

# Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

## Water Conservation Looms As Next Big Project For Mountain Area

Haywood County, along with other parts of the South, is suffering from the extreme dry weather, but right here, we are far better off than many places.

Many wells and springs in the rural areas are dry, while right here in town, the supply of water is far greater than the consumption. In fact, right now, only about one-fifth of the available water in the town system is being used.

Some springs and wells have gone dry for the first time in history. This is due, no doubt, to the extreme dry fall last year, and the dry winter, when the water table did not have a chance to be replenished.

The matter has gotten to the point where it looks like a program of water conservation will be one of our next major problems.

## You're Working For The Government

Citizens Public Expenditure Survey defines a taxpayer as "one who doesn't have to pass a civil service exam to work for the government."

The average man in the \$4,500 bracket works one day in every three to earn tax money alone! If he is employed on the usual 40-hour, five-day week basis, he works more hours to pay his taxes that he does to meet both his housing and clothing needs.

That's a bleak picture, but a ray of sunlight is found in the fact that the new federal budget marks a reduction from its predecessors—and that the tax cuts proposed by the Administration and authorized by Congress have provided us with some measure of relief.

Now the hope is that larger cuts in both spending and taxes will be possible in the future. Practically everyone, in and out of government, wants that. But the goal will be impossible of attainment unless it is honestly supported by the public at large. That means we must do much more than just advocate economy as a vague general principle. We must be willing to approve economy measures when they directly affect us—not the other fellow only. Long ago, it was said that the people get the kind of government they deserve, and that goes for fiscal affairs as well as everything else.

## You Can't Drive Too Carefully

Our highway safety record here in Haywood is going up faster and faster. For about six months of this year, it stayed on a rather level keel, and just once in a while did the figures change.

For October 5th, 1953, the score box on the front page read 4 killed, 37 injured. On the same date this year, the box score reads: 3 killed, and 49 injured.

One less killed than last year, but 12 more injured.

Not a very pretty picture of facts, but we have it with us.

One person who was at the terrible accident about midnight Saturday night, said that to see and hear the suffering that the seven people went through, was enough to make anyone vow they would go to the extremes to be careful from now on while driving.

The fact remains, there is no such thing as being too careful.

## Births In State Reflect School Enrollment

The increase in the number of births in North Carolina since 1945 is now making its impact upon the public schools, we learn from a statement in State School Facts.

The recent opening of school, saw over 107,000 more children starting school than in previous years.

A rather interesting fact is that from 1938 to 1945, there was an average of 85,821 births per year in this state. For the more recent 8-year period — 1946 - 1953 — there was an average of 109,030 births per year.

