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GOLDEN GLEAMS

In a country well governed poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed wealth is something to be ashamed of. —Confucius

In a change of government, the poor seldom change anything except the names of their Master. —Phaedrus

I will govern according to the common weal, but not according to the common will. —James of England

There are few so foolish that they had not rather govern themselves than be governed by others. —Thomas Hobbes

If men be good, government cannot be bad. —William Penn

The ordinary affairs of a nation offer little difficulty to a person of any experience. —Thomas Jefferson

KING STREET

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plopped his left foot way-out at a 45-degree angle, spoke nary a word, but smiled a smile of gladness and inner contentment which we shant forget... About the time the heat was penetrating Pink's tattered garments, we entered the sphere of his odiferous but happy silence, and remarked about the weather... reminding him that night would overtake him before he could recross the mountain, and that the temperature was hovering around the zero mark and looked as if it was bound to go lower... Pink smiled even more contentedly as he began to munch our cigarette tobacco, and as we begin to inquire into the state of affairs at his house, he brushed this aside, admitted it was chilly—but not the freezing type of weather he encountered with Napoleon Bonaparte on a few occasions... We insisted he had better get him up some food—we'd pay the bill—and start home, it was getting colder. "Yep," he said, may freeze right hard... but let'er come... old Pink's ready! Pretty soon, