

And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the Lord.—Judges 2:5.

Drive After Drive Makes Us Think of the United Fund

Just about this time of year, citizens in this community begin talking about a United Fund campaign. This subject is prompted by the unusual large number of campaigns, which begin with polio, and continue until Easter, when seals are sold for crippled children.

We are just ending a successful polio drive in Haywood. Next comes the deserving heart campaign, the cancer drive, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, and then Easter Seals. It seems there is another right along about March first, but we fail to find it among our large volume of material in every drive.

There is much to be said for and against a United Fund Drive. We believe the average person would welcome such a plan here, and feel that in the long-run each individual campaign would derive a larger contribution than is now realized under the present basis.

We have heard a number of business men say they would prefer to donate cash to compensate for their time away from business, than to make solicitations for funds.

The citizens have talked, discussed, and at times become enthusiastic about a proposed United Fund Drive, but thus far it has all been just like talking about the weather — nothing is done — or should we say, has been done thus far.

The Facts Are Before You

Since January first, The Mountaineer has been keeping a record of the number of high-way accidents, the number of injured, and the damages done to vehicles involved, as well as the total number killed on our high-ways in the county.

The January record showed seven injured in 19 accidents with the losses amounting to \$8,699.

We feel the figures write their own editorial of warning, and that is one reason we keep the facts on page one of every issue.

Where The Trouble Lies

Senator Byrd of Virginia recently made this significant comment of federal budget: "We are enjoying the greatest prosperity in our history. We are not engaged in war. If we cannot balance the budget now, I ask when can we balance it?"

The basic trouble lies in the Big Government philosophy. Economy in government will remain a will-o'-the-wisp so long as we must support a government which provides all sorts of services and projects that the people can and should provide for themselves.

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We Shall Miss Our Annual Stimulant of Spring Music

The statement of Charles Isley, director of the music department at the high school here, that the concert band would not enter the state music contest this year, came as a keen disappointment. The director said that indifference on the part of three-fourths of the members of the band necessitated his decision.

Since the first band was organized here in 1939, we have taken it as one of our main civic topics of "pride and joy."

Five years ago when the concert band went to the state contest and came back with a superior rating, we must admit we were almost hysterical with joy. Then for the next few years, we always looked forward to the spring concert which was the send-off for the band going to the state contest. And then came the day of the contest, and interest grew to fever pitch as we impatiently awaited the news of the judges' decision. The following day, a group of some 40 to 50 cars filled with well-wishers would go down to Turnpike and accompany the victorious musicians back home amid screeching sirens, loud horns, whistles and shouts of proud parents and friends greeting the students.

The band contests, and the victorious parade home was a stimulating spring tonic to us, as well as many other music-loving citizens.

If it were not for this era of miracle drugs, we might offer as a suggestion an old-fashioned prescription and sure-cure remedy whereby the band would soon be on its feet again, and back into state-wide competition. However, we shall refrain at this time and join the many other disappointed citizens in hoping that the situation soon clears and we can again enjoy our annual musical spring tonic.

Boy Scouting Achieves Many Things In 45 Years

Sunday will mark the 45th birthday of Boy Scouts of America, as the organization begins observing their annual nation-wide event.

Here in Haywood, we have many active troops of Scouts, and up on East Fork, there is the Daniel Boone Camp, where thousands of Scouts spend summer outing vacations learning more about Scoutcraft.

The organization was founded in 1910 and since then has enriched the lives of over 22,750,000 boys and adult leaders. Truly, Scouting represents a living cross section of American life.

We must admit, that there is one short-coming in the Scouting program here in Western North Carolina, and that is the lack of sending to newspapers the news of their activities and even the promotions in the monthly court of honors. It seems to us that those responsible for this phase of Scout work are doing the Scouts a grave injustice by not giving the public news of their achievements.

Boys of every race, religion and economic background are attracted to Scouting. Today we find 2,700,000 boys in its ranks. Add to that impressive figure the 960,000 adults of good character who give generously of their time and talents to serve as leaders of units, Merit Badge Counselors and in many other capacities. There is hardly an American family that has not felt its influence.

Every member of the nation's 95,000 Scouting Units is indeed "having some kind of experience that is adding to his equipment to meet the problems of adult life."

It is that training that we heartily endorse on this noteworthy birthday.

THE SCARLET LETTER



Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Latham and their children move to Gastonia where Mr. Latham has larger territory with the Standard Oil Co.

Thirty men attend Citizen's Bible Class which meets every Sunday morning in the offices of Morgan and Ward.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall, who is spending the winter at Hillcrest, gives delightful contract party.

R. N. Barber, Jr. makes business trip to Asheville.

10 YEARS AGO

Rufus T. Carswell, attached to the Fifth Army, is promoted to captain.

