

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. Psalms 127:5.

Children are God's apostles, day by day sent to preach of love and hope and peace. —Low

Part-Time Farming

About one-third of our farms in North Carolina are classified as part-time farming, according to an article in the North Carolina Experiment Station publication, "Research in Farming."

When it comes to Western North Carolina, a much greater percentage of our farms are classified as part-time farming. The proportion of part-time and residential farms in 1950 in Haywood County was 71 per cent, Henderson County 61 per cent, Transylvania County 86 per cent and in Buncombe County 67 per cent.

These figures illustrate how far the movement toward part-time farming has gone in our western counties. On many a farm, one or two members of the family have a whole-time or part-time job in industry or teaching or public work. This is a very healthy situation. It gives a family the advantages of growing up on the farm and having more income than the average small mountain farm can develop.

A farm is the finest place in the world to bring up children. Children who have definite chores to do such as taking care of the chickens or milking the cows or making the garden or cultivating a patch of land—develop a sense of responsibility that steadies them all through life.

There is another advantage to part-time farming. Should a man who has a job suddenly be thrown out of work, he has his farm to keep the family going and to keep the wolf from the door. Part-time farming is building a generally improved scale of living all through our mountain counties.

—Raleigh News and Observer.

Perfect Cook

Robots are getting better and better. For quite a while these mechanical marvels have been able to figure mathematical problems, and now one has been invented that can bake a cake.

This latest example of man making himself obsolete was on display in New York. The cake was recorded on tape and then run through the electronic marvel.

The result was cake after cake, each alike and each perfect.

The uses of the mechanical brain heretofore have been confined to industry, research and spectacular pieces of showmanship such as televised election returns.

The thought of robots for the kitchen opens many a lovely vista. Here, perhaps, is the answer to the servant problem; the impeccable cook with never a day off, absolutely non-alcoholic, and once the final installment is met, one who works for free.

—Atlanta Constitution.

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A Practical Lesson Right Here At Home

Last Monday The Mountaineer published the first of a series of articles on the life of Judge Felix E. Alley. A truly interesting series, which began with the early days of the distinguished jurist, as he worked his way through school, graduating from high school at the age of 23.

We felt it significant to begin this series right at this time, when commencement is still fresh on the minds of so many young people, and let them know to what means some people have had to go in order to get an education. Many of our leading citizens today had to sacrifice, and endure many hardships in order to get to school for an education.

The first chapter also showed the devotion young Alley had for his father, and how the young man eager for an education left the University because of the illness of his aged father.

We recommend the series, and especially to the young people.

It will present a lesson of what can be attained when there is a deep desire to acquire that which is worthwhile.

Doctors From Five States Our Guests Again

This weekend will mark the second annual meeting of the Mountaintop Medical Assembly in this community.

More than 200 doctors from five states are expected to attend the convention for the two-day session, which will include about eight hours of lectures with the afternoons devoted to recreation.

The success of last year's Assembly will probably mean an even larger attendance here this weekend, because of the high type program, plus the long weekend of recreation which the doctors can mix with the educational phase of the convention.

The doctors like this community as a meeting place for their summer assembly—it is large enough to afford every modern accommodation, yet small enough to retain a homelike atmosphere so necessary when one is trying to relax and "learn" at the same time.

The doctors will again see the Cherokee drama, "Unto These Hills" as well as do a little sightseeing in some of their spare moments.

It is nice to have the conventioners come back, and trust that their meeting will again be successful, and that they will begin looking towards their third annual meeting here in June 1956.

A Commendable Centennial Edition

The Franklin Press, with their 48-page centennial edition, made one almost wish they had lived back in "the good old days."

The edition was complete, well illustrated, and filled with factual articles about the early days of the county seat of Macon.

The edition will be of unusual historical value in the years to come, because between the two covers of that issue were many facts about Franklin which would probably have never seen the light of day except for the centennial.

Editor Weimar Jones and his staff are to be congratulated on their edition, and the completeness and attractive manner in which it was presented.

SOUND EFFECT

And then there's Sandy McTavish, who instead of taking his wife to Niagara Falls on their honeymoon, just blindfolded her and turned on the bathtub faucet.

—Wall Street Journal.

AESOP WITH THE 20TH CENTURY TOUCH



Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Ralph Prevost and Mrs. Colin McInnes entertain in honor of Miss Wilda Crawford, bride-elect of Whitener Prevost.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elwood and two children of Detroit, Mich. are guests of Mrs. H. L. MacFadyen.

James A. Gwyn of New York is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gwyn.

Miss Margaret McCokle of Asheville is engaged to Sidney A. Martin.

10 YEARS AGO

Capt. Oliver Wade Franklin of Waynesville, Route 2, is awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in the German campaigns.

Sgt. Joe H. Palmer, U. S. Marines, is honorably discharged.

Pvt. Ernest Rogers is liberated from a German prison camp by a company from the Russian Army.

Mrs. Richard Gerring and two daughters of Brunswick, Ga. are spending a few weeks at their home in Hazelwood.

5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Harvey Ray, bride of last month is honored at luncheon given by Miss Mary Ann Massie.

Leo Feichter returns after spending two months in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kilpatrick are vacationing in New England.

Miss Mary Osborne, Miss Joan Morris, and Miss Vivian Watkins return from visit in Florida.

June Davis celebrates birthday with a party in her home on the Sulphur Springs Road.

Highland Flings

By Bob Conway

The article concerning Mrs. William I. Lee of Waynesville, now abroad, which appeared in Monday's issue of The Mountaineer, was written especially for this newspaper by D. Maurice Smyth of the Larne Times in Northern Ireland.

However, another article about Mrs. Lee was written by reporter Smyth for his own newspaper. A clipping of this story also was sent to The Mountaineer.

Although the article generally is well-written and interesting, one paragraph in Mr. Smyth's literary piece brings an American reader to a screeching halt.

Along about midway in his story, the Irish writer, extolling "the beauty of the Irish countryside steaming under the heat of a wane sun," makes reference by comparison to the "open, rather dull countryside" of the United States!

We would have to agree that some parts of the United States might be termed "dull" in regard to its scenic beauty, but can this derogatory noun be applied to Mrs. Lee's home town?

Smyth does not mention any particular locality in the U. S., as being "open, rather dull," but we doubt seriously that the remark concerns Western North Carolina with its towering mountain peaks, cool forests, shimmering lakes, and leaping waterfalls.

Residents of this region firmly believe that Western North Carolina has no equal east of the Mississippi River and we have attendance figures in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Pisgah National Forest to back us up.

As for comparing the United States with Ireland, we can't argue the point because we have never been to the Emerald Isle—and Mr. Smyth apparently has never been to this country.

But like someone once said, "Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery."

According to a friend, this actually happened.

On a visit to Haywood County, a woman from Arkansas made a telephone call to the Nantahala Hardware in Canton.

When a clerk answered the phone, the woman inquired: "May I speak to Mr. Nantahala?"

Letter To Editor

NEWSPAPER WOMAN LIKES EDITORIAL STAND ON ROAD

Editor, The Mountaineer:

I want to congratulate you and The Mountaineer on the courageous crusade that you are conducting on the Pigeon River Road controversy.

I have been very impressed with the stand that you have taken. In every instance I think you have made straight-to-the-point punches and it is very refreshing after seeing the middle-of-the-road policies most of our editorial departments follow.

I was especially delighted with your "He Who Is Not With Me Is Against Me" editorial. I am sending a copy of this to A. H. Graham, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

I also thought Waynesville made a spectacular presentation of its case at the hearing in Asheville recently.

If there is any small thing I might do to help at my end of the

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Recent articles in the newspapers have made a deep impression upon us as to the needless deaths that are occurring every day. Traffic deaths are bad enough but when lives are snuffed out needlessly through carelessness, it seems as though something should be done.

The drowning of small children in fish ponds has caused headaches in many families. If one desires the beauty of a fish pond in the garden, couldn't a low, ornamental-iron fence be put around the pool so that tiny feet couldn't wander to their sudden death. The toll of children being killed by cars backing out of garages has an appalling and, we are sure, have prostrated the parents who unconsciously sacrifice the lives of their children. A careful survey drive and the certainty that the child is protected would solve the tragedy.

The death of a racing car enthusiast and the multiple deaths in France recently have turned sporting events into traps. The awful thing is that the spectators go to these races for the speed demonstrations but rather in the hopes of seeing accidents and even deaths.

Life is a pretty sweet possession and it does seem a terrible waste to shorten it needlessly.

The hardest thing to do, we guess, is to say "no" when we mean "yes."

Little Mary's daddy was taking his family to the seashore for his vacation, and the little girl was having her first view of the ocean and its rolling surf. She delighted in the swim suit, exactly Mommie's, and she strutted around on the sands but positively refused to enter the water. Hoping to get her accustomed to it gradually, her parents would go in but did not use pressure on the girl to have her accompany them. The time for the family's departure was nearing and still the little girl would not enter the rolling waves. They were a bit aggravated by her perverseness as it hampered enjoyment of surf bathing.

A few days after their return home, Little Mary's mother heard the child telling a playmate: "Do you know," she was saying "there were great big waves that washed people out into the ocean and they were bobbing around?" Then she took a deep sigh of relief as she continued: "Well, I never let myself get washed out betcha."

Get your house in order today for tomorrow you may have company.

The waitress was taking the customer's order. She turned to the fountain attendant and asked: "Have you got any pie?" The soda did not understand and the waitress repeated the question a second and then a third time. Exasperated, she said sharply: "I asked if there was any pie. P-Y-E. Now, do you understand?"

Impulse is the steering wheel that sometimes runs us off the right road.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON — On Thursday of last week, the Senate approved the bill extending the Selective Service Act for four years, and the Doctors and Dentists Draft Act for two more years. As I have heretofore reported, this bill had been carefully studied by the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who reached the abiding conviction on the evidence before them that the extension of these laws for the times stated above was absolutely essential to the maintenance of an adequate National Defense.

I have enjoyed very much my service upon the Senate Armed Services Committee, and I like to pay tribute to its distinguished Chairman, Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, and my other associates on the Committee, namely Senators Byrd of Virginia, John P. Stennis of Mississippi, Syme B. Harrison of Missouri, Jackson of Washington, Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Bridges of New Hampshire, Frank P. Ramsey of Vermont, Smith of North Carolina, Case of South Dakota, D. B. Nichols of Pennsylvania and Welker of Pennsylvania. When these Senators are drafted with bills affecting the National Defense, they base their decisions solely upon the consideration of whether the bills are really calculated to promote the security of the Nation. In other words, they act as Americans rather than Democrats or Republicans. Of course, as it should be.

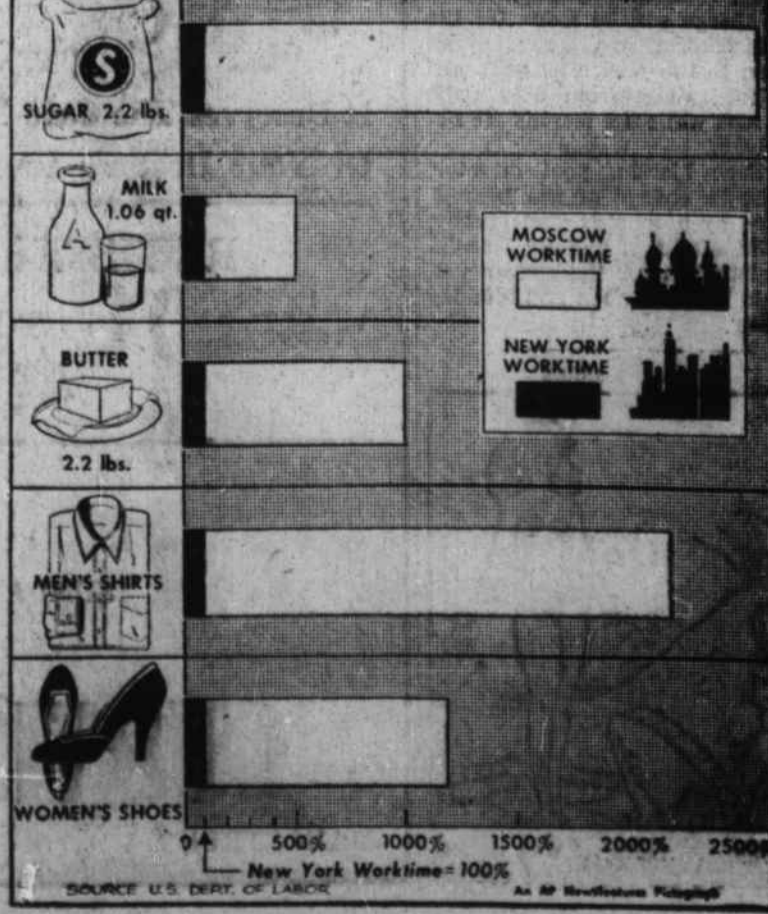
On Friday of last week the State of Louisiana presented the United States for permanent location in Statuary Hall statue of one of her most distinguished sons, Edward D. White, soldier of the Confederacy. (Continued on page 3)

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

EAST-WEST WORK TIMES

HOW AVERAGE WORKERS COMPARE WHEN BUYING...



They'll Do It Every Time