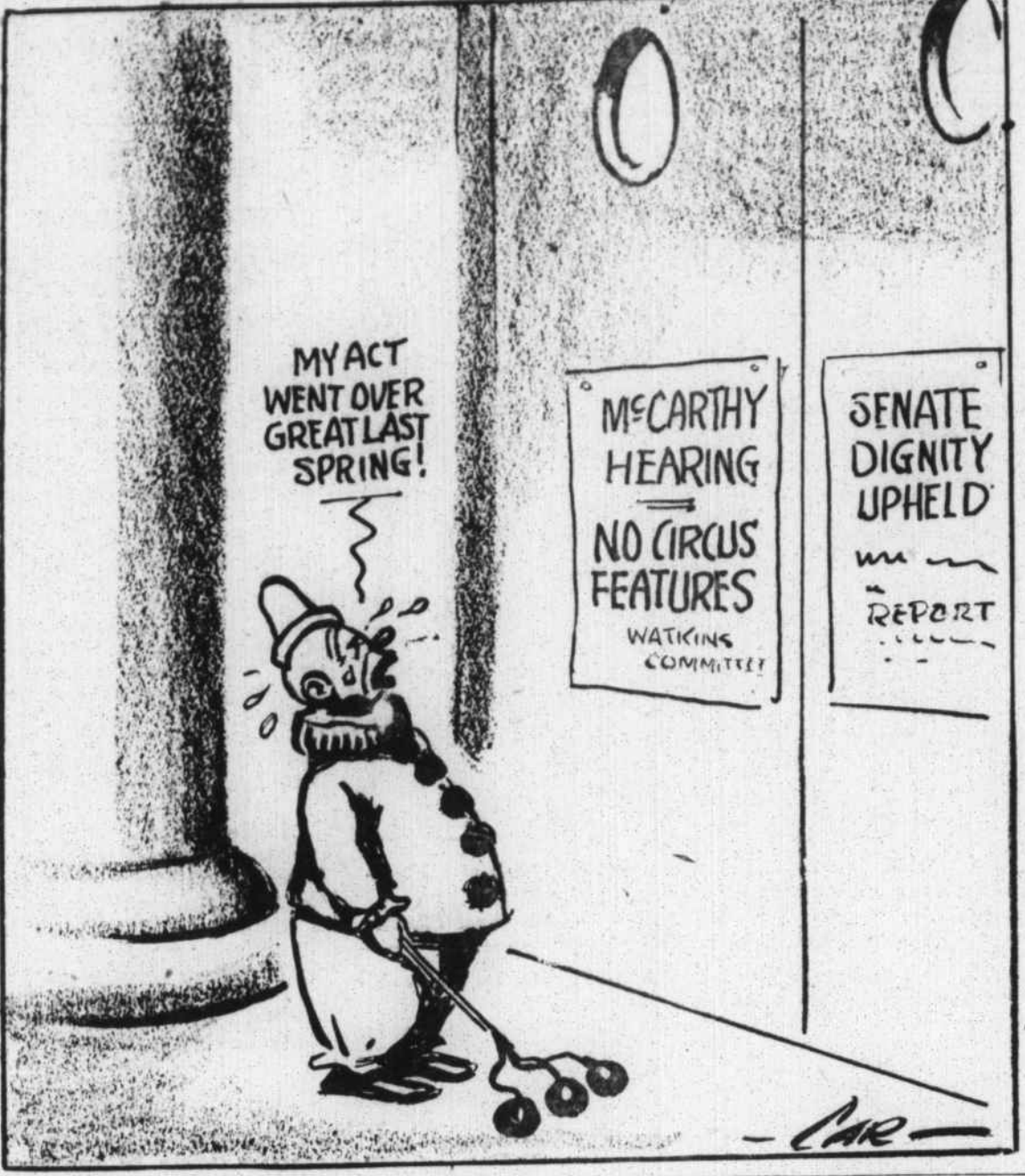
The trend of a steady increase in the birth rate has a direct bearing on the public schools, and means that each year sees more and more students enrolled in our school system.

Right at the moment, Haywood seems to have met the need, and for the next few years will be in a position to take care of the normal increase in school enrollment. However, should the trend continue, and there is no indication that it will not, then it is not too soon to begin giving serious thought to what steps to take for the schools next.

Some states are finding the dual classroom system — two shifts a day in the same building — is solving their overcrowded conditions. One group of students go to school at 7:30, and get out at 1:30. Another goes at 1:30 and gets out at 7:30. Two sets of faculty and students use the same buildings and facilities.

We are not advocating such right at the moment, but certainly the plan has enough merit for us to keep an eye on those states that are using it, because the time might not be too far away when we will be looking for some way to handle more students than we have facilities.

## CLOWN WHO WOULD PLAY HAMLET



## Looking Back Through The Years

- | 20 YEARS AGO   | 10 YEARS AGO  | 5 YEARS AGO  |
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| Haywood County Hospital is one of 65 in the state to be placed on approved list of the American College of Surgeons. | Methodists plan Memorial Chapel at Lake Junaluska.  | Miss Elise DeLozier, bride-elect of Joe Palmer, is honored at a tea given by Miss Edna Summerrow and Miss Edith Summerrow. |
| Lee Davis is elected president of the Varsity Club of Duke University.   | Rufus Summerrow is awarded a Certificate of Honorable Service.  | Large group from Waynesville attends concert given by Margaret Truman at Cullowhee.  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Bea Colkitt entertain at dinner in celebration of their fifteenth wedding anniversary.                  | Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gwyn return to Wilmington, Del. after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn. | Pat Smathers of Canton is president of Meredith College freshman class.  |
| Master Billy Davis has birthday party.   | Pvt. Pink Burress of Allens Creek and Pvt. William L. Davis of Waynesville meet in Italy.             | Dallas R. Clark, USN, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Coral Sea.   |
|  | Nathan Ferguson visits his brother-in-law, Prof. E. J. Robeson.                                       |  |

## Just Looking Around Voice of the People

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Almost everyone these days takes it for granted that electricity has been with us always. This year makes only 75 years. And there is no question but what the greatest strides have been made in the electrical field in the past 20 years.

It has not been too long ago, when we remember the power did not come on until five o'clock in the afternoon. The power plant blew a whistle to let the customers know the power was on. The plant shut down at sunup, because all the electricity then was used for lights.

In the early days of power plants, it was not uncommon for the lights to grow real dim at times, and the usual remark was that the fireman had gone to sleep and let the steam run low.

The theatres have put electricity to work about as much as any one enterprise. Not too many years ago—even as late as 30 years when sound pictures made their first appearance, the theatres had to use slides made of glass to tell the audience "One Moment Please While The Operator Changes Reels," or "Reel being spliced, please be patient."

This latter slide was when the younger boys let loose their ear-splitting whistles. Indian war-whoops, and tried to beat the floor to shreds with their heavy heeled boots.

The coming of electricity did away with a mean Saturday job—filling the lamps, and cleaning the shades. The chore had to be done just when a ball game was to start, or some other activity called upon a feller to be somewhere else.

And when the lamp cleaning task was over, there came the coffee grinding. Then green coffee had been parched in the old wood stove oven, and it had to be ground right then. Sometimes it had to go through the mill twice. The mill was a small outfit, but the handle could get mighty hard to turn before the week's supply of coffee had been ground.

Those of us who remember the coffee grinding days, feel like standing at attention when we see these modern electrified mills in the super markets that grind a pound bag of coffee in a jiffy.

Another trend of the day has brought grass lawns to take the place of the bare yards of the old days.

In the Piedmont and Coastal regions, the family with the prettiest white sandy yard had something. While there was no grass to be cut, there was that backbreaking job of sweeping with a brush broom each Saturday. And who to the youngster who stepped on the swept yard before Sunday, especially if the preacher was to be a guest for dinner.

No wonder so many young people complain that there is not much to do on weekends any more. Maybe a little coffee grinding, yard sweeping, and lamp cleaning would occupy their time.

The three kinds of dikes in Holland are: "Watchers," the big ones standing in the sea to fend off first assaults of waves; "sleepers," the second line of defense behind the "watchers;" and the "dreamers," the last-resort defenders of individual farms.

Why do you read a newspaper?

Miss Jackie Sue Messer: "I read first to see what's going on in the world in general—and next to see what Mary Worth is doing."

Mrs. J. C. Jennings: "To read the news, especially the social news."

A. L. Jackson: "To find out what's going on in general."

Jerry Rogers: "For current events and especially to get the ideas of others through editorials. I also like to keep up with the county news."

The Rev. Earl H. Brendall: "To keep in touch with the times."

Farm income is about 12.8 per cent of total U. S. income.

## Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

How many of you remember Odd McIntyre, the famous columnist whose column was printed in papers all over the United States? Olin Miller, the man from Georgia and his "Golden Nugget"? There are dozens of other well-known and highly admired columnists now having their ideas and wordage in many newspapers.

Whether the reading public realizes it or not, we grow to despise these writers. They seem like old friends and are taken along the reader's path of thought, they are eager to take the family fold. Those columnists who carry on a bimbo-like, low-brow trend of thought are the most popular. But those who track the avenues are read with avid interest, for oftentimes information and of scandal seep into the consciousness of the readers and lead them when voting time rolls around. And speaking of elections, they are all oiling up their typewriters and sharpening their pens and wits preparatory to the big November second Roman election. Prefaces will flow like water over a dam, and their post-election tirades and what-have-you will keep the writers busy well into Christmas tide.

A columnist has to walk a pretty narrow line so as not to get into a reader-pedestrian going in an opposite direction. Talk and 'tain't easy, pardner!

The galley of a ship and the galley of a newspaper never be mistaken for each other.

It usually happens on one of those days when the housewife is working overtime, and you feel that if one more strain is put to your pack you will blow your top. Press day is ideal for this. The lady comes into the front office and in a sweet, pleading voice tells you that she wants a back copy of the paper. Naturally, she remembers the date, but the article was about a party her cousin had for her little daughter. No, she just can't remember the date, she has a heading or was just a social number.

You produce the heavy, bound copy of the last issue, she starts out on a blind date. The lady tries to be helpful but finds nothing of interest on each page you turn... but no party. The lady is futile... and then the urge for manslaughter eters your soul. The lady sighs deeply and says: "I wasn't sure whether it was the paper or the Murphy paper. You see, my cousin lives in the 'you know.' No, you didn't know but it wasn't Murphy who wished the lady was going."

It takes all sorts of people to make up a world; that goes for a newspaper.

She was the type of woman who expected you to cringe when she spoke. A belligerent "I-dare-you" voice and a determined glare made her seem the ideal wife for Mr. Milquetoast. She bragged, told the young lady she wanted to put an ad in the paper for her who had been stolen... of that she was positive "Baby" would never run away, or stray from home. When the ad copy was written to her satisfaction and she was reaching for her check she demanded: "Of course, I want that on the front page, I've never read the inside of a paper." The young lady at the desk grab hold of the counter to keep from fainting on the spot. She managed to tell the customer that was impossible. For the lady had to listen to the opinions of the irate advertiser, and pedigree, ancestry and brilliance of "Baby Face." Guaranteed endurance, the young lady clark suggested: "Wouldn't you like get out an extra and put a big streamer across the top? I'm sure Fancy can read!"

A deadline is something that stays miles away until you ker plunk.

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### "Let Us Pray"

The Haywood Ministerial Association, is to be commended for their timely action of sponsoring a day of prayer on Sunday, asking for rain. The need of rain is perhaps as great now as at any time in recent years.

Many parts of the country are suffering greater hardships than we right here in Haywood, but nevertheless, we should be prayerful about our needs, and not wait until Sunday, but ask for rainfall in our daily prayers.

In the event of heavy rains before Sunday, it is the plan of the ministers, and certainly well, that the prayers be of thanksgiving.

The shortage of rainfall affects our lives and entire economy here in Haywood, as well as throughout the nation.

'Tis time for prayers. Earnest prayers.

### what do you know about COLUMBUS?

1. Was Columbus trying to prove the world was round?
2. How many voyages did he make to the New World?
3. Did Queen Isabella of Spain sell her jewels to fund his first voyage?
4. Why did he call the natives "Indians" when he landed in the Bahamas?
5. What countries besides the United States observe Columbus Day?
6. Did Columbus die a rich man?
7. Did the first trip to the New World take 1 week, 2 months, or 11 months?
8. Are Columbus' remains entombed in the New World or old?
9. Why did Columbus once threaten to shoot up a Puerto Rican town?

(Answers are on page 3. Give yourself 10 points for each answer. A score of 70 or higher is excellent. 50 good, 30 fair—so you still think it's flat?)  
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### They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

DONIKER WAS THE GUY WHO DISCOVERED THE FLAW IN THE OTHER BRANCH OFFICES' OPERATION AND WISED UP BOSS-O...

ER-BEG PARDON CHIEF-- BUT SOME OF THE OTHER BRANCHES ARE VIOLATING THE RULES AND SHIPPING WIDGETS IN BROWN PAPER INSTEAD OF BOXES-- RULE 346 SAYS WIDGETS MUST ALWAYS BE SHIPPED IN...

MISS TIDDLEY! HARGROOMPH! TAKE A LETTER TO THE MAIN OFFICE-- I HAVE AN EM-HARGROOMPH-- DISCOVERED THAT OTHER BRANCHES ARE VIOLATING RULE 346 AND ARE SHIPPING WIDGETS IN MANIFOLDS INSTEAD OF BOXES...

DONIKER! DIRECTIVE FROM THE MAIN OFFICE! VERY UPSET ABOUT WIDGETS SHIPPED IN BROWN PAPER! WATCH IT IN THE FUTURE-- AND NATURALLY YOU SHIPPING CLERKS GET NO RAISE THIS YEAR DUE TO LOSSES FROM WIDGETS SHIPPED INCORRECTLY!

THANK AND A TE TO YOU HATLO TO WOOD AVE. BOYS



### CROSSWORD

ACROSS	5. Out of the right way	21. A fruit
1. Manila hemp	6. Covered with grass	22. Viper
6. Capital (Flanders)	7. A horse (colloq.)	25. Inhabitant of an island
11. Novices (var.)	8. City (Frus.)	29. Settings (red)
12. A Shakespearean character	9. Born	30. A shade of (var.)
13. Deputy	10. Little child	33. Music note
14. Thing of value	17. Book of sacred writings	35. Animal's foot
15. Garment	18. Mistake	36. Guido's highest note
17. Laments	19. A watered silk fabric	37. Famous character in Spanish literature
20. Extinct bird	20. Gourdiere fruit	39. Plunder
21. Given	24. Kind of (Fr.)	40. Past weight (India)
27. Shaved	28. No women	41. Varying (India)
30. Lily flower but used as a spice	31. Before	
32. Freer of dirt	32. Kind of nut	
34. Gain, as knowledge	38. Notions	
35. Kind of nut	42. Existing	
42. Existing	43. Kind of cloth	
44. Walks through water	45. Mistake	
DOWN	1. Luzon native	
2. Immense	3. Part of "to be"	
3. Part of "to be"		
4. Pardoned		