

Keep therefore the words of this covenant and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.—Deut. 29:9.

Those virtues which cost us dear that we love God; those which are us prove that He loves us.—J. Pettit

Ratcliffe Cove Has Worked Hard This Year

We do not have the slightest idea where Ratcliffe Cove will place in the Western Carolina Community contest, but we know one thing, the citizens of the community certainly went "all out" to present to the judges a picture of progress and community cooperation.

Having won first place in the county, the Ratcliffe Cove citizens represent Haywood in the district contest. Their community was judged last week, by three judges, two from out of the state and one from Raleigh.

When all the accomplishments of Ratcliffe Cove were listed it made an impressive record, and one which even many of those who had worked so hard all year could hardly realize.

Along with every progressive move like this, there are many "unsung heroes." We know of some of the Ratcliffe Cove citizens who stayed up well past midnight working on details for the judges. They wanted everything just right, and for that reason, put their best into the final worksheets which had to have all the data about the area.

Regardless of the decision of the judges, we know for a fact that Ratcliffe Cove is better off by having been in the district contest. Their unified efforts, the broader vision of community needs have been developed to a higher standard than would have otherwise been possible. However, we hope they get top place in the district honors to add to these other features already acquired.

Spelling Seems To Be Lost Art

Bethel seems to be trying to revive the art of spelling, or at least throw the spotlight on its importance by staging a spelling match every year. Last night the annual event was held at Bethel, and interest seems to be growing in one of our lost arts.

Educators are recognizing the fact that too many students are not learning to spell. Some schools are putting more emphasis on the importance of spelling, while others still look on it as a partial waste of time, citing that students who want to learn to spell can do so through close observation in their reading.

Only this week some copy passed across this desk from a college senior that had even the simplest of words misspelled — words which should have been learned in the middle grammar grades.

No doubt many think that in this age of push buttons that the first essential is to be able to read the buttons, and have money enough to keep them operating.

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Arrival Of Santa To Stimulate Holiday Spirit

The arrival of Santa Friday morning, by plane, will stimulate intense interest among the younger folk of our community, which in turn will be passed on to the adults.

It is almost impossible to watch the eagerness of children getting their first glimpse of the jolly old man without getting some of the spirit which they generate by their innocent delight and mannerisms.

There are always some children who hold back, with a certain degree of fear, or timidity, while others are bold, and push forward to see what it is all about. Such occasions provide wonderful opportunities for the study of emotional reaction of the youngsters.

The arrival Friday is a gentle reminder to the adults that exactly 30 days from that time will be Christmas morning, which will bring on the comments heard year after year: "It is almost here and I've done so little about it; I don't understand where all my time goes." Or another remark that is frequently heard, "It seems only a few weeks ago that the last Christmas was here; how time does fly."

For the children the next 30 days will be a long, long time. 'Tis a pity there seems to be no happy medium for the two groups.

Ice On Highways Is Potential Killer

Two cars were damaged this past week when they skidded on ice which had formed on the highways. One accident was at Soco Gap, and the other just west of Canton at the top of the hill. Fortunately no one was injured in either accident, but several hundred dollars in property damages resulted.

Winter driving has its hazards, and once a car unexpectedly hits ice on a road, anything is likely to happen. Even a light touch of the brakes often sends a vehicle into a whirl, and many times, as in the two cases this week, off the highway.

Don't take for granted that the absence of signs means there is no ice — just remember you might be the first to find the quick-forming ice on the road. Our highway forces are on the alert to mark danger spots, but they cannot be everywhere.

Just be on the lookout for ice, and drive on it with the greatest of care, and respect it as a potential killer.

Women Seem To Be Best At Predicting Football Scores

Our annual football contest has come to a close, but we shall long remember the interest, excitement, and satisfaction so many got out of the game of trying to guess football scores.

Our mail will be much smaller now, as the scores and scores of answers which flooded the office each week will be missing until next fall.

A surprising factor in the current contests has been the large number of women who have been winners. This shows that women enjoy the sport, and study facts and conditions about a game the same as men. Then, too, who is there to even dare believe he can out-guess a woman?

It has been lots of fun, and we look forward to next year with more enthusiasm than ever to another series of the contests.

Be nice to your friends. If it weren't for them you would be a total stranger. —Lee Marvin in The Cleveland Courier.



Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Robert Hugh Clark is named superintendent of the light department of the city.

Mrs. R. Stuart Roberson honors her sister, Miss Agnes Simons of Kannapolis, at a party.

Mrs. R. H. Blackwell returns from visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Frehn in Kansas City.

10 YEARS AGO

Aaron Prevost, is named a director of the First National Bank.

Sgt. J. Howard Bryson arrives in the United States from the European theatre.

Claude B. Hosaflook, Jr., serving aboard the USS Tangier, saw the Stars and Stripes raised over Omineto.

5 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Palmer entertain at a party honoring Miss Peggy Sue Burgin, bride-elect.

Miss Bette Hannah, student at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, arrives for Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massie visit daughter, Miss Mary Ann Massie, student at Duke University.

Highland Flings

By Bob Conway

Real, dyed-in-the-wool sports fans seem like strange characters to other people who haven't been bitten by the bug.

Non-fans just can't understand why we sports addicts regard some games as seriously as if they were a matter of life and death.

And they can't figure out why any normal human being wants to sit in a stadium, either frozen clear to the bone or drenched to the skin, just to watch 22 muscular young men commit organized assault and battery.

Even non-fans usually follow their athletic teams while in high school or college, but after graduation their enthusiasm usually wanes and eventually dies.

But a real fan, although he may not have tred a campus for many a year, is still just as fiercely in back of his team as ever. In many cases, his school spirit actually increases with the passing of time.

It was away back in 1927 when Dad started taking me to football and basketball games—mainly to "give Mom a few moments of peace."

Since then I have known many moments of both joy and despair in the world of sports.

Although it has been 20 years now, I still remember as well as if it were yesterday the Saturday afternoon my home town of Ashland, Ky. had its football victory streak of 65 games broken by a team from Erie, Pennsylvania.

Ahead 13-7 until the final moment of the game, the tide turned against us suddenly when an Erie player intercepted a flat pass and ran 65 yards for the touchdown and then added the extra point on a placement.

As the ball sailed over the goal post to send Ashland down to its first defeat in years, it was like the sudden breaking of a storm.

All through the stands and out on the field, fans and players alike started weeping bitterly. For us, it seemed like the end of the world. It was, in truth, the end of an era of victories that set a national high school record back in the 30's.

Going on to the University of Kentucky, things got somewhat simpler but even more serious when sports boiled down to just one important event; the annual game between Kentucky and Tennessee.

three consecutive wins over the Orange Ogres.

Last week's smashing 23-0 victory over Tennessee sent Lexington, Ky. into its biggest celebration since VE Day. But I never even listened to the game on the radio. It's gotten so that my nerves won't stand the terrific tension that a Kentucky-Tennessee game generates.

Since we have been in North Carolina, things haven't gotten any better because we now have to suffer through Waynesville's football games.

Back on September 30 when the Mountaineers lost their first game to Canton, I was so upset I sat up until early in the morning before I could get to sleep.

Not being a sports fan herself, my wife couldn't understand why a mere football game should keep anybody awake.

Maybe we faithful followers of football and basketball don't make sense; maybe we all should see a psychiatrist. But that's just the way we are and it's very unlikely we'll ever be any different.

Most fish live in areas which have a fairly narrow limit of water temperatures favorable to particular kinds of fish.

Jews, Christians and Moslems all have holy places in Jerusalem.

Voice of the People

What do we, as Americans, have to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day? (continued)

J. R. Geringer — "Good health and food in abundance."

Betty Shope — "We should be thankful we're living in a free country."

Mrs. Perry Hardwick — "Freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom of press, and freedom of assembly."

Carl McCracken — "I am thankful we are living under the conditions that people who had the first Thanksgiving were striving for."

Alma Brookshire — "Full-time employment in time of peace and not having to build implements of war."

Teachers Flunk

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Five sheepish school teachers were arrested in a single day here in a police crackdown on speeding in school zones.

Police Judge McWhorter let the teachers off with three months probation but warned them: "The next time, the lesson will be different."

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

THANKSGIVING

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-five.

Let our thanks rise to Thee, dear Lord, on this day as freely as do our supplications. For every gift from Thy hand let a prayer of thanksgiving rise from our hearts.

We thank Thee, Lord, for Thy great patience. We sorely try Thee in our waywardness but Thou hast never failed to forgive if we are repentant.

We thank Thee for all those little things we take so for granted but which are so necessary for our completion of life; the early morning sun that awakens us from a refreshing sleep; the rain that cleanses the earth and revives our drooping spirits; the warm clasp of a friend's hand and the reassurance that friendship and loyalty are our earthly standbys.

We thank Thee, dear Lord, that Thy love and protection guide us as we travel along this one-way street from which there is no returning, and we thank Thee that Thou art always at the open door when we turn to Thee.

On this Thanksgiving Day, dear Lord, we bow our heads in deep gratitude for Thy hand which is always extended to us when we reach for it. Amen.

This Is The LAW

By ROBERT E. LEE (For The N. C. Bar Association)

FINDERS

Two small boys were employed to clean out an old henhouse on a farm occupied by William Roberts, but which had previously been owned and in the possession of numerous other persons. While so engaged they dug up an old rust-eaten tin can containing a number of rusty and partially decayed tobacco bags filled with \$7,000 worth of gold coins.

The money was buried four inches beneath the debris and dirt in the henhouse. The ground around it was quite solid, as if it had not been disturbed recently. The building itself was old, and looked as if it had not been cleaned out for some time. The boys, at the request of Roberts, handed their discovery over to Roberts.

May the painter money from the hotel? The Supreme Court held in 1947 that the finder, had he sought to recover the money, would have to recover it from the hotel.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church of the pet Rag Committee, cured carpet rags and end and rolled into whatever source they then parceled them out to whom they paid amount per square yard of the rags into rags.

Two women of the delivered to Mary Thomas board box filled with pet rags. Mary found the center of one of \$2,100 in bills of ten dollar denominations, been neatly rolled and then wrapped inside the owner of the money found, is Mary entitled money?

Yes. This was an act decided by the Supreme Court in 1948.

There have been no lina cases in any way the above actual case should be, the North courts would undoubtedly ended by the judicial tat they have set.

Less than 2 per cent lies born in Sweden during their first year.

A painter was employed to redecorate several rooms in a hotel. In the course of his work, he found it necessary to lift up a rug on the floor. Under this rug he found \$760 in twenty-dollar bills. The money was entirely of large-size bills which had been called in by the government sixteen years earlier. The painter turned the money over to the manager of the hotel for the purpose of locating the owner. The owner has never been located.

The owner has never been located.

CROSSWORD

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. The grid is partially filled with numbers indicating the starting positions of the words.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

