

Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.—Isaiah 32:16.

The judgment of a great people is often wiser than the wisest men.—Kossuth.

Governor Hodges Has Proven Himself Competent

The Democratic Primary is much nearer than most of us can realize — May 26th. Perhaps one reason for the time slipping up on us is that some of the aspects of former hotly contested campaigns for state offices has not reached the "warm stage." One or two candidates opposing Governor Hodges have let off steam and sent blasts in the direction of Mr. Hodges, but with no apparent harm to the man who stepped into the governor's office following the death of Governor Umstead. We have watched, listened, and talked with Governor Hodges more than any governor of the state since 1930. It has been a series of circumstances that has brought this about, and circumstances for which we are truly grateful. We have always found him fair, sincere, deeply interested in the welfare of the State, and a man who openly speaks his convictions on all matters. His training in the business world, plus his many talents, including such as diplomacy, administrative ability and a stickler for getting all facts before making a decision, has enabled him to serve his state with distinction, and provide sound judgment on many an important matter. We have every reason to feel that the people of North Carolina will remember these characteristics when they go to the polls in the May Democratic Primary and nominate a man for governor. The Mountaineer feels that Mr. Hodges has proven he is an excellent governor; what other qualifications does a man need to be re-elected

Mother's Day

There is a lot of justified sentiment attached to the observance of Mother's Day. The occasion is worthy of the observance, and in recent years has been tied in with Christian Home Week. And when one thinks of home, it is only natural to think of the mother as the center of the home life. Right along this line, The Morganton News-Herald, editorially pointed out: The home has come in for its share of criticism for failing to implant in the growing child the elements of personality which enable him to withstand the distractions of modern life. Some of that criticism may be justified—in some cases. But whether merited or not, some anonymous writer has produced a "Ten Commandments for modern Parents" with a strong religious theme which even a secular press can pass along as worthwhile reading during Christian Home Week:

- 1. Give your children the support of love and confidence, with appreciation of the individuality of each. This will provide for them a firm foundation of faith in you, in themselves and in life.
2. Plan for good times with your children and try always to realize how things seem to a child. This will create a pleasant home atmosphere and a pattern for happy family life.
3. Give your children a share in the tasks, plans and creative activities of the home. Through taking responsibilities in accordance with their strength they will grow in character and increase in resourcefulness.
4. Look for good which you can praise more than for faults which you must condemn. Children generously encouraged try to improve still more, but those too much condemned lose heart and expect little good of themselves.
5. Value curiosity in your children and stimulate in them the love of things true and beautiful. By rewarding their inquiries and developing their appreciation you inspire them to a large growth.
6. Teach your children to convert obstacles into opportunities. Strength develops by firm purpose and by creative conquest of difficulty.
7. Develop in yourself such qualities as you want your children to have. Honesty, consideration, courage — such virtues come mainly by example and contagion. You want vital growth, not mere conformity.
8. Make your home a center of friendship and good neighborliness. Its ties of comradeship will prepare members for good citizenship in the community, the nation and the world.
9. Share with your children in the fellowship of the church. This will give them the sustaining strength of a community of faith and love which extends across the ages and embraces all peoples.
10. Lead your children into faith in God they may be workers with God in overcoming evil and promoting the good. This will be aided by thought-sharing, religious interpretation and worship in the home, and by living in the great purposes of the Kingdom of God.

About \$75,000 damages were done to a section of Highway 441 between Sylva and Franklin mid-afternoon Monday when 50,000 cubic yards of dirt slid down the mountainside. About two weeks will be required to cut a new location around the slide, which now permits only one-way traffic.

Our Haywood County Hospital

This is National Hospital Week — a week that precedes Mother's Day. A timely event, and one that is often overlooked in the hurry of everyday affairs. Here in Haywood we are fortunate in having such a fine Hospital. It is an institution of some 100 beds that has been filled to capacity for the last several months. The new \$750,000 wing was formally opened three years ago this week. There are 136 persons on the payroll of the institution, and 25 doctors active on the staff of the Hospital. The trustees, Loranzo Smathers, chairman, Spaldon Underwood and W. A. Bradley, and staff are seeing that we have the finest Hospital staff to be found in any community of this size. We are indeed fortunate in many ways in having such an institution here, and it behooves us to recognize such at least once a year.

A Modern School For Cruso

The formal approval by the State Board is all that remains before construction can begin on the Cruso School which has a \$50,000 expansion and modernization program planned. The bids were opened here last week, and work is ready to start just as soon as the formality of state approval is received. The state has already approved the plans for the cafeteria, new kitchen, boiler room, modernized heating plant, and stage. The 201 students of the school should have as fine facilities as can be found by the time they return to school next September.

Cheer up! Come spring and cut flowers will be sold at the same kind of prices.

Views of Other Editors

Clear Road For The Road Bill?

The House has passed by an overwhelming majority a bill to authorize and to finance a gigantic road-building program with emphasis on a 40,000-interstate system. Passage of construction authorization has been foreseen. It has had enthusiastic support. Questions

have centered on the financing provisions, which had been worked out in the Ways and Means Committee and then combined in the single bill on which the whole House acted. And these questions have, in effect, all asked one thing: How much more should the big trucks and buses pay than the cars and the light trucks of the average individual owner?

The trucking industry objected strenuously to the proportion of the tax burden allocated to the big vehicles by the Fallon bill which came up before the last session of Congress. Intensive lobbying by that industry is widely blamed for its defeat. The bill which the House just passed hints that meanwhile the trucking industry has taken some measure of public opinion and congressmen have taken some measure of the truckers. In the light of last summer's legislative proposals the truckers should feel very well satisfied. Whether the average motorist should be satisfied with the \$6 extra the new taxes will cost him, the experience of the next few years should make clearer. For wear and tear on roads is not in simple arithmetic proportionate to weight. One 11-state cooperative test showed that just 25 per cent added to the weight of an already heavy truck broke up pavement six times faster. Prospects for Senate passage of this or a near likeness of this road bill are reported excellent. And well they should be. For traffic in these United States is outstripping roads so fast that "emergency" is almost too pale a term to use. —Christian Science Monitor.

OXFORD 'SHEEPSKIN'



My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

Bill Keziah was raised in a good Methodist family down in Union County. In fact, Bill was a steward in the Methodist Church when he left Union County and went down to the eastern part of the state to run a newspaper. It must have been that the work of operating a newspaper caused Mr. Keziah to lose most of his religion. Anyway, it was shortly after entering the profession that he became lax in his church attendance and finally quit altogether. Another point to consider is that Bill is deaf, which means that he can't derive much benefit from a sermon, regardless of how eloquent it is. Another thing, he runs around so much, working in the interests of Southport, that it is perfectly natural for him to sleep when he's sitting in a nice warm place and has to keep quiet. Bill may be deaf, but he can snore up a storm. One or two preachers down in Southport found it difficult to compete with him and when Mr. Keziah was informed of this fact, he decided that perhaps it might be just as well for all concerned if he stayed at home. So he did, and nothing was said about it until recently. A short time ago, the Rev. Mr. Harrison, pastor, and the stewards of the Southport Methodist Church were looking across the membership roll and came across Bill's name. "Now," said the preacher, "here's a man who is in sympathy with the church and its work and whose whole efforts are directed toward the betterment of this community. It is a shame that because he is unable to hear, the pleasure of worshipping with his fellow members is denied him." Then, turning to Mr. C. Ed Taylor, chairman of the board, Mr. Harrison continued: "Brother Taylor, I think it would be mighty nice if you addressed a letter to Brother Keziah, telling him that we value his membership and that we want him to meet with us even though he feels he cannot derive the full benefit of church attendance."

three times. He arranged his body a little more comfortably on the seat, and in less than a minute's time Mr. Keziah was sound asleep. It was a most refreshing nap. Undisturbed, Bill sat there, dead to the world. He woke with a start. He opened his eyes, but couldn't see anything. For an instant he was startled and thought that perhaps he had gone blind. Then, as his eyes became more accustomed to the darkness, he realized where he was. Stumbling out of the building, he lighted a match and gazed at his watch. It was half past ten. To say that he was puzzled would be putting it mildly. He was also slightly indignant. The idea of the preacher, the stewards—including Brother Taylor—and the other members going through the entire service without bothering to wake him struck him as being a rather dirty trick. He reached in his pocket, took out Brother Taylor's letter and tore it into small pieces. Then he went home and to bed. The next day he spoke to several people about it. "The least they could have done," he said, "was to have waked me up when the services were over." "What services?" asked one man. "At the Methodist Church," replied Bill. The man laughed. So did the others in the group. As a matter of fact they laughed so hard that it was several minutes before they could reply to Bill's demand for an explanation. Then he found out that he had gone to church for the first time in ten years on the one Sunday night in two years when no services were scheduled at the church. He's still peeved about it. —The Sylva Herald.

WILDLIFE IS DESTRUCTIVE

For every dollar's worth of timber burned, \$7 are lost to the economy of the country in payrolls and income from sale and distribution of the products that could have been manufactured from the burned wood, and anything that causes a loss annually in damage, taxes and payrolls of \$250,000,000 is a most destructive force and a great burden on the economy. This is what has been happening in the 16 Southern states and is causing much concern among business and civic leaders of these states. An effort is going to be made to stop this staggering loss when Governor Hodges and fifteen governors from other southern states gather with business and civic leaders in New Orleans April 13 and 14. This conference will be followed with much interest as these people strive to figure out some way to prevent this great loss. If they can come up with some solution to impress on the careless individual his responsibility regarding forest fires then they will have gone a long way toward cutting much of this loss and damage from "wildfire". It is a sad sight to see smoke curling up from our beautiful mountain forests and it is an even sadder sight to see the blackened and charred woodland after fire has passed through it. Not only has it marred the beauty of the countryside and killed and damaged future timber resources, but it destroys game, game food, and creates erosion from heavy rain fall. The dangerous fire season for this area is just approaching and we would urge every person, when burning trash, brush, or smoking while walking through the woods, to be particularly careful. Fire destroys property and it takes human life. —The Sylva Herald.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Suddenly a curtain of green has shut out our neighbors from our view. The aspen trees have so completely dropped a screen that the mountains have done a disappearing act that even the most wonderful slight-of-hand artist could never have accomplished. We'll miss the friendly warmth of lights in windows across the fields; of sun glinting on automobiles in the distance and the winding road afar. But we most assuredly welcome the fresh tender leaves that promise us summer is on the way. We'll watch, with delight, the quivering silver as the slightest whisper of a breeze sends the aspen leaves into motion; we'll listen with pleasure as the birds push aside the early morning mists to greet the sun with songs of gladness; we'll hear the outside sounds that enter open windows, and we'll rejoice that the long awaited summer with all its glorious accompaniments, will be ours.

CLASSIFIED AD: "For Rent: furnished apartment. Suitable for couple with all conveniences."

Life is a one-way street, with detours, but always going forward. There's no going back a couple of blocks to soothe the hurt left by an unkind word; no retracing several miles to pick up the thread of gossip dropped that hardened the way for an innocent person. There are stumbling blocks, yes, pitfalls and broken pavement along this road; obstacles that must be removed, barriers that rise and But compensating for all this is the warmth of friendly sunshine, bar passage until overcome. The willingness of friends to help over the rough places, the strong shoulders of the road to keep straying feet from slipping down an embankment, and the ever-present guide posts along the way. And at the end of this one-way street, there is an Open Gate and a pathway that leads to eternal peace and rest.

A clean mind can never be contaminated.

I ask Thee, Lord, to be with me; To walk with me along Life's way. To count with me each passing hour, That I might live another day. Another day to do those things, Those many things, around I see That need my hand, my heart, my help. I ask Thee, Lord, to be with me.

A smile is the best paying investment in the world.

Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO Southern Bell is spending \$30,000 on improvements in Waynesville and Haywood County.

Alvin Ward is named Republican chairman in Haywood.

Carl Ratcliffe is elected president of the student body of Western Carolina College.

Miss Corrine Alley, valedictorian of the seventh grade at East Waynesville, entertains her class with a party.

10 YEARS AGO Workmen put finishing touches on modernized First National Bank Building.

Jack Smith of Hazelwood is installed as commander of the Haywood Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Miss Sara Glee Queen, bride-elect, is honored at apron shower by the faculty of the Clyde school.

5 YEARS AGO Hazelwood Baptist choir gives party honoring Carol Underwood, who is leaving to enter the Army. Mrs. John Blaylock heads coun-

ty Baptist WMU.

Lt. Charles Curtis returns from seven months of continuous fighting in Korea.

Pfc. Lewis W. Green of Hazelwood and Sgt. Frank B. Rickman of Route 1, meet unexpectedly somewhere in Korea.

Letters To Editor

Editor, The Mountaineer: Call back the man with the axe he left a tree standing on the new Library lawn. A Reader.

A FINE FOLDER

Editor, The Mountaineer: The Chamber of Commerce folder is splendid. Many fine ideas, and the printing was extra good. C. M. Douglas.

COULD YOU PASS THE EXAM?

One question on an examination given to Royal Australian Air Force trainees posed this problem: "What is the first thing you would do if you were piloting an aircraft and the Queen of England fell out of the back seat?" The answers varied a good deal. "I'd swoop down and try to catch her, said one hopeful. "Commit suicide," said another. "Disappear," said a third. The approved solution? "Adjust tabs to compensate for reduced weight in the rear section."—Reader's Digest.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Clues include: 1. Not fast, 2. Tibetan, 3. Sphere, 4. Plural, 5. Units of weight, 6. River, 7. Nourished, 8. Candle, 9. Narrate, 10. Music note, 11. Ornamental dress items, 12. Half an em, 13. Feminine pronoun, 14. Bovine animals, 15. Masculine pronoun, 16. Club, 17. Rind, 18. Medieval boat, 19. Exclamation, 20. Leap, 21. Universal, 22. Land-measure, 23. Pay attention, 24. Polynesian drink, 25. Dared, 26. Jewish month, 27. Merits, 28. Salty, 29. Swelling, 30. Fortico (Gr. arch.), 31. Abound, 32. Lean, 33. Torrid, 34. Coffee shop, 35. Ripe fruit of a rose, 36. Flex, 37. Darkness, 38. Native of Korea, 39. Require, 40. Capital ingredient (Cuba), 41. Dried flower bud of a myrtaceous tree, 42. Web-footed birds, 43. Means of communication, 44. Female red deer, 45. Back, 46. Skill, 47. Bachelor of Science (abbr.), 48. Down, 49. Shorn.



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