

Then said the Lord unto me, Pray not for this people for their good. —Jeremiah 14:11.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

The first petition that we see in the next for health of mind, and then...

Proof That The Tourist Season Can Be Extended

There are some who hoot at the idea that the tourist season in this area cannot be extended beyond Labor Day.

Pontana Village is proving that idea not only wrong, but is proving that the month of October is an extremely profitable month, to say nothing of the extra business in September.

The out-of-date idea that all travelers go home on Labor Day and stay there until the first of next June belong to the horse-and-buggy era of thinking.

Officials of Fontana found that by putting a little extra promotion back of their fall business, are now finding that it is becoming one of the most profitable seasons of the year.

A national program is being started to encourage industry to stagger vacations throughout the year, rather than lump them in July and August.

Fontana is finding that constant promoting, and providing the visitors with something to do, is paying off in dollars and cents in proportions which several years ago was believed impossible.

The "rocking chair" tourist is almost a thing of the past. That era passed with the coming of the automobile.

Today, there are thousands of travelers on the road every day of the year, and it is those places that are going after that travel, catering to their wishes, and their needs that are reaping the harvest.

Believing that a longer season can be developed is one of the reasons why we would like to see all agencies combined with a general program working for this goal.

We have come to the conclusion that there are no such things as the "end of the season" for tourists. The end is determined by the time the operators in their own mind want to "close down".

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Halloween Time Is No License For Causing Destruction

Halloween time is here again, and to many youngsters that means a mask, a piece of soap, a tin horn, the opportunity to parade up and down Main Street.

For a lot of "older" young people, it means an opportunity to see how much havoc can be wrought in the space of one night.

And for the owners of property, it often means a night of suspense, as they dread to survey their premises the next morning.

Of course, prior to the "night" there are countless carnivals, and parties, many sponsored by schools and other groups as a fund raising venture.

There is no one that for a moment would deprive a person of having fun, as long as the fun is not at the expense of others.

If those who are determined to destroy property had to pay out hard-earned money in restoring the damages done, they might think twice before including it in their list of things that go for "having fun."

The officers know pretty well the groups that are out for fun, and those who are out to see how much property they can destroy.

Halloween can be fun, and it can be needlessly destructive. The fun, everyone enjoys. The destructiveness, is only the result of those who no doubt will be made to regret the error of their ways.

Rev. Mr. Williamson Goes To A Larger Field

Sunday morning's worship service, will bring to an end, the more than 13 years Rev. M. R. Williamson has served as pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian church.

He will assume his duties as pastor of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church in Charlotte on November first. His resignation as pastor, was "accepted with reluctance" by the congregation on Sunday morning.

Since coming here in May, 1941, from Chattanooga, Rev. Mr. Williamson has served in many capacities in civic affairs and with charity groups, in addition to his church, and ministerial duties.

He led the Red Cross work during the War years, and was instrumental in getting the establishment of a full-time office here to carry on the work. He has served as president of the Rotary Club, and later served as district governor.

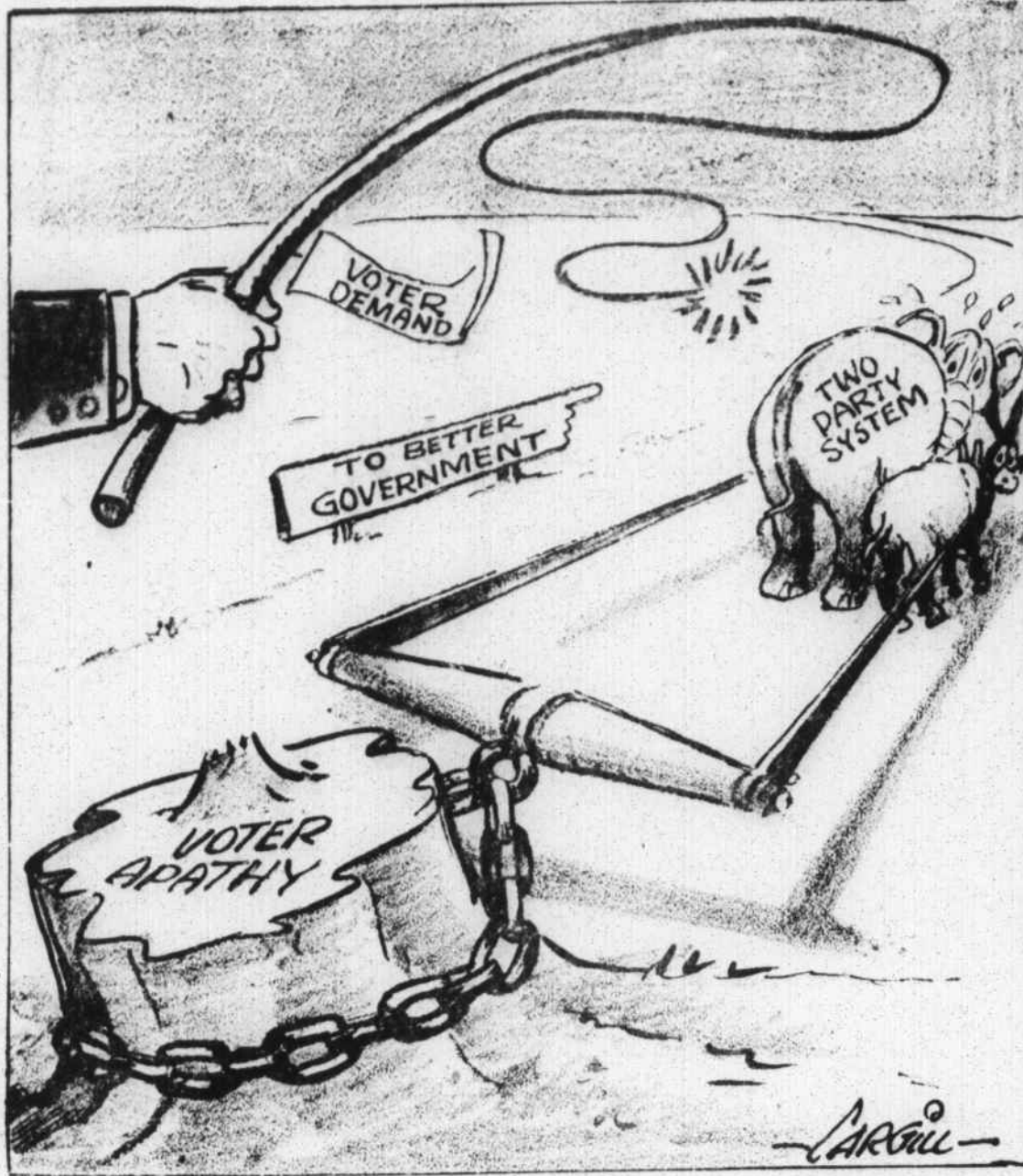
As Mr. Williamson goes to a larger church, the best wishes of the people he has worked with for 13 years, goes with him and his family. Many of the contributions he made to this community remain and will be long remembered, as he takes up duties in another field.

The North Carolina Methodist Student Conference meeting in Salisbury over the weekend passed a resolution, which reads:

"We, as a representative body of the Methodist students of North Carolina, reaffirm that discrimination against any person on the basis of race, is unchristian and contrary to God's moral law as revealed in the New Testament.

"Therefore, we will welcome in Christian love and fellowship any person of any race who is admitted to our colleges."

THE LONG TRAIL

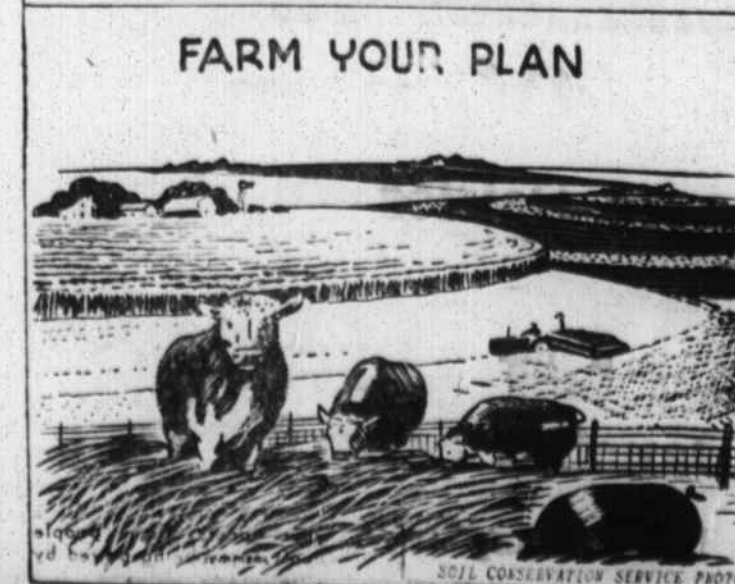


Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO Dr. J. Rufus McCracken is elected president of the Tenth District Medical Society. 10 YEARS AGO Tom Alexander returns after serving a time with OPA in Washington. 5 YEARS AGO Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring window painting contest for children in the community on Halloween.

Just Looking Around

Every school child is familiar with the story "Acres of Diamonds," which was about the man searching for diamonds. His search took him to the four corners of the earth, and as giving up in despair, he found the precious gems in his own backyard.



Rambling 'Round

We had one of our pet pees polished off a bit while at dinner at the Towne House, a couple came to a table near us. They were accompanied by a very pretty girl of about six years. She seemed quite composed but the occasion sparked in her stary dark eyes.

Letter To Editor

Impressed with the battle the youngsters gave the well-trained and fully equipped Gra-Y Bears last week, a Sports Club was organized overnight to help run interference for the eager fledglings.

CROSSWORD

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Musical instrument (Hindu), 2. Percolate (W. Afr.), 3. Fetish, 4. Typify, 5. Malt kiln, 6. Breeze, 7. Animated, 8. Conical tent, 9. Girl Scouts, 10. Hollow, 11. Prophet, 12. Abrupt, 13. Part of stomach of cattle, 14. Young salmon, 15. A cheer, 16. Female ruff, 17. Close to, 18. Flap, 19. More vigorous and merry, 20. Seaport (Neth.), 21. High, craggy hill, 22. Refused to accept, 23. Substance in shellac, 24. Lying face-downward, 25. A dressing, 26. A point of land, 27. Manner of walking, 28. Ventilate metal tubes, 29. River (Eng.), 30. Girl's name, 31. Before (Am. Ind.), 32. Perish, 33. Ghosts (var.), 34. Lying face-downward, 35. A dressing, 36. Music note, 37. Grampus, 38. Epochs, 39. Shows extreme fondness for, 40. Shows extreme fondness for, 41. High, craggy hill, 42. Place, northward, 43. River (Eng.), 44. East-northeast, 45. River (Eng.), 46. A point of land, 47. Grapes, 48. A point of land, 49. Apportion.

A comic strip titled 'They'll Do It Every Time' by Jimmy Hatlo. It shows a woman in a shower stall and a man in a living room. The woman says: 'SOME CRUST!! IT'S AN INVITATION TO A BRIDAL SHOWER FOR STILLETTA NERVOUSHER SISTER INERTIA IS GIVING IT! AND I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM EITHER OF THEM SINCE THE LAST TIME THEY WANTED SOMETHING...'. The man says: 'THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD MAKE MOM SORER IS IF SHE DIDN'T GET INVITED!'. The woman says: 'THE LAST TIME YOU HEARD FROM THEM WAS WHEN STILLETTA GAVE A SHOWER FOR INERTIA--SEND IT BACK--"OPENED BY MISTAKE...'. The man says: 'NOW MOM WILL BE FILLIN' THE HOUSE UP WITH CHRISTMAS TO RALPH OFF AT THE SHOWER...'. The woman says: 'THEN A WEDDING PRESENT--THEN SOME LOOT FOR EACH NEW BABY--OUR BOSS LADY IS HOOKED FOR LIFE...'. The man says: 'HERE'S ONE KIND OF SHOWER THAT NEVER LETS UP... THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.'.