know what the sermon was?" "I sure do, Daddy," was the little boy's prompt answer. "It was 'Don't worry. You'll get your quilt.'" Without a smile, his father said: "Well, not quite that son. It was for the Comforter cometh."

Little words that sound alike. Are used to end each line. And fill up the simplest thought Until it sounds divine.

Report from Washington

By SENATOR ALTON LENNON

WASHINGTON — Due to the rush of legislative matters in the Senate, it was necessary to return to Washington immediately after the election. It is very difficult to conduct a campaign and at the same time carry on the duties of the office. One of the rewarding features of politics is the opportunity to get acquainted with the people. I shall never forget the cooperation I have received and the friends I have made during the few months in the Senate.

CURRENT BILLS

In order to inform you of my voting position during the past few days, I am listing my votes on a number of current bills. The Senate passed with amendments the Agriculture Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1955. On a close vote, the Senate adopted the amendment to increase by \$35,000,000 the loan authorizations for rural electrification, which I supported. I also voted for the amendment increasing by \$10,000,000 funds for the school lunch program. This proposed in-

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Foreman, 5. Baby (India), 9. River (Russ.), 10. Culture medium, 11. A spice, 12. Girl's name, 14. King of Bashan, 15. Ever (poet), 17. To the right!, 18. Cutting tool, 20. Seeds, 23. Journey, 25. Also, 26. Showy flower, 28. Domineering, 32. Droop in the middle, 34. Memorandum, 35. Authorize, 39. Larva of eyethread-worm, 40. Greek letter, 41. Insane, 43. Gold (Her.), 44. Large artery of heart, 47. Enclosures, 49. Persian coin, 50. Leg joint, 51. Mischievous persons, 52. Red variety of chalcidony.

Cartoon titled 'They'll Do It Every Time' by Jimmy Hatlo. It depicts a man in a suit talking to a woman in a dress. The man says, 'I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM! SPEAK, PETEY—WHOSE BOY ARE YOU?' The woman replies, 'COME ON, PETEY—WHAT'S NEW? HELLO, PETEY—HOW'S THE OL' KID?' The man says, 'LISTEN TO HIM...' The woman replies, 'PETEY'S A SWEET BOY! PETEY'S A GOOD KID! HI, FOLKS! LOOK AT THE HEAD ON THAT GUY!! HI, POP!! PEEK-A-BOO!! I SAW A PUTHY CAT!! YOO-HOO-HOO AND A BOTTLE OF SCHNAPPS!!' The man says, 'WE REALLY MUST BE GOING...' The woman replies, 'THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE MARY BENNETS, SUITS & BOYS 218, SPRINGFIELD, MO.'