TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.
—II Chron. 9:22.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

TODAY'S QUOTAT

Wisdom is the right use of kno

Very Thankful

Merchants, and homeowners are indeed thankful for the "treatment" they received on Halloween night, as the spooks and goblins went about their business of fun without damaging or marking up property.

We suspect that those who were inclined to damage property feel much better than if they had created a lot of damage during the night.

In years past, Halloween has been a night which all store owners have dreaded, because of the terrific beating their show windows took from being marked up with candles, and other material that made cleaning a long, hard task.

Everyone wants the youngsters to have fun, as long as it is innocent fun, and it appears that is exactly what the large majority of the young people had on last Saturday night. This is to say to them, many, many thanks, and let's follow the same pattern next October 31st.

Leisure Or Idleness?

Sometimes, when the weather is not too suitable for comment, or when we have literally worn that one out, we carelessly complain about the hours that we work. When we do find ourselves flying off an such a tangent, perhaps it would be well to give some thought to a comparison of the hours that we work with those our parents and grandparents. Only a few of us have experienced the dawn-to-dusk hours of our forefathers.

Our lives are today filled with leisure. We have time for automobile rides, movies, television, golfing, and shopping sprees—all of which can be pleasant diversions. However, it is interesting and worth noting that we do not use all of our leisure time on what you might call diversions. No sir. We paint the bedroom, raise money for the church, help run the P.T.A., and carry out scores of other projects that get extra jobs done. When we look at it like this, leisure isn't idleness. Leisure does not necessarily mean idleness. It is likely that as leisure has increased, idleness has decreased.

This great gift of leisure has been given to us by technology, and technology in turn became possible because education lifted the shackles and nurtured the inquiring mind of man. Let us never forget this fact. Man has opened up new eras largely through education. Curiously enough, Marx, Engels, and other communist theoreticians of their day thought that things would work out the opposite way. They believed that more machines would mean more economic slavery, and that the workers would turn into mere robots toiling in monstrous factories.

These communist theorists were wrong. Technology coupled with free enterprise, all taught in our public schools, has given us far more than any other nation in the world; and you know something, we haven't scratched the surface yet. Yes, the American people have more leisure than ever before in history. Many nations have promised more leisure, together with an abundance of goods and services, but only America and our system of free enterprise, nurtured by a public school system, has delivered.

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Haywood Sets Good Example On Use Of Absentee Ballot

Haywood County can hold her head high, smile, and look the world in the face this morning, following her conduct of the Tuesday election, and the time prior to the election.

Some of our neighboring counties cannot enjoy the satisfaction of having a "perfect record" from the election, and their use of absentee ballots.

According to the records, there are some counties with only about half the number of qualified voters as Haywood, that issued upwards of 1,000 absentee ballots.

Here in Haywood, the board of elections issued only 68 absentee ballots, and the large majority of these were to military personnel.

We expect that when all the totals are computed, that for 20,000 registered voters, the ratio here in Haywood will be the lowest in the state.

This is one time we enjoy being in the low bracket. It is a credit to our citizens, and to our belief in fair, and clean elections.

Not for one minute would we try to center blame for apparent abuse of the absentee ballot, which is being charged in other counties. That is a matter for the courts to decide. However, we feel that all the publicity, and the adverse criticism which has come from the recent "wholesale" issuance of the absentee ballots in some counties in Western North Carolina will result in the General Assembly giving this phase of our election laws a close scrutiny. In fact, from what we have been able to see, everyone wanting fair and clean elections have not found any fault with the law that prohibits absentee ballots in the primary. We feel that here in Haywood, where only 68 out of 20,000 registered voters got absentee ballots, there is a definite trend, proven by fact, the average person is no longer interested in the absentee ballot.

If the Legislature would take the matter up from that angle, and abolish the phase of the election law pertaining to absentee ballots, we believe everyone would be far happier. Certainly there would be less commotion and turmoil such as many counties are now sorrowfully experiencing.

Sure, We Can Have Winter Weather

The average person had more to talk about Tuesday than there was time to talk—the unseasonal weather and the election.

Of course, the most oft heard pun was that the election was not hot enough to temper the weather.

According to those who lived here many years, the feeling is that it has been quite a while since Haywood had as much snow on November second.

The intermitting snow falls of Tuesday, followed by perfectly clear skies Wednesday, gave hope to the optimistic that we were not in for a long winter of continuous snow.

This much can be said in favor of the snow, it helped the forest fire situation, as well as put a lot of water into the ground. Water from snows does not run off like that of a hard rain, especially after such a dry spell as we have had, when the ground in many places is almost like pavement.

