

The wicked are wicked, in they go astray and they fall, and they are their deserts; but who can tell the which the very virtuous do?—Thomas

And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.—Isaiah 8:15.

Action Of Highway Comm. Points To Work On Canton Viaduct

The fact that the State Highway Commission has added another \$450,000 to the already allocated \$1,100,000 for the Canton viaduct gives reason to suppose that the project will materialize.

Former Governor Umstead appropriated \$750,000 in October 1953, then added \$350,000 more for the construction of an 850-foot viaduct at Canton for Highway 19-23. Engineers have made a tentative estimate that the project would cost about \$1,500,000, with the Town of Canton paying one-third of the cost of right-of-ways, the state a third, and the federal government the other third.

The state has been waiting on the Town of Canton to agree to their part of the right-of-way costs, while the Town has pointed out it is through traffic that wants to get in and out of town quicker, and they feel there should not be any costs to the Town for right-of-ways.

The action of the Commission in Raleigh Thursday gives reason to believe that they have hopes of the viaduct becoming a reality.

Citizens Trying To Abolish Absentee Ballot In Cherokee

The citizens of Cherokee county are taking steps in what they hope will be the means of repealing the absentee ballot law, as they pass around petitions asking for Legislative action.

The Cherokee Scout in an editorial backed up the action of the citizens of that county, and said the "petition is a tremendous step toward knocking out vote buying in Cherokee county."

The petitions, we have learned, are proving popular and many signatures are being placed upon them by people in every walk of life.

The Scout in their editorial went on to say: Even though the petition does not touch on the evils of markers in the general elections, we believe it is a wonderful starter. If the people of this county respond to the petition the way we believe they will, the General Assembly will soon learn that Western North Carolina is interested in clean elections.

The success of this petition could help strengthen the recommendations submitted by the State Board of Elections the first part of this year. Those recommendations would do away with absentee ballots for civilians and stop wholesale ballot marking.

If those two evils in our elections were rubbed out, we believe vote buying would be a lot more difficult. The petition puts the first step up to the people of Cherokee County.

Planning For New Industry First Essential Step For Community

Two areas of North Carolina that have enjoyed a far more than average increase in industrial plants are Hendersonville and Shelby. But don't think for a moment that those communities successful in getting new industrial plants are without their headaches.

The Hendersonville Times-News in an editorial, discussing industrial expansion advice from the Shelby Daily Star, went on to say:

Here are the views of this Shelby newspaper on one of the difficulties frequently encountered in locating industries in small towns or cities or nearby such communities. We quote it as good advice to be applied to our efforts to secure industries for Hendersonville and this section.

"There are usually three essentials for most industrial plants: ample water, a railroad siding and ample acreage for future expansion. Our water supply, our community spirit, schools, recreation center, climate, tax rate and labor supply usually meet the requirements, but when acreage is priced far out of line with other places, the prospects go elsewhere.

"No land owner can be forced to sell his property except for public utilities uses, but he certainly should have enough pride in his city, enough concern for employment of local people to set industrial site prices within the bounds of reason. No corporation, however much money it might have, is going to pay a fabulous price for a site in Shelby when there are plenty of other towns and cities holding out a welcome and even inducements for industries to come their way."

This newspaper is aware of what has occurred in the past experience of Hendersonville right at this point in negotiations for the location of industries in this area. It presents difficulties hard to handle when it is encountered. The owners of property certainly have the legal and moral right to price it. Naturally, the average property owner desires to realize as much as possible in selling his property.

The Shelby Star stresses the most practical, and in the end the most profitable course, when industries are negotiating for sites. The word profitable is used advisedly; and the explanation is made by the Star. If what the owner gets for property is the sole consideration, this may not apply; but if the consideration includes the upbuilding of a community and the general prosperity of the same, that is the sound and safe view of such a transaction.

The Times-News recalls an experience Henderson county had many years ago, when what was, perhaps, the largest and most valuable industrial opportunity this section has ever had within its grasp, was turned away and located elsewhere in North Carolina, because land which was wanted was priced so high that the industry was driven away.

In later years it was recognized by our citizens that a grave mistake had been made. It was a heavily losing mistake for the owner of the property and for other property owners; for the people needing employment; for Henderson county taxpayers; and for the general interests of the county and all our people.

That is the condition under discussion by the Shelby Star and this newspaper. Henderson county people should make it certain that similar mistakes are not made in the future.

Pedestrians are learning they have some rights in court. The next step will be to get some in the streets.—Omaha World-Herald.

HOT FOOT



Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Inconsistency wasn't exactly the word he used, in fact emphasized it a bit more strongly. This actually was overheard at breakfast one morning in the restaurant. The man and I occupied a table adjoining ours and he had just read the paper that read: "Solons have been granted an \$8,750 increase in their salaries." In an adjacent column was the article about the for and against the \$20 cut in income taxes.