Sgt. Clyde Harkins is awarded Bronze Star for heroic achievement.

WPB prohibits use of electricity for outdoor advertising, decorative lighting, and White Way lighting in excess of amount necessary for public safety.

Claude Gilstrap becomes educational director of the First Baptist Church.

5 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. L. Reeves of Canton is named head of the newly organized Haywood County Health Department.

January weather breaks high temperature record with average maximum for the month of 61 degrees.

"Womanless" wedding is held at Hazelwood with "Miss Big Boy Hooper" as the bride and Dr. Ralph "Tiny" Keenum as the bridegroom.

Sam Queen, Sr. goes to St. Petersburg, Fla., for vacation.

WASHINGTON REPORT

By BILL WHITLEY

POST OFFICES. Despite tremendous opposition, the Republican Administration is determined to carry out its plans to close small, fourth-class post offices that are losing money.

Since taking office two years ago, the GOP administration has closed almost 2,000 such offices throughout the country. So far, the Post Office Department claims it has saved the taxpayers some two million dollars by doing this.

Although the Department realizes it is irritating thousands of people by taking their hometown post offices away from them, it plans to close even more such offices. It is a hard bill of goods to sell to the public, but the department claims it not only is saving the taxpayers money, but is giving small, rural communities better service by closing the smaller, money-losing offices.

FIRST. The Department picked North Carolina to start its program to reduce the number of fourth-class offices two years ago. Wilkes County was chosen to lead the way, where heated controversies were raised over closing the stations at Lomax, Buck and other points.

Since then, the Department has shut down no less than 145 offices in the State. Several are in the process of being closed now.

TOUGH. Once the Department sets its guns on a station to close, it almost takes a miracle to keep it open.

So-called postal experts — with big maps, facts, figures, and much political information — sit down at their desks in Washington and decide they'd like to shut down such and such post office. A postal field inspector is then sent into the area and finds any number of reasons why it would be better to eliminate a given office. No public announcement is made until the decision is made.

HEARING? Then, if enough people demand it, a so-called hearing is held. In most cases, the hearings change little. However, one effective method is a good contact with an influential Republican in Washington.

Plans had been made, for example, to close a small mid-western post office that served only one

family. A big-time baseball player, who had Republican friends in Washington, voiced his protest. Plans to close the office were dropped. In passing, it should be mentioned that the family the office served was the baseball player's.

ACADEMY. Candidates for the first class of the new Air Force Academy will be nominated by February 18. Under the rules of the new academy, North Carolina Senators and Congressmen will name 10 youths each to take competitive exams for admission to the academy.

Unlike the Army and Navy academies, cadets for the Air Force Academy will be selected strictly on the results of the exams. Of the total 140 nominees named to take the exams, only the top seven completing the exams will actually be admitted to the academy.

EDUCATION. Hearings started this week before a Senate committee on federal aid for education.

Scholarship For Prodigy

KERNEY, N. J. (AP) — Karan Helen Zdanoff, 12, who was considered a child prodigy at four, has been awarded a scholarship to study piano at the Julliard School of Music. Mark Nevin of Maplewood, the teacher who tested her eight years ago, said:

"From the very beginning she has demonstrated the unique traits of a child prodigy. She had an ear for music, and could, at once, produce tunes. A youngster with such a flair for playing piano comes along once in a great many years."

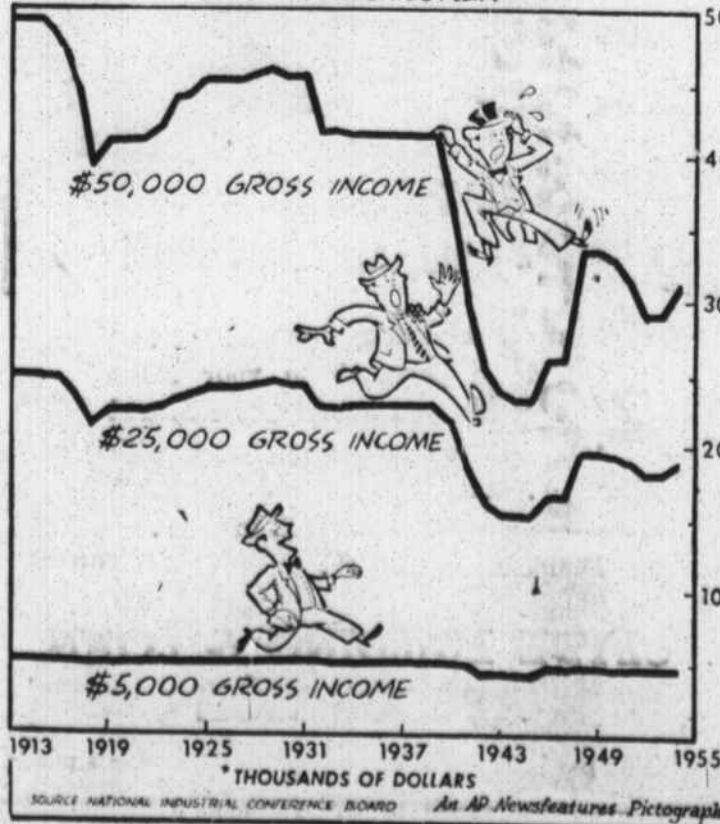
Educational Preparation?

TUSCON, Ariz. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy with a loaded .38-caliber pistol in his waistband was removed from a high school class here by police.

His explanation for carrying the gun: "A couple of those teachers were giving me a hard time."

Several bills have been introduced that would give states millions of dollars for the purpose of erecting new school buildings.

CHANGING NET INCOMES WHAT'S LEFT AFTER TAXES... MARRIED COUPLES WITH TWO CHILDREN



Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

A recent murder in New York City proves that aren't the most important things in life.

The victim was reputed to be worth ten million dollars, surrounded by priceless paintings, tapestries and every his wealth could purchase. He also was surrounded (report) by enemies. Every waking hour of this man's life was defense, suspicion and knowledge that all his millions prevent the inevitable.

How much richer is the man of modest, honorable can place his head on his pillow at night and sleep fearing that he has far greater wealth than the man who has millions and now lies the victim of those he feared.

Perhaps the team needed it: "The club will install L equipment on the baseball field."

The farmers say our recent snows were worth a and who are we to deny it... we the pedestrians who have sold the whole mess for a thin dime?

Probably we who are can-opener-addicts cannot fully subjective the farmer is to climatic conditions. Reasonable cold weather and over-moisture can mean the between success and failure; can mean that long, hard have been fruitful or a total loss. Without the co-operation those who produce our vegetables, fruits and berries the industry could join the now extinct order of buggy whip months of labor that go into the contents of a can or jar empty in a matter of minutes, is overlooked by most of us out the painstaking work of those who grow the produce in a sorry fix, so, perhaps, the next time we tip-toe through or sidestep a hunk of ice, we should say softly to ourselves good for the farmer shouldn't be too bad for us. But, just us, we'd like to arrange things so the snow and ice on the farms instead of Main street...

Hickory, Dickory Dock, The mouse ran up the clock; But when 'twas time for it to chime, The poor mouse died of shock.

Uncle Mose had only two eyes but he was using both assiduously, one on Mammy Jo and one on the kitchen latter held two alternatives; he could be shown that by or the bossman could enter by same. Of the two, Uncle Mose Mammy Jo's demand.

It was a cold, windy day and the warm kitchen with its odors was much to Uncle Mose's liking and he preferred within its confines. Just as he was luxuriating in his seat was an imperative tap at the window and the beckoning bossman. As Uncle Mose rose slowly to his feet, he just can't win. Looks like Ah's got to be window water.

There's one nice thing about February. It has only eight days.

News For Russia

DRUMMOND ISLAND, Mich. (AP) — Workers in the dolomite plant here have news for Pravda, the Russian newspaper. Pravda, they learned, said that "socialist competition" at a Russian Donets Basin plant had produced three-quarters of a million tons of dolomite in a year and claimed this as a world record. (Dolomite is a limestone with a high magnesium content.)

Drummond Workers wrote Pravda a letter, with a copy to Premier Malenkov. It said:

"We reached the three-quarter million mark six years ago. Last year we produced over two and a half million tons."

Pravda said the Russian plant employs 350 men. There are 200 employed here.

The letter continued: "We boys are paid immensely better than your boys. And we have job security. We can quit any time we want to and move on somewhere else. We can own our own homes and vote as we please, and worship God as we please — and if we please. Liberty is a great producer of many things, including dolomite."

Percentage-wise, a human being grows more in the first year of life than at any time afterward.

Bookmob Schedule

Friday, Feb. 4

- CRISO
Robert Freeman
Sam Freeman
Cruso Grocery
Cruso School
Dois Rogers
J. S. Williams
Jim Clark
Burnett Cash Grocery

Monday, Feb. 7

- MAGGIE - JONATHAN
Dave Platt
Hobart White
Smoky Mt. Gift Shop
Maggie School
Way Fisher
F. W. Kennedy
Rock Hill School
Mrs. Ethel Boyd
Burgin's Store

Tuesday, Feb. 8

- CLYDE
Clyde School
Frank Stamey
Sam Jackson
M. W. Dotson
Jack Belcher
Clyde Town Hall
Annie Long

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