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'Head Start' Isn't New

Those chaps in Washington who think they have come up with some more federaleze are off their rockers if they think they coined the term "head-start." The youth opportunity fellows put this monicker on their project.

Okeh, so it isn't in all of the dictionaries. They say they looked in three dictionaries and it was not in any of them. So what? For a long, long time "ain't" wasn't in the word books either. But it has been used down through the ages.

And "head-start" has been used a long, long time, too.

Down on the farm, it was used, and still is, by the head of the family, in the spring of the year, when Pop said he believed he'd go out and clear the fields prepara-

tory to spring planting. He called this getting a "head-start" on the summer's work.

Mothers sent, and still do, their off-springs to kindergarten because of a desire for them to get a "head-start" along the education route.

Even today, a motorist, faced with a long journey climbs out of bed in the wee hours of the morning because he wants to get an early start, i.e. a "head-start."

And so it goes.

Washington can come down off its high-horse. That word "head-start" has been around a long time.

Things must be getting rough in Washington when the bureaucrats can't come up with an original bit of federaleze, or a new set of letters.

The President Should Listen As Well As Talk

The President should have listened to his press aides a few days ago when they tried to tone down statements he made regarding the possibility of racial violence in Washington. He's being very soundly and roundly criticized for them. House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford said he was shocked by LBJ's statement that recent violence in Los Angeles could be repeated elsewhere. He said, too, the President invited a riot in Washington. Others have made similar charges.

The President said the federal government would provide assistance in trying to eliminate causes of violence in Los Angeles. No one can

complain about that. But he continued on, perhaps without thinking, that the California riots were not an isolated incident but could occur in other cities where people "feel they don't get a fair shake."

He then touched upon the District of Columbia, which, with about 60 per cent negro population, has the highest

proportion of any major city. Here's what he said:

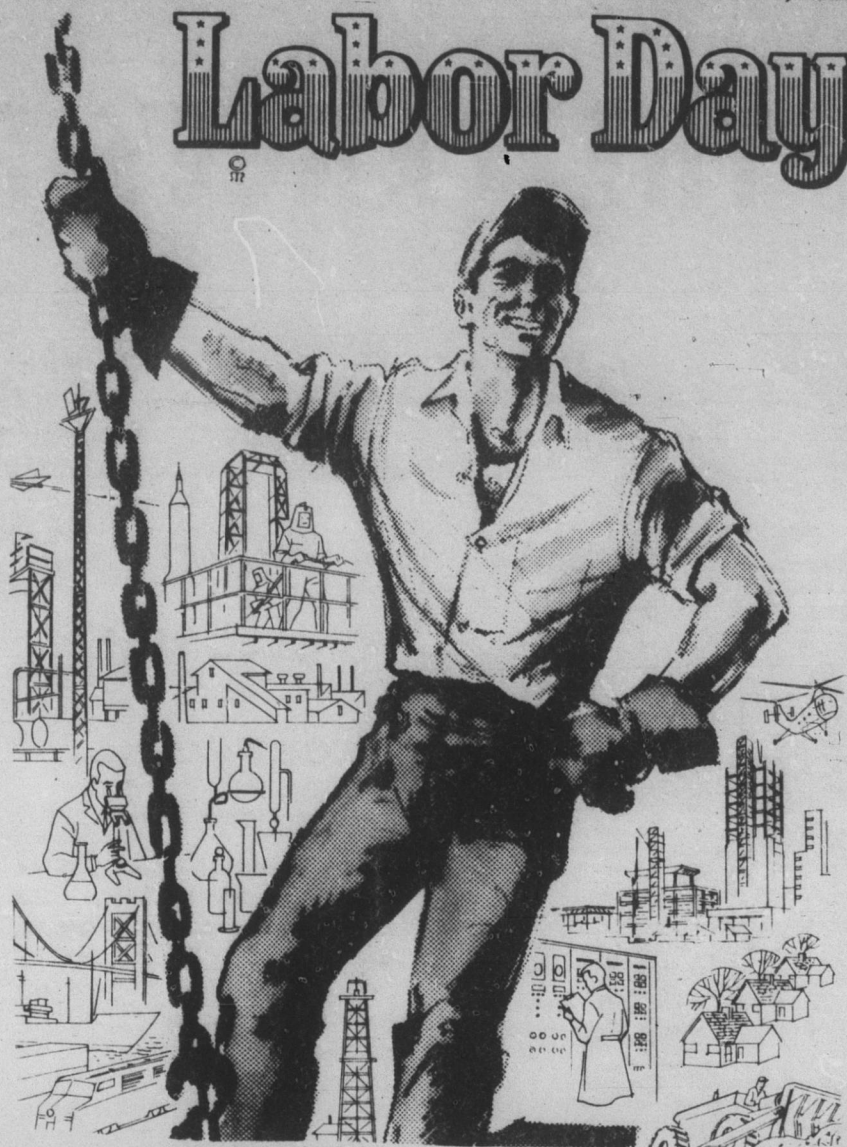
"Those of you here in the District of Columbia, I want to warn you this morning that the clock in ticking, time is moving, and we must ask ourselves every night when we go home, are we doing all that we should in our nation's capital, in all the other big cities of the nation where 80 per cent of this country is going to be living in the year 2,000."

This statement caused an uproar, apparently, in the President's press department. Newsmen were asked by Press Aide Joseph Laitin to place "no special insignificance" on the remark. Later, at an informal meeting with reporters, President Johnson was asked to clarify his remarks. He said he "meant just what I said."

Let's hope that in the future, the President will weigh his words more carefully. His press assistants were right in wanting to tone his remarks down.

The state will count its highway fatalities from 6 p. m. Friday, September 3, through midnight Monday, September 6, a period of 78 hours, for the holiday that traditionally closes the summer vacation season.

North Carolina's Labor Day traffic toll for the same period last year added up to 19 persons killed and 604 injured in 832 accidents. Nine of the fatalities were recorded on Saturday.



Again on this annual occasion we raise a Salute to American

Blasting Off

By: William L. Rathburn

During the war years, people wondered, silently and in song, when the lights would go on again all over the world. More recently, many Yancey Countians have wondered when the lights might go on again in Burnsville. And, now, that The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce has come up with a bright idea, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that Burnsville is, indeed, emerging from a rather extended blackout.

I refer, of course, to the Saturday night dances on the street, and wish to say that whoever conceived this fine idea deserves the good citizenship award of the year. And, while in the mood for handing out bouquets, I feel called upon to lay a complimentary wreath at the door of those members who have been instrumental in putting this idea into effect.

I would not, however, desecrate a single flower with acid criticism. Instead, I would merely enhance the flower hereby bestowed by a suggestion:

Yours truly has observed that many spectators — or wallflowers, if you please — leave the Saturday night dances long before the festivities are over. The reason? They have no place to sit! So I suggest that benches be provided for those who have no inclination to shake a leg, but enjoy seeing others do so.

I believe there are several business firms that would sponsor at least one bench. Each seat thus sponsored bearing the name of the firm by which it is donated. I will letter any and all benches donated free of charge.

Seating facilities are needed on the town square. And I can see no reason why Burnsville insists on being unique in the respect that no such

means of comfort is provided. Is everyone out of step but Jim?

Labor for its contribution to our Way of Life . . .

Scout Troop

Receives Letter

From Fiji Islands

The Brownie Scout Troop, now Girl Scouts of Troop 19 at Celso, sent a parcel of toys, clothing, soap, etc to the children of their age at a Lebrozy Hospital in the Fiji Islands. They earned the postage, \$4.00, through their sales of Girl Scout cookies.

Below is the letter that arrived Saturday. I have put in some from a personal letter as well.

Dear Brownies of Troop 19:
Greetings from the Fiji Islands!!

It was wonderful hearing from you all and to learn something about you. The box of Treasures also arrived and we were very pleased to receive it as we knew it would make many people happy.

I hope you will not be too disappointed that I could not turn the parcel over to the Brownie Troop at Makogole. In the year I was away the children we had in the hospital were either discharged as cured or allowed to return to their villages on home treatment.

Early this year our islands suffered severe hurricanes and floods. Many people were homeless. A few East Indian couples were particularly hard hit. One family had five youngsters with an unemployed father. We gave most of the gift parcel to them. I don't think the smaller ones ever saw a toy before. It was beautiful to see the pleasure that the gifts gave them.

Some time ago, I suggested this same thing. The response was ridiculous. The unanimous consensus was, that our less civic-minded citizens would destroy the benches. That is sheer nonsense. For, with the noticeable improvement in the Police Department, I am sure most would-be vandals would be deterred.

In no case should the march of progress be averted by any lawless element.

RANGER RAMBLIN'S



By: Helton Carmichael

The long-lived sequoias and bristle-cone pines of California, and the centuries-old oaks of the humid East have led many people to regard all forest trees with awe. Perhaps this has resulted in the belief that forests are indestructible if only they are left alone. A man's life span is so short that it is easy for him to imagine that the forests of today in the Pisgah National Forest go back to the beginning of time and are ageless.

But a tree is a living thing, and old age and death come to it as to all other living organisms. Left alone, a gray birch has a life span of 40 years, a sugar maple lives longer—up to 500 years. Some oaks may live to be 1,500 years old, but sequoias may live for 4,000 years.

The ancient forests that have clothed and reclothed the land that is now America were often ruthlessly destroyed by natural forces. Inundation by inland seas destroyed them over vast areas. Mountain building often cut off the life giving moisture that had been there for millenniums either retreated or dried out entirely as newly formed deserts took over. During the glacial ages, forests were obliterated from millions of areas. Then slowly they reclothed the ravished land as the great ice sheets retreated. Since then, such natural forces as hurricanes have taken their toll, and lightning has put the torch to vast acreages.

Nature is often the ruthless destroyer of forests, but man can be their protector. This is one of the roles that the district ranger plays in managing the timber resources of his district on the North Carolina National Forest. He protects the forest from its natural enemies—fire, wind, insects, and disease, and does this as an important part of his over-all multiple-use management job.

It has been thousands of years since the last of the great ice sheets of the glacial age came down from the North to destroy the forests that barred its path. New forests have grown up to supply the needs for timber, water, wildlife, forage and recreation. Under multiple-use management they can be made to yield all of these products and services while being protected and developed for future generations.

And now, I must tell you of a recent incident: A 60-ft. whale was recently trapped inside the oclets not far from our convent. When it died, quite a few of our Fijian people went out to it in boats to extract its teeth. They use them in Fijian ceremonial. They are called "Tabua" and are very precious items to have. After a few days, however, the huge mammal started to decompose, so the authorities had to take steps to burn it. Now only a few giant ribs remain. Wasn't that a "whale of a story". Once again heartfelt thanks for your kind thought and deed. We were deeply grateful.

May God bless each and all!
Sincerely, Sister Mary Paulita

Control Your Temper And Car This Weekend

Control your temper, control your car and control the safe course of your family's future by working hard this Labor Day weekend to miss the list of 22 persons the N. C. State Motor Club predicts may die in traffic accidents on North Carolina's streets and highways.