It did seem a little incongruous that these two important items should snuggle so cozily together when they were so violently troversial.

As the man was saying, a bit explosively: "That's always Bah! Bah! But the fellow with the biggest bankroll is handed a rubber band so his money can expand. I just can't see it for a gubber."

Yea, man. And how many of us feel the same way?

Going from the sublime to the ridiculous:

Lady customer (in millinery salon): "Oh, that hat is so How much is it?"

Saleslady: "Seventy-five dollars."

L. C. (gasp): "Why, that is ridiculous."

Hooray, the sun is here again,
Gone are the clouds, gone is the rain,
Gone is winter and all its ills,
Electric pads, capsules and pills,
Are those bluebirds round my shoulder?
Coming closer, getting bolder,
See those branches gayly leafing,
While new summer duds we're briefing,
Ah! Spring has come to our fair land,
The birds and bees prove love is grand.

What's that I see out there right now?
Don't dare tell me that it is snow,
It just can't be... achew! achew!
Say, where the heck did Spring go to?

Heard in passing: "Yes, he said he almost saw you crossed the street."

Although it was a long time before Easter, little Mary (her sex) was already allowing her mind to dwell on finery occasion. She poured over the new fashion books, centering her attention on those pages devoted to small-fry styles. Then suddenly switched her full attention on fashions for adults. One day brought a picture to her mother of a very full-fashioned cocktail "There, Mommie," she proudly announced, "that's just what for my Easter dress." Her mother, a bit astonished, said: "Why that's entirely too old for you and much too sophisticated." Mary's face showed her keen disappointment, then lit up with a smile: "Please, can't I be old enough just for Easter to be fashionable?"

When your conscience says "NO," don't try to argue point.

Over The County

By W. C. MEDFORD

FAMILY REGULATOR—Sheriff Fred Campbell says he doesn't mind the sheriff's duties; but he balks at the extra specials which he is also called upon to do. The sheriff may be asked to try to "skeer" a man into paying a debt, also to give a wayward boy a "good talkin'". Sometimes he is called upon to get a runaway boy back home or to try to locate a girl, it may be, who has been taken off by a man or men much older.

But that is not all. A woman called up from Pigeon sometime back at two o'clock in the morning to complain that her "old man" wouldn't let her play the radio. With the Fines Creek man it was the other way around. He told the sheriff that his wife wouldn't let him "hang his tobacco where he wanted it, and wouldn't the sheriff come down and "stop her — med-dlin'." Next morning he phoned the sheriff that he didn't need him.

DAYS LONG GONE—Rex Messer, builder, has found a 70 year old store account book, or "Day-book" often used in the old days for charges and credits. The book was found in the attic of an old house, Allen Noland place, lower

Crabtree. Some of the entries are: Oct. 3, 1884: John Dr. to bottle Paragon; 12 1/2c; Par Shoes; 1 \$1.75; W. H. Swangmin; gim) to 4 Pars Shoes; 4c. ably this was for turning in 4 sets of horse shoes; tobacco, 10c; 1 Harker (handkerchief) 20c. Then we notice in another "Sharpening 2 Plovs, 10 cents way, that was from five cents for sharpening a plow required skilled work. It is an average of nearly half to sharpen a bull-tongue "Sharpening Mattoe" was 3 cents. Other entries were as "1 Wool Hat" (that \$1.25), "Sene oil" (kerosene) was "1 Pack Diment Dibs" (dyes), 10 cents; "Shoetin' (shoing one horse) was This included turning and four shoes, cleaning and hooves, nailing on, rasps, etc. It was about a 12-cent of hard, skilled labor.

One customer had a cent for 30 pounds of

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 16. Fuel | 19. Thick slices |
| 1. Wits | 1. River (U. S.) | 20. Chief magistrate of a city | |
| 5. Sacks | 2. On top | 23. Tuber (So. Am.) | |
| 9. An amount on which rates are assessed | 3. Wander about idly | 25. Soak flax | |
| 10. Perform | 4. Railway sleeping car | 27. Small masses of ice | |
| 12. Dwelling | 5. Floating | 28. Keel-billed cuckoo | |
| 13. Stream | 6. Inval's food | 29. Of the Copts | |
| 14. Invalid's food | 7. East-north-east (abbr.) | 30. Obtain | |
| 15. Oyum | 8. Fic-turesque | 31. Citadels | |
| 17. Part of "to be" | 9. Quick | 32. Measures (Feb.) | |
| 18. Paroxysm | 11. Allowances for waste | 35. Pays attention | |
| 21. Nutter pronoun | | | |
| 22. Wild dogs (Ind.) | | | |
| 24. Portions of curved lines | | | |
| 25. Vehicle | | | |
| 26. Affirmative word | | | |
| 28. Crust on a wound | | | |
| 30. Small cave | | | |
| 33. Exclamation | | | |
| 34. Utter | | | |
| 36. Mystic ejaculation | | | |
| 37. Make choice | | | |
| 38. Greek letter | | | |
| 40. To be in debt | | | |
| 41. Make amends for | | | |
| 43. Vacillate | | | |
| 45. Having prongs | | | |
| 46. Affirma | | | |
| 47. Letter of the alphabet (pl.) | | | |
| 48. Strong desires (sing) | | | |

Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO Miss Mary Barber speaks on Southern Germany and the Passion Play at the regular Sunday evening service at the First Baptist Church. Jimmie Neal and Aaron Prevost attend junior-senior banquet at Salem College. Miss Martha Mook and William Medford motor to Shelby on Sunday.	10 YEARS AGO Town places 10 trash cans on Main Street. Ensign James K. Stringfield arrives home from France where he has been on duty since D-Day. Dresses from Lucile Haviland Shop are modeled at tea given at Oak Park. Sgt. Earl Sutton arrives safely in France.	5 YEARS AGO M. D. Watkins starts two automotive building projects on Main Street. Dr. and Mrs. Elmer T. Clark go to Washington, D. C. where they will be guests at a luncheon given by Vice President and Mrs. Alben Barkley. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ratcliffe are honored on the occasion of their 47th wedding anniversary.
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Just Looking Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Sheriff Campbell was giving a reporter a news story of a recent arrest, involving a drunk. The group in his office listened intently, as he told the story. Then he said:

"This case reminds me of the time I was called out here in the country to arrest a crazy woman. She wasn't crazy, just plain crazy drunk. But she wasn't so drunk but that she knew all that was taking place.

"When I got there, I saw she knew I was on the scene and she started taking on something awful.

"I went over to her, and took her by the arm and suggested that we come to Waynesville, and maybe find someone who could help her. She took about two steps, and then became as limp as a dishrag, and slumped to the ground.

"I knew her trick; she wanted to be carried down the rocky lane to the car.

"If she had been sick, that would have been different, but she was able to walk, with a little assistance, so I had no idea of carrying her down the steep road to the car.

"I tried to get her up on her feet again, and she just went down like a big bunch of rubber bands. "After a moment's thought, I decided to find out just how incautiated she really was, and I said in a pretty loud voice: 'I can't carry this woman, so I'll just have to drag her over these rocks. Then I tried to lift her up again, and my plan worked. She got up, shook herself, mumbled about being drug over rocks, and we walked on down to the car. If I had been unable to get her to walk I was going to get a Jeep to take her down the road.

"She refused to stay on the back seat, wanting to sit down on the floor of the car. Seemingly I could not do much about it. I did not say anything. Again, she stared an act of being crazy and helpless. But I soon learned she was OK, because everytime the car hit a hole or rough spot in the road, I could hear her grunt, because the floor of the car wasn't the softest place in the world to try to sleep while driving over a rough country road.

"I locked her up, and she did not give me any more trouble, and neither did she try to get any more sympathy.

"I've often thought about it since, how that woman would have laughed at me carrying her down that road, and how she put it over on me, making it appear she was

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

VALIANT WORK
WASHINGTON — Washington witnessed an unusual ceremony during the past week when Mrs. Jessie Taylor, of Southport, was awarded the meritorious service medal by the United States Weather Bureau for her highly intelligent work during Hurricane Hazel. For many generations the men of Southport "have gone down to the sea in ships." As a consequence the people of Southport are well acquainted with the fury and trag-

Voice of the People

Have you missed this feature in the paper and would you like to see it resumed?

Mrs. David Hyatt: "Oh, yes. Both my husband and I have missed it very much. It was one of the first things we read. We think the questions are interesting and enjoy reading what others feel and think."

Mrs. Fred Calhoun: "Yes, I've missed it. I enjoy reading the Voice of the People and had acquired the habit of looking for it."

Jim Kilpatrick: "It has always been interesting and a good feature. Yes, I had missed it."

Keith Gibson: "I have really missed the Voice of the People. It was my favorite part of the paper and I always looked forward to reading it first. I believe many other boys and girls of high school age enjoyed this part of the paper, too."

Joe C. Cline: "I'd say 'yes' to both questions. Make these boys talk!"

Mrs. Templeton Leakey: "I always look for the Voice of the People and I'd like to see it resumed if I don't have to answer the questions I like to read answers from other people."

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They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

COMES IT TIME TO LUG IN SUPPLIES. THE COAST GUARD BOYS SEEM HARDLY ABLE TO LIFT A TEA BAG...

MY POOR BACK!
OOOW!
GROAN!
COMON, YOU GUYS! A LITTLE PEP! YOU ACT HALF DEAD...

THEN A BOATLOAD OF DAMES GOES BY...
QUIT SHOWIN' OFF, YOU GUYS!!