The snow also gave hope to the merchant who has felt almost all fall that there would not be any winter weather to create a larger demand for heavier merchandise.

Well, the snow, and low temperatures which we have just experienced should make firm believers of all of us that we can have winter again.

'THE TIME HAS COME,' THE WALRUS SAID

Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO

The Outlet Store has opening sale.

Democrats of county pile up 2500 majority in every local contest.

T. Guy Massie is elected commander of the American Legion here.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Natalie Atkinson and Johnny Shelby.

Miss Mary Stringfield and Miss Mary Barber motor to Sylva for day as guests of Mrs. Ben Sloan.

10 YEARS AGO

Haywood County is given quota of $714,000 for 6th War Loan campaign.

Robert B. Colkitt returns to San Diego, Calif., after spending leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colkitt.

William L. Allen, seaman first class, is stationed at Fort Pierce, Fla.

Coleman W. Roberts of Charlotte addresses civic and business leaders on postwar plans for the community.

5 YEARS AGO

Haywood Hospital is granted 51-bed addition.

The cold weather and slim stocks of coal are main topics of conversation here.

Peggy Bradshaw of Upper Crabtree and David Noland of Ratcliffe Cove are declared winners of "Better Method" contest.

Carl Painter is cast in three-act comedy, "John Loves Mary," to be presented by Little Theatre group at Western Carolina College.

Just Looking Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

It will be a long, long time before the 33,000 fans who witnessed the Duke-Georgia Tech game in Durham Saturday get completely back to normal. The game had everything that a football game could offer. And the climax was like these storybook finishes, or some movie, where the hero saves the day.

Duke saved the day with less than 40 seconds to play.

Midway the third quarter, with the score 20-0 in favor of Tech, the Blue Devils caught on fire and started to make progress. Up to that moment, odds were 100 to 1 that Tech would win. Everyone felt that way with the exception of the Duke team.

Jerry Barger, Duke quarterback, is being quoted as making the prize quote of the day, as he asked Coach Bill Murray in the dressing room after the game: "You weren't really worried, were you Coach?"

We did not get the coach's answer, but one thing is certain, he must have been worried, just the the thousands of Duke fans in the stands.

Among the many exciting moments, was the first quarter when Tech got to the one-foot line, and failed to go over. Again with less than a minute to play, Duke had three yards to go on the fourth down, while on the Tech seven. The Dukes gambled, and made the first down by mere inches. Then it was that the screams of the Duke fans sounded like another Hazel passing through.

A couple of ardent Duke fans, sitting right back of us, left right after the half, with the remark: "This is too bad to witness — let's go home."

Fans and coaches admitted that it was one of the hardest played games ever seen in the Duke stadium. It was clean throughout, but when a man was tackled, he was tackled for keeps. One receiver of a Duke pass, made a swan dive as he pulled in the ball, and went face downward to add 15 yards for the Blue Devils.

Jimmy Thompson, a small chunky Tech back, replacing Billy Teas, of Andrews, made a record for himself. He darted, ran, and dodged his way through the Duke line, and piled up yard after yard, as the Big Duke linesmen failed to get a firm grip on the scampering Yellowjacket. The Tech quarterback Mitchell, was a cool, steady player, and literally gave his shirt on one occasion to make a first down.

Barger the Duke quarterback, pulled the unexpected, and started short passes after long ones failed to pay off. He handled the ball to perfection.

The Dukes managed to take advantage of two costly fumbles, and held twice when the Yellowjackets needed to gain.

Although Duke was outplayed, it must be said, they took the chances, and advantages of good breaks, and slipped by with a one point margin.

The Duke-Tech game was similar to the one we saw last year as the Blue Devils nosed out Purdue in a last-minute pass which went for a touchdown.

With the clock showing less than 30 seconds to go, Nelson, the accurate-toed Duke, stepped back for the extra point. It seems to the fans that the ball sailed in slow-motion between the uprights. It was even longer before the referee's arms shot skyward.

Voice of the People

What was the population of North Carolina according to the last census? (The answer: 4,061,929) (Continued).

Mr. W.—"Three million."

Mr. P.—"Three and a half million."

Mr. M.—"Over four million."

Mr. A.—"Nine million."

Mrs. B.—"1,500,000."

Miss M.—"Over four million."

Mr. M.—"About three million."

Nursery For Nurses

HUDSON, N. Y. (AP) — The Columbia Memorial Hospital, faced with a shortage of trained personnel, has provided a nursery for the children of married nurses.

This Is Hard Luck?

