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Such is Life.

Life is a funny proposition. When we were born everybody wanted to kiss the "littie sweet thing", and before we die, everybody wants to kick the "darned old rascal."

The comment that we have received by reason of an article that was published in last week's issue of the Herald, concerning one of our citizens and fellow-townsmen, suggests the above paragraph.

The Editor of the Herald, in discussing the publication of said article, has used every effort to make his position in the matter plain, but there seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of a few of our readers as to just how we came in possession of the article. We simply exercised our right, as an independent publication, by copying this article from the Bristol-Herald Courier of May 20th. We also could have gotten same from the Roanoke Times or the Lebanon News.

This paper doesn't know anything about the merits of the article or what it is founded on, but that has actually nothing to do with publishing a newspaper. Let it be a truth or a falsehood, it is the business of this paper to present the news to the public as it comes to it, and this we will do without fear or favor, although it is sometimes an unpleasant thing for us to publish personal articles about anyone, and especially when we regard them as our best friends; but the public demands the bad news as well as the good.

We are not in the newspaper business to publish just what news that one or two or a few people would have us publish; but we intend to give the news straight as we get it, and shield no one, for we cannot afford to lay down on the job.

The article in question would have been reprinted by us regardless of the ones who are said to be implicated or their political affiliation, be he republican or democrat, for we are not in politics and will shield no one; but this article was of interest to the people of our own town and county.

Province of a Newspaper

It would be comical, were it not somewhat pathetic, the way newspaper offices are besieged every day by their friends, urging them to "roast" this and that; to "see to it" that this and that is corrected; to have this and that done in the county or city; to start this and that kind of movement to correct evils in the state government. These friends actually appear to believe that it is the newspaper's business to handle all the affairs.

But a self-respecting newspaper though ready and willing to carry all reasonable responsibility, must remind its readers that they

the people are the authority upon whom rests the responsibility for the present state of affairs local state and national.

A self respecting newspaper tries to report the news of what actually happens, not what it might wish had happened. The relation of a self-respecting newspaper to the general public is not always understood. It is the duty of a newspaper to be in a position to support any good act and criticize any bad act of public policy.

This relationship cannot exist where favors are asked and granted. Honesty is the only policy for a newspaper.

If objectors don't like the way things are going, they should qualify as voters, and then raise Cain about it.

Town Growth

Some towns, like Topsy, just grow up. They concern themselves with neither direction nor destination. They accept, that which comes to them unbidden and unsought. They build without thought of present or future. If their streets are straight and broad it is only because they just happen to be so. If their commercial, industrial and residential sections do not encroach upon one another it does not indicate that it is because forces have been at work to prevent such encroachment. If towns of this type grow and prosper it is because they enjoy some particular natural advantage which forbids community stagnancy.

And then there is another type of town. They have both direction and destination. They seek out and bid to come that which they otherwise would not be given the privilege of accepting. They build like the engineer, giving thought to the unity of the whole and the relationship of the component part. Their streets are purposely straight and broad. They preserve well defined boundaries between the residential, commercial and industrial districts. Even without the advantage of natural opportunities towns of this type grow and prosper.

Thus it behooves every town to make the best of what it has and then to discover more that it may make the best of it also. Established communities are deprived the privilege of determining their own beginnings but they are the masters of their own destinies.

The Virtue Of Paying Homage.

Respect for great Historical occasions and reverence for outstanding leaders of historical periods have always been the dominant characteristic of our people. This virtue of paying sentimental tribute is especially noted in the Southland, where materialism has not completely ousted the traditions and lofty sentiments that have been so inspiring to achievement.

The part that Jefferson Davis took as President of the Southern Confederacy, and his imprisonment and final decline of popularity, have overshadowed his accomplishments of early life in the minds of many people. Comparatively few people today know of his genuine Americanism as a public man before the great struggle between the North and South. Let us review Davis' earlier life.

His father fought in the War of Independence.

Jefferson Davis was educated in part at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and was afterward made second lieutenant of infantry.

He was sent to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and served at

Ft. Crawford, near Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin.

He served in the Black Hawk War with Mexico.

In his experience as an American soldier, he is said to have administered the first oath of allegiance to Abraham Lincoln, at Dixon, Illinois.

He was a Representative in Congress, and later elected United States Senator.

In the War with Mexico, Jefferson Davis had command of the first regiment from Mississippi; and in this engagement he was greatly distinguished for gallantry and soldierly conduct; and at Buena Vista was severely wounded.

He was Secretary of War in Pres. Pierce's cabinet, which in capacity he investigated and reported on several proposed railway routes connecting the Mississippi Valley with the Pacific ocean; installed the then latest improvements in artillery and ammunition in the army and enlarged the coast defenses of the country.

Even when bitterness was at its height, Davis did not seek the Presidency of the Confederate States, but preferred service in the field; and approved of the peace conference which came near being a means of reconciliation and avoidance of the War. It is with considerable consideration and consistency then, that the memory of a man who, instead of attaining the laurels of success in the adventure which he was forced to head, on the other hand suffered for his own people; and who, notwithstanding the vicissitudes of later life, showed in earlier attainments a singular degree of Americanism worthy of example.

How To Avoid Propaganda.

Here is a free lecture to ourselves. It tells all about how to avoid propaganda of the "very appearance of evil" in running a newspaper.

Editors are sometimes charged with printing "news" articles thinly veiled with news interests but in propaganda for some commodity of merchandise or commercialized interest.

If an editor writes about the joys of motoring he is boosting the automobile game. If he gives special patience to the account of a wedding ceremony he is advertising the minister. If he advises eating raw carrots he is discriminating in favor of the vegetable man and against the canned goods merchant. If he stoops over his desk in a dark office and writes of the health-giving qualities of fresh air and sunshine he is hurting the practice of physicians. If he publishes "nice" articles that tend to amend and patch up family difficulties he is hurting the business of the divorce lawyers.

Go on down the line of human effort and up the scale of human interest and you will find that it is hard to draw the line between what appears to be propaganda on the one hand and Simon pure journalistic effort on the other. In fact, such a line can not be drawn, and it is doubtful if any considerable number of people want it drawn.

In our complex civilization there is only one way for an editor to avoid the pitfalls of commercialism, whether originating from within or imposed without. That way is to sell his paper and buy a farm (small down payment and the rest like rent), and thereafter live the life of the independent tiller of the soil. There is another way of course, but we hesitate to do it, as the note we would leave might be construed as propaganda for the under-taker.

Adding Laurels To Lindenburgh.

History was made in the world of aviation when Charles Lindbergh hopped from New York to Paris without touching land or water. The deed was daring, the feat was marvelous. People are

saying that it was the intrepid and dauntless spirit of American youth exemplified. But it was more than that. Lindbergh has proven how simple, after all, is aviation.

Granting that he knew how to pilot an airplane; and granting that the motor was in good working order, and that he had fuel enough, the latter a matter of mere calculation, all he had to do was to start up at New York and keep going until he sighted Paris. He had no icebergs to encounter, no leaks to spring in the boat, no broken rails to wreck his train, no washed-out bridge to plunge into, no jungle beast to pounce upon him, no traffic cops to arrest him, no dangerous intersections to pass or bad curves to negotiate, no blowouts to patch, and NO BACK-SEAT DRIVERS!

Courageous men have gone before Lindbergh. The norsemen sailed the uncharted seas. Columbus didn't even know there was an "America" to discover, out pushed boldly out and sailed on with mutinous crew. The North Pole and round-the-world flyers were in great peril at times.

But the world takes off its hat to Lindbergh and the boy deserves it. It was because he didn't HAVE to do it that makes his feat stand out markedly. It was because he went alone, and without the usual sea equipment, radio, or sufficient food to tide him over a possible delay that causes the crowd to cheer.

Probably in all history no adventurer's career will stand out so prominently as will that of Captain Lindbergh. Yet to him his achievement was so simple as simply done was to be truly great. And Dickenson County Herald is glad to join its readers and press of the county in acclaiming the flight of Charles Lindbergh a world accomplishment.

SCHOOL COLUMN

By Supt. J. H. T. Sutherland

The formal close of the Dickenson schools for the 1926-27 session came with the exercises of County Commencement night, Wednesday, May 25.

The address to the graduating class was delivered by Dr. W. R. Smithey, Professor of Secondary Education in the University of Virginia, on the pertinent subject: "The Conservatism of Youth", and was enjoyed by about six hundred persons who crowded the Memorial auditorium for the occasion.

The twelve seniors who received diplomas are: Misses Zella Beverly Grace Chase, Eva Mullins, Nora Whitaker, Clara Moore, and Theodocia Kennedy and Messrs Creed Horne, Delbert Mullins, Carl Trivette, Charles Horne, Estel Sutherland, and Luther Ratliff.

One hundred sixty certificates of promotion to high school were awarded to seventh grade pupils. Clerk H. E. McCoy, in awarding the certificates, stated that there were fifty more pupils taking these examinations this year than in 1926, and fifty more in 1926 in 1925, when these tests than were made a requirement of seventh grade promotion.

Thirty-two pupils completed two years of high school work at Haysi, Fremont, Sandlick, Clinchco, and Kenady were awarded diplomas which entitle the holders to enter the Memorial High School.

A resume of educational high spots of the past session was made by Supt. J. H. T. Sutherland, and prospects for the 1927-28 session were outlined. It was stated that all schools would run eight months the coming session, and that about thirty of the schools would open on Monday, August 1.

Perhaps no county in Virginia has made greater progress in education during the past session than Dickenson, and all patrons should be very proud of the re-

sults you have secured by your keen interest in and full support of our local schools. Your Beard and superintendent express their appreciation of your efforts and interest.

PICKS TOPICS

Where is my wandering boy tonight? Probably out looking for Dad and Mother.

A woman usually wants the last word unless she's about to send a eleven-word telegram.

When a fellow comes in late it's hard to tell whether he has had a mishap, or a Miss Happy.

What we can't understand is why the people don't like an unpopular law that they made themselves.

We imagine it's no fun to be a millionaire. What the government doesn't get, the waiters and bell-hops do.

It is a little late to recall Dr. Killeen, but he said a man ought to be put out of the way when he reaches fifty. Well, many men get put out when the speedometer reaches it.

When a man is drowning he thinks of all the bad things he has done. While he is living he thinks of all the good things he is going to do. After he is gone other men go and do them.

Clean Out Copper Gauze

Strainer in Crankcase

Clean the fine copper gauze strainer in the crankcase. If the solid particles are not removed from the strainer its meshes may be stopped up so completely that the oil itself cannot be pumped through and lubrication will cease, with disastrous results. The oil gauge usually warns of this condition by showing reduced or no pressure. Use a brush and gasoline to clean the strainer, and care should be taken not to break the fine gauze, as this will spoil it. In putting back the strainer be sure it is properly in place, with no possibility of an oil leak, and in replacing the oil pan take care that its gasket is not damaged and that it fits tightly.

Good Roads Notes

A hard gravel road offers about twice as much resistance as an asphalt road.

The University of Michigan is to be offered an endowment for the establishment of a highway transport and highway traffic engineering school.

Because of the popularity of motor transportation, no fewer than 75 miles of new streets have been built in London in the last five years, while 75 more are under project or construction.

The Burlington Hawkeye says: "As a matter of fact gravel is the most expensive road-building material known. It simply will not stay put and the upkeep is never ending."

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Sleeplessness, Neurasthenia, Nervousness, Neuralgia, Nervous Dyspepsia, Nervous Headache,

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