TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?—I Kings 17:18.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

TODAY'S QUOTATI

There is no heart without re[illegible] life without some misfortune, no one [illegible] is something stained with sin.—Jam[illegible]

County In High Bracket

The Transylvania Times in Brevard takes note of the recent report which is of more than just passing interest to this area.

The mountain counties of North Carolina are not recognized as being rich counties, but instead, the middle section of the state is referred to as the "rich and prosperous Piedmont."

However, the current issue of Facts of North Carolina shows that Haywood is first in average weekly wage per "covered" employee, and Transylvania is second among the 100 counties of the Tar Heel state.

Our neighboring county has a weekly wage of $73.70 per employee, while we have $64.44, Buncombe, another of our WNC neighbors, is in the first nine with $56.02.

The Asheville Citizen also takes editorial note of this unbelievable situation and has this to say:

"The mountain region, so rarely a leader in economic rankings, shows up well this time. Earlier figures are not at hand, but we are confident that a comparison would offer striking evidence of progress.

"'Covered' employment merely means regular employment to which insurance benefits may apply. Therefore it is an index of economic stability. North Carolinians in 1953 earned more than $2 billion in wages. Buncombe's share of this, in a figure covering only a portion of the working force, was $66,595,175 — no figure, certainly, which would incite to po' mouth talk."

Freedom Of Choice

A New York bank recently ran an unusual kind of magazine advertisement. The text paid high tribute to another enterprise, retailing, and said nothing at all about banking.

Here are some excerpts from it: "Today's popular retail merchant, with an alert eye to competition, applies experience, judgment and imagination to the selection and development of more and more quality merchandise. He presents it in attractive displays and timely promotions. He watches trends in taste. He studies changing patterns in living . . .

"With an unlimited variety of goods from many lands placed before them, thanks to the individual initiative of our nation's retailers, the American people enjoy a freedom of choice unmatched throughout the world."

To every retailer, as to the manufacturers and others who supply him, the desires and demands of consumers are the all-important factors of business life. This is true in a huge city such as New York—and it is true in thousands of middle-sized and small communities in every section of the land.

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No Secrets

J. C. Penny, founder of the great chain system which bears his name, has described the secret of successful retailing. That secret, he said, "Is that there are no secrets. There are people who, when the principles of business success are explained to them, do not find the answer sufficiently intellectual to be satisfying. In the retailing the formula happens to be a basic liking for human beings, plus integrity, plus industry, plus . . . the ability to see the other fellow's point of view," That formula applies to any human endeavor.

Legislature Bound To Hear About Changes In Election Laws

The recent cases in this part of the state in which charges have been made that election laws have been violated, will no doubt have a direct bearing on some future changes in the law.

The surprising feature about the alleged infraction of the laws, is the quoted prices for absentee votes. We did not realize that some sections "could afford" such inflated prices as were being quoted in the press reports. Some prices ranged as high as $85 for a pair of votes, while $12 and $14 seemed to be expected in some circles.

The Asheville Times predicts that the vote fraud cases will be a challenge to the North Carolina law, and went on to say editorially:

"While we appreciate the wholesome interest being shown in our elections by Federal officials and by the congressional committee, we wish our State had been able to clean its own house. But the fact that the Federal courts have acted first offers no excuse for State courts to fail to do their full duty.

"Then, when our next General Assembly meets it should do its full duty by repealing the N. C. civilian absentee ballot law. Let's face it and admit it—North Carolina can no longer trust itself with the civilian absentee ballot.

"No county in this State, and none of its courts, can safely condone the violation of its election safeguards, whatever the partisan or political implications."

Agricultural Trends

The total acreage of North Carolina farms and the number of persons living on the farms declined slightly during 1953, according to the annual farm census released yesterday by the State Crop Reporting Service. Land actually harvested showed a slight increase, however.

Farm population taken as of January 1 each year, showed 1,466,925 in 1952 and 1,426,798 in 1953.

The census showed that farms in the State contained 21,154,892 acres last year, compared with 21,228,038 the year before. Land harvested amounted to 6,160,112 acres, compared with 6,158,081 in 1952.

Improved pasture land rose to 933,005 acres last year against 877,618 the previous year. All other pastures showed an increase, too, from 1,306,578 acres to 1,524,775.

There was a small decline in idle cropland, from 1,054,641 acres to 1,050,111. There was a bigger drop in acreage in woods, waste, cutover, homesites, and non-farm useage, from 11,831,120 to 11,486,889 acres.

The census showed that Tar Heel farmers used 1,484,060 tons of fertilizer last year, compared with 1,477,223 tons in 1952. They had 313,863 cows for milk, against 312,451; and 250,429 beef animals, a rise from 211,940. The number of hens and pullets dropped from 7,562,386 to 7,192,281.

Acreages in major crops, according to the census report, were:

Tobacco, 684,636, down from 740,744; cotton, 788,131, up from 759,719; peanuts 184,694, down from 198,651; corn, 2,209,373, up from 2,184,846.—UNC News Letter.

They'll Do It Every Time

Registered U. S. Patent Office

By Jimmy Hatlo

UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE SINCE 1825

Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO

D. A. Howell is new tax collector for Haywood County.

Miss Gussie Martin, who is teaching at Nellie, spends Thanksgiving at home.

Miss Edith Long, who is attending Woman's College, spends Thanksgiving with her family.

Mrs. J. M. Mock and Miss Martha Mock spend day in Asheville.

Mountaineers end season with victory over Marion.

10 YEARS AGO

Waynesville band is invited to play at the Shrine Bowl football game in Charlotte.

Work begins on modern store on Main Street for Ed Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. John Monteville McClure observe silver anniversary.

Mountaineers end season by licking Canton, 33 to 0.

Miss Edith Camp is a member of cast of Meredith College Little Theatre.

5 YEARS AGO

Record-breaking crowds are expected at third Tobacco Harvest Festival.

Miss Mary Ann Massie is here from Duke University to spend the Thanksgiving holiday.

Miss Mary Ray returns from New York where she attended the wedding of her nephew, William Ray Howell.

Waynesville Hardware Co. wins blue ribbon in Festival window-decorating contest.

Canton High

Campus Cuffnotes

By LINDA BRIGGS

Football is just about over for the year but several Canton High students are planning to travel to Asheville to the Optimist Bowl to see three Canton Black Bears play their last high school game. We're all proud of Ralph Worley, Jackie Worley, no, they're not brothers!) and Robert Wilson, who played such fine ball this year.

The sportslight now turns to basketball and our first game which will be played with Lee Edwards on December 1st. The girls' team opens their season December 3rd with Mars Hill. The teams have been practicing for about two weeks now, in hopes of making this another great year for basketball.

It was nice to have guests all day, Thursday! Everyone enjoyed having the Western Carolina College students with us, and the Beta Club received some very helpful tips from several former Beta members who met with them.

Mrs. Kellett came up with another successful assembly program, Friday. This program, "entirely uncensored and unrehearsed," was supposed to be a slave sale in Rome and it proved to be hilarious. We always look forward to these programs which are long remembered at Canton High.

Christmas is in the air, again, and the Business Club is doing its best to further the Christmas spirit. Club members have made and are selling corsages made of tinsel, ribbons and Christmas balls, also earrings which are very cleverly made. Officers of the Business Club were recently installed at the Y.M.C.A. in an initiation-installation service. Officers are: Doris Jenkins, president, Lafayette Cagle, vice-president, Shirley Lowe, secretary, and Jean Jones, social chairman. Sponsors are Mrs. Dorothy Walker and Mr. Ward and they are helping club members plan a big Christmas party.

Other "Christmasy" plans include the band trip to Asheville on November 26th, when they will march in the annual Christmas Parade. Several parties and dances are being planned for the holiday season among which is the annual Student Council dance. This year the dance will be formal, and the Cullowhee dance band has been asked to play. We'll all be hearing more about this dance later on.

The six-weeks period ends soon, and everyone has been studying for tests and quizzes. Report cards come out immediately after Thanksgiving holidays, which begin today. Happy Thanksgiving, everybody!

Billy Ray Trantham Enlists In Marines

Billy Ray Trantham, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Trantham, of Route 3, Canton, has been enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, and assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S. C.

Pvt. Trantham will be assigned to a ground, sea or air unit of the Marine Corps upon completion of a 10-week basic training period at Parris Island. He will then become eligible to attend one of more than 140 job specialist schools offered Marines training in 470 job skills.

Self-Punishment

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rudy Lindenau was told he had parked his car improperly, so he gave himself a ticket and paid a fine.

He's a police sergeant.

NOAH NUMSKULL

DEAR NOAH — IF 1954 SETS A RECORD FOR AUTO ACCIDENTS, WILL IT BE A BUMPER CROP?
JESSE C. MERRILL
LONACONING, MD.

DEAR NOAH — DOES A PET SHOP NEED A LICENSE TO DEAL IN "WHINES AND LICKERS"?
WM. H. CAWLEY
ALLENTOWN, PA.

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SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Dear Lord, accept our heartfelt gratitude and thanks [illegible] kindly protection, guidance and ever present patience. So [illegible] each day we transgress Thy teachings, yet with never-failing [illegible] Thou dost forgive and offer us another opportunity to do [illegible]

We thank Thee, too, for the privilege of life and the [illegible] happiness. And for all those little things we take so for [illegible] without which we could not survive. We thank Thee for the [illegible] who stand by our side; for the ability to learn the better [illegible] desire to progress.

We thank Thee for the blue sky and the sunny days, and [illegible] cloudy ones and the rain, which are all necessary for our [illegible]

We thank Thee, dear Lord for the extended hand Thou [illegible] offer to help keep us from stumbling; we thank Thee for the [illegible] edge that Thou art always there when we need Thee, and [illegible] Thee.

For all these blessings, we thank Thee.

Voice of the People

For whom was the town of Waynesville named?

Mrs. J.—"Go talk with somebody else; I haven't the slightest idea . . . was it John Wayne?"

Mr. D.—"I don't know."

Mr. R.—"A General Wayne in the Revolutionary War."

Mr. McE.—"A Wayne somebody from the Spanish-American War."

Miss W.—"For a general in the War Between the States."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Waynesville was named for Gen. [illegible] Wayne, American hero in [illegible] olutionary War. A number [illegible] U. S. cities and towns—[illegible] Fort Wayne, Ind.—were [illegible] the general.)

Turn-About Rescue

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. [illegible] When the sloop of W. J. [illegible] overturned during rough [illegible] on Lake Michigan, he was [illegible] by a Coast Guard helicopter [illegible] ed by Thomas Hynes.

Back in 1945, Hynes was [illegible] up by a Coast Guard plane [illegible] his own plane crashed in [illegible] lantic. Co-pilot of the rescue [illegible] was W. J. Norcross.

U.S. Lists Support Prices On Burley Tobacco Crop

The following government support prices on burley tobacco [illegible] be paid to producers this year, according to information received [illegible] County Agent Virgil L. Holloway:

U.S Grade	Advance Rate	U.S. Grade	Advance Rate	U.S. Grade	Advance Rate	U.S. Grade
(Dollars Per Hundred Pounds, Farm Sales Weight)						
Leaf		**Leaf (cont'd)**		**Tips (Cont'd)**		**Flyings**
B1F	$61	B5D	$16	T5D	$13	X1L
B1FR	50	B5M	27	T5GF	16	X1F
B1R	38	B5GR	23	T5GR	12	X2L
B2F	59	B5GR	14			X2F
B2FR	48	**Mixed**		**Lugs**		X3L
B2R	36	M3F	47	C1L	68	X3F
B3F	55	M3R	35	C1F	67	X3R
B3FV	49	M4F	42	C2L	67	X4L
B3FK	44	M4R	31	C2F	66	X4F
B3FR	43	M5F	37	C3L	66	X4R
B3R	32	M5R	26	C3F	65	X4M
B3RV	25	**Tips**		C3FV	60	X4G
B3M	41	T3F	43	C3FK	54	X5L
B3GF	31	T3FV	36	C3R	57	X5F
B3GR	21	T3FR	36	C3RV	50	X5R
B4F	50	T3R	25	C4L	65	X5M
B4FV	44	T3RV	22	C4F	63	X5G
B4FK	39	T4F	38	C4FV	58	
B4FR	39	T4FV	30	C4FK	52	
B4R	28	T4FR	31	C4R	54	
B4RV	21	T4R	22	C4RV	47	**Nondescript**
B4D	19	T4RV	19	C4M	50	N1L
B4M	37	T4D	16	C4G	34	N1F
B4GF	28	T4GF	20	C5L	60	N1D
B4GR	18	T4GR	14	C5F	58	N1G
B5F	42	T5F	31	C5R	46	N2L
B5FR	33	T5FR	25	C5M	44	N2R
B5R	25	T5R	18	C5G	27	N2G

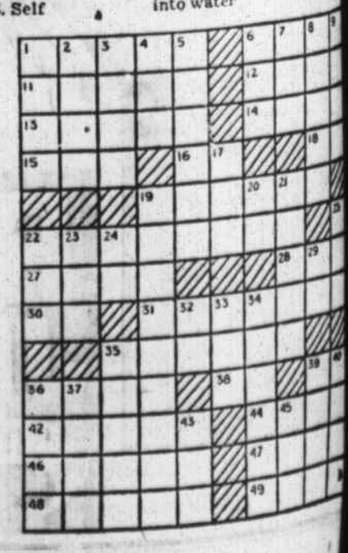
Tobacco graded "W" (Unsafe Order), "U" (Unsound, "DAMAGED" [illegible] aged), Nested, Botched Off-type, or Decayed will not be accepted.

KEY TO STANDARD MARKS FOR BURLEY TOBACCO

Group	Quality	Color	Special Factors
B—Leaf	1—Choice	L—Buff	V—Greenish
T—Tips	2—Fine	F—Tan	K—Variegated
C—Lugs or Cutters	3—Good	R—Red	FR—Reddish
X—Flyings	4—Fair	D—Dull Red	GF—Light
M—Mixed Group	5—Low	M—Mix. Col.	GR—Dark
N—Nondescript		G—Green	W—Unsafe
			U—Unsound
			Damaged [illegible]

For example: B3F designates leaf, good quality, tan color.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Group of military officers
6. Re-equip with men
11. Light boat
12. Call forth
13. Change
14. Weird
15. Property (L.)
16. Music note
18. Remnant
19. Waits on
22. Request
25. Jewish month
27. Eager
28. A tissue
30. Toward
31. A peer
35. Of lines
36. Music character
38. Exclamation of interrogation
39. Female deer
42. Black and blue
44. Fruit (It.)
46. Arabian chieftain
47. Fray
48. Full of weeds
49. Pitchers with lids

DOWN
1. Cleatrix
2. Story
3. Emmets
4. Enemy
5. Weasel-like animal
6. Shore bird
7. Evening (poet.)
8. Customs
9. Related
10. Require
17. Assam silkworm
19. Meant
20. Right-hand page (abbr.)
21. Come in
22. Caress
23. Self
24. Toward
25. A wing
26. Forbid
29. Type measure
32. Ahead
33. Winged insect
34. City (Pakistan)
35. Morning reception
36. A ball of thread
37. Citrus fruit
39. Plunge into water
40. Across
41. Lamp
43. Arid
45. Mand[illegible]