FALMOUTH, Va. (AP) — Joe Posey, 62, found $4,000 worth of jewelry on the highway and he calls it bad luck. The owners can't be found and lawyers are uncertain about Joe's claim. Friends and neighbors have been jealous and he doesn't know what to do about his find. If he used his new wealth he fears someone would claim it after the money was spent. All he's gained from it so far is worry.

SALLY'S SALLIES

"Step back in the car, sir. Make room for others, please."

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

We have kept the Great Book closed in anticipation, then suddenly we open it and take a deep breath of awe and admiration. Panoramas painted in the most vivid colors of bronzed gold, scarlet, green and russet brown lie before our eyes in all their glorious splendor. Gigantic carpets for the moving winds to tread and soft banners that the clouds will cover like a veil. Paisley shawls for all the processions of Harvest to drape over their lovely shoulders, and above the soft golden luster of a full moon to crown the festival queen.

Gone, forgotten are those days of heat, frustration, and tension absorbed in the majestic beauty of the surrounding country-side. The blues are reflected in the sky instead of the mind; distrust turns into gold and crimson; weariness of heart and soul, are unknown in the kaliedescope of brilliant colors that brighten our viewpoint. And over all, lies the peace and comfort that is ours because a Creator made this transition possible.

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Little Mary's grandmother had sent the little girl two dollar bills and had written that they were to be used to buy Christmas gifts. For quite a while, little Mary had carefully kept the bills in her purse, but one day when she returned from a trip down town with her daddy she came in highly elated. On her wrist was a very noticeable and flashy bracelet. Her mother questioned her, and the little girl deplied: "I bought it with those two dollars Grandmother gave me." Her mother was a bit shocked. "But, honey," she said, "they were to buy Christmas gifts with. Don't you remember?" Little Mary was quite unabashed. "But I did, Mommie. The bracelet was a Christmas present from I to I."

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As absent-minded as trying to talk over the telephone at the same time, listen to a conversation going on behind you.

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Referring to color; have you noticed to what a great extent of the magazines have gone to in their depiction of sales promotion stories? The advertisements and title subjects are works of art to draw one's rapt attention whereas just a plain black-and-white illustration would be given hardly a second look.

Perhaps there would be less crime and heartaches in the world if we put more color into our everyday lives. Of course, there are schemes that we meet up with in our regular schedule of living such as a red face; a blue disposition; green with envy, pink of course, rose-colored glasses, etc. But those colors are not the sort that I reference to.

If our eyes light up at the sight of a beautiful picture, our spirits will rise at the same time. Have you ever entered a room whose walls were bare of any decoration and felt that a warm sense of unwelcome met you at the door? Pictures are companions and often act as mental uplifts when depression has a hand in affairs.

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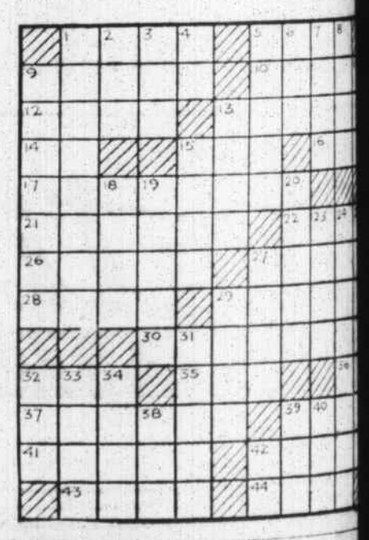
An armful of sunshine encircling a sullen cloud.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. A son of Adam
5. Bead of liquid
9. Loud (mus.)
10. Governed
12. Emmets
13. City (Me.)
14. Whether
15. Spring month
16. Some
17. Reply
21. Moral principles
22. Gang
26. Stem of a plant
27. Portion
28. Rise and fall of waters
29. Arouses to danger
30. Bulwarks
32. Miscellany
35. Animal's foot
36. Nickel (sym.)
37. More audacious
39. Related
41. Misrepresent
42. Scrawny animal
43. Strong alkaline solutions
44. Average

DOWN
1. Bits of colored paper
2. Skill
3. It is (contracted)
4. Neon (sym.)
5. Strong, heavy wagons
6. Flow
7. Girl's name
8. Mexican laborer
9. Most just
11. Arid
13. Forbids
15. Deride
18. Fish
19. Heaped
20. Man's name
23. Organs of hearing
24. Native of Armenia
25. Muddling (colloq.)
27. Killed
29. At a distance
31. Fencing swords
32. Warp-yarn
33. Christmas song
34. Confederate
38. Perish
39. One-spot (card
40. Isthmus (SE. Asia)
42. Samarium (sym.)



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They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo