

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all of mine iniquities. —Psalms 51:9.

Every sin provokes its punishment. —A Bronson Alcott.

Editorial Page of the Mountaineer

Building In Waynesville Is Encouraging Sign

No doubt many readers blinked their eyes once or even twice when they read the headline Thursday in The Mountaineer that building permits in Waynesville during last year went to over \$514,000.

Many of us have seen building going on, but gave little thought as to what it would total in the course of a year.

One encouraging fact is that 45 homes were built within the city limits. We would not venture a guess as to the number which were constructed outside the city limits.

Expansions and new businesses added almost \$100,000 to the total for the year, but the fact remains that over \$400,000 was invested in new homes in Waynesville during 1955.

That means a minimum of 45 families—and even if they were renting or living in another house, it means another place for one more family.

This report tells a factual story of progress and growth.

Haywood's School Improvement Program Nears Completion

The action of the State Board of Education approving the construction of a new school on Pigeon Street, plus the addition to the Cruso school writes a new chapter in education in Haywood county.

The completion of these two projects will end the current program which has seen more than \$2,500,000 spent on modernizing and enlarging our school plants in this county.

These two projects are both sorely needed, and when completed will give this county an excellent school plant system. There are, of course, some things which will have to be added in the not too distant future, because many buildings are already crowded in spite of the extra rooms added just recently.

We feel that Haywood citizens are taking a keener interest in schools than at any time we have known in the past quarter of a century.

This interest on the part of the public is indeed encouraging. And we are confident it will be reflected in the type of work done by the students.

Haywood has been recognized as one of the counties in the state that has done a lot towards improving school conditions, and it is a record of which we can be justly proud.

Now that we are in the last phase of the expansion, and modernizing program it is by no means any reason why we are finished. Our schools are of primary importance, and will always remain so.

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New Water Line To East Waynesville Important Project

The Town of Waynesville is doing an excellent thing, in our opinion, of running an auxiliary water line from the reservoir to the East Waynesville and Hospital sections.

The new 6-inch water line will serve the area as added insurance of an adequate water supply at all times, and even in case of a breakdown on the existing line, the auxiliary line coming into the area from a different direction will be added protection.

In addition to this new water line, several sewer lines are being installed, to serve a wide area. All of the projects are costing over \$30,000, but should prove a good investment in the years to come.

With the installation of the modern filtering plant, the water system of Waynesville has gradually grown, and now the needs of the citizens of a wide area are being properly met.

It is wise planning to look, and work to the future, such as is an example of these new lines being installed.

1956 Will Be Good Year For Tourist Business

The new attendance records set last year by travel in the Smokies and on the Blue Ridge Parkway substantiates our earlier prediction that 1956 looms as a banner year for travel.

Those visiting this area last year will certainly be potential 1956 visitors as will a lot of others with whom they have an opportunity to discuss their 1955 travels during the winter.

The growth of the tourist travel into this area has shown a steady increase each year since the restriction on travel during the war years.

Taking all these factors into account, plus the added facilities which have been erected in the past few years, we look forward to the best year yet for the tourist industry in 1956.

But optimism will not be enough. Neither will the records of the past year. We must realize that the tourist business is a highly competitive market. There are many states, and many countries out after the tourist dollar. It is the area that makes the best bid, and offers the most inducement for visiting that will get the business.

Yes, 1956 will be a good tourist year for those who go after the business.

MORE WIDOWS THAN WIDOWERS

On the national average, women live 6 years longer than their husbands and are about 3 years younger, making a 9-year difference in the life expectancy of average couples. Thus 13% of women are widows while only 4% of men are widowers. Add this to the fact that men leave their estates, large and small, to their widows and you see why so much of the nation's wealth is in the hands of women.—The Kiplinger Letter.

FOUR MILLION BABIES THIS YEAR

The baby boom continues; over four million were born during 1955. That means 25 new babies for every 1000 population. The record high was reached in 1947 with 26.6 babies per 1000. During the depression decade of the 30's, the birth rate was 18 per 1000.—The Kiplinger Letter.

HIGH INCOME GROUP INCREASES 90%

During the past five years, the \$10,000-and-up income group has grown by 90%. This class, which is economically important, includes the upper middle class, the well-to-do and the so-called rich. But it represents only 7% of the total number of families in the country.—The Kiplinger Letter.

Voice of the People

What was the nicest thing that happened to you in 1955?

Mrs. Betsy Shulhofer: "I've always wanted a set of shears to cut scrap metal and I got them installed last year."

Mrs. H. L. Liner, Jr.: "So many nice things happened to me, it's hard to say. One of the nicest was to realize that my son had suddenly grown up to be a young man."

Miss Ray Ballard: "The family reunion we had in the fall."

Mrs. Joe Masie: "It was such a nice year. I can't pinpoint any one thing."

Miss Debraida Fisher: "That I lived and stayed well and had a good job."

Mrs. Joe Webster: "We stayed well!"

Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. F. H. Marley returns from New York where she spent Christmas with her son, Hal Marley, student at Columbia University.

W. Riley Palmer, student at State College, returns to his studies.

Mrs. Earl Messer visits relatives in Halifax.

Miss Carolyn Haynes returns to her work in Andrews after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Claude Haynes.

10 YEARS AGO

Haywood coal situation reaches critical stage. No relief is in sight as coal yards are bare of all types of coal.

Mercury climbs to 89 as freakish weather hits area.

Mrs. N. F. Lancaster and son, Bobby arrive from Camp Gordon, Ga., and will be joined within a few weeks by Major Lancaster.

Pfc. Charles B. Way is now serving on Luzon.

5 YEARS AGO

Miss Carol Jean Burnham of Durham is bride of James Elwood, III.

Miss Harriet Atkinson weds James Henry Tutwiler, Jr.

Max Rogers, patient at Asheville Orthopedic Home, gets to spend weekend at home.

First National Bank re-elects board of directors and all officers.

B. E. Colkitt is named a vice president of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts.

Milk Run?

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Fire department equipment is taking on the look of milk trucks. One of its old red fire wagons has been repainted white and the fire chief has traded in his red car for a white station wagon.

Senator Estes Kefauver To Address Young Demos Of North Carolina 27th

Tall, lanky U. S. Senator Estes Kefauver, one of the top three aspirants for the Democratic nomination for President in 1956, will highlight a Statewide rally of Young Democrats in Raleigh on Friday, Jan. 27.

Samuel H. Johnson, president of the Wake County YDC, announced that Kefauver's appearance is the first of a series of visits to North Carolina by top Democratic hopefuls. It is expected, Johnson said, that Adlai E. Stevenson and New York's Gov. Averell Harriman will also come to North Carolina later this year under YDC sponsorship.

Johnson thus joined State YDC President Henry Hall Wilson, Jr. of Monroe in emphasizing that the YDC is not sponsoring the candidacy of any one Democrat. Rather, he said, "we are interested in giving the people of our State a chance to see all of the various candidates and make up their own minds as to their preference."

The YDC rally on Jan. 27 probably will be one of the largest such affairs in recent years. Arrangements are being made for a crowd of 3,000 people at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium, at which Senator Kefauver will speak at 8 p.m. Prior to Kefauver's speech, there will be a banquet at the Hotel Sir Walter. As a result of recent renovations at the hotel, 700 people can be seated at the banquet.

Reservations can be made for the banquet by writing to Johnson in Raleigh.

Destructive Anger

PARIS, Tex. (AP)—A used car dealer told police he thinks somebody is angry with him, because somebody poured sugar in the tank of one automobile on his lot; took the fender skirts off a second, and cut all the wires on a third.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

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Just Looking Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

One of the best stories of the new year has to do with the party of neighbors who were celebrating the arrival of 1956.

The next morning the hostess found the hat of one of the men in the living room. She called the man and reminded him that he had left his hat at her house earlier that morning.

"Yes, I know I left it there. When I left your house the hat was far too small for the size of my head. I'll pick it up later."

The new North Carolina tags remind us so much of the New York tags. For the first day after the tags went on sale we could not help but feel we had a lot of New Yorkers in our community.

While plans are not completed, considerable work has been done on Haywood County Day—a big event at Lake Junaluska every June. The work done thus far has been encouraging, and when final plans are announced, the general program, we feel, will be one that will come nearer pleasing everyone than any that could be possible to work out.

Many places, institutions, and perhaps families have set up new rules for the year. There might even be some individuals who are yet carrying out New Year's resolutions.

Even so, they are not as tough as the rules of the Stokes County Academy, of 1848. We ran across a set of their rules, adopted Nov. 10, 1848 and found them quite interesting. They are as follows with the number of demerits for each offense listed:

- Boys and girls playing together, 4. Quarrelling, 4. Fighting, 5. Fighting at school, 5. Quarrelling at school, 3. Gambling or betting at school, 4. Playing at cards at school, 10. Climbing for every foot over three feet up a tree, 1. Telling lies, 7. Telling tales out of school, 8. Nicknaming each other, 4. Giving each other ill names, 3. Fighting each other in time of books, 2. Swearing at school, 8. Blackguarding each other, 6. For misbehaving to girls, 10. For leaving school without leave of the teacher, 4. Going home with each other without leave of the teacher, 4. For drinking spirituous liquors at school, 8. Making swings and swing on them, 7. For misbehaving when a student is in the house, 6. For wearing long fingernails, 2. For not making a bow when a stranger comes in or goes out, 3. Misbehaving to persons on the road, 4. For not making a bow when you meet a person, 4. For going to girls' play places, 3. Girls going to boys' play places, 2. Coming to school with dirty face and hands, 2. For playing bandy, 10. For blotting your copy book, 2. For not making a bow when you go home or when you come away, 4. For wrestling at school, 4. Scuffling at school, 4. For not making a bow when going out to go home, 2. For wetting each other washing at play time, 2. For hollering and hooping going home, 3. For delaying time going home or coming to school, 4. For not making a bow when you come in or go out, 2. For throwing any thing harder than your grab ball, 4. For every work you miss in your art lesson without good excuse, 1. For not saying yes sir and no sir or yes ma'am and no ma'am, 2. For troubling each others' writing affairs, 2. For not washing at playtime when going to books, 4. For going and playing about the mill or creek, 6. For going about the barn or doing any mischief about the place, 7.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Well, it looks like the fashion experts are going to have a problem on their hands this year. The fact that Easter comes on April first will be a poser as to whether the Easter raiment shall be coated, suited or gowned. It is highly problematical as to whether the breezes on that date will be zephyrful or tigerish, and whether you better haul your old raincoat or don that fickle duster. Then the question of chapeaux! What will be the headlines?

Easter can come as early as March twenty-third but it rarely exercises the privilege. The old way of settling this important date was reached in a rather long-drawn-out compilation. It would be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the 20th of March. By the time one finished this laborious computation, they just didn't care much. Anyway it slipped into April by minutes this year.

Personally, we still have the same around-the-season holdover, so April first won't fool us any.

First She: "Isn't that a rigid diet your new doctor gave you?"

Second She: "It certainly is, and I'm going to change."

First She: "The diet?"

Second She: "No. The doctor."

A kindly thought came drifting by, A-top a cloud of snowy white; It hovered 'round for quite a while Then off it went, right out of sight. How sad it is that kindly thoughts Remain aloft, or go astray. If only they would stick around, 'Twould do so much to smooth our way.

To pinpoint a fact sometimes requires hard knocks.

We'd like to make a bow of pleasant acknowledgment of an introduction to two new columnists on the editorial page of The Asheville Citizen. They are Robert Sylvester with his "Dream Street," and George Dixon giving us his witty and amusing "Washington Scene." They both produce delightful reading and take one's mind temporarily off the sordid facts that are bound to force themselves upon the public. There never was a truer sentiment than that expressed in the lines:

"A little nonsense, now and then, Is relished by the best of men."

With January only nine days old, many of the New Year resolutions have already become obsolete.

Early Bird

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—For the 35th straight year, Charles Nebergall has been the first person in Multnomah County to pay his taxes.

Nebergall doesn't have to go far from his work to make the payment. Blind, he operates the county courthouse cigar store. His taxes, on his home, amounted to \$120.

Nothing Sells Like Newspapers

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

World Awaits Jan. 30 Ike-Eden Conference Anglo-American Policy Subject of Discussion

WASHINGTON—The spotlight of world attention will focus on the White House Jan. 30 with the meeting there of President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden since the subject of discussion will be on Anglo-American policy and strategy for combating the newly hyped cold war maneuvers of Russia.

There has been strong sentiment in London for the forthcoming Eisenhower-Eden talks in view of the failure of the Geneva conference and Russia's new attitude toward the western powers.

British diplomats feel that United States-British policy must be co-ordinated to meet the unfolding Soviet threat of trying to win influence with a "salesmanship" campaign.

● TURNCOATS—In congressional circles, Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson is being blamed for the Army's inability to court-martial three ex-GIs who went over to the Communists in Korea.

The former servicemen, who later returned home, can not be prosecuted by the Army because the Supreme Court has invalidated a key provision of the Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizing such action.

Rep. Paul Kilday (D), Texas, a top-ranking member of the House armed services committee which initiated the military code in 1950, pointed out that the men had been dishonorably discharged at Wilson's order.

Kilday remarked, "That was a mistake. If they had not been discharged, they would still be in the Army and thus subject to court-martial proceedings. Now it is doubtful that Congress can do anything except make sure it doesn't happen again."

● ICC IN THE NEWS—The Interstate Commerce commission is one of those government agencies that goes along for years without making headlines. Recently, however, the ICC was very much in the news with the resignation of its chairman, Hugh W. Cross, and with its decision banning segregation in interstate rail and bus travel.

The ICC is in for some continued interest since there are now two commission vacancies which President Eisenhower is expected to fill shortly. His choice will be watched by both parties. Democrats will look closely for any appointment they consider indicates a bias toward the railroads, buses or trucklines which the ICC is charged with regulating.

For Mr. Eisenhower, filling the jobs will be a ticklish situation. At least one of his appointees must be a Democrat since the ICC is, by law, a bipartisan agency. He could pick two Democrats because there now are only four of them on the commission and six of its 11 members—but no more—may be from the same political party.

Republicans, of course, are going to plump for one of their members. In other words, almost anything the President does is bound to come in for some close political scrutiny—and hit the headlines.

● GOP VS. UNIONS—Recent Republican attacks on labor unions haven't the unanimous backing of the GOP. In fact, whether or not he runs again in 1956, President Eisenhower is likely to repudiate some of the more violent accusations made by members of his party against the unions.

The most prominent of these charges have been made by Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland of California and Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

A tip-off of the split that this provoked within the GOP came from Gov. Theodore McKeldin of Maryland, a Republican. He immediately spoke out against the Knowland-Goldwater statements—with some interesting political ramifications.

McKeldin was promptly contacted by the supporters of California's Gov. Goodwin Knight. The Maryland governor was asked how he would like running for vice president on a GOP ticket headed by Knight. For Veep?

Although he didn't reply, the significance lies in the fact that it was McKeldin who nominated Mr. Eisenhower at the 1952 convention—and Knight has gotten much of his political support in California from labor leaders.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo. OCTOBER RUTLEY, THE DRUG SUPPLY DRUMMER, GETS THIS REFRAIN WHEN HE TRIES TO PEDdle HIS WINTER WARES... COUGH SYRUP? NOSE DROPS? NO! I DON'T NEED THAT STUFF! IT'S TOO EARLY! WINTER IS A LONG TIME AWAY YET! JANUARY...SO HE RETURNS WHEN THE WEATHER IS COLDER THAN A PENGUIN'S PANTS, AND GETS THIS... COUGH SYRUP? COLD TABLETS? NOSE DROPS? NO! YOU'RE TOO LATE! THE WINTER IS JUST ABOUT OVER! WHY, IT'S ALMOST SUMMER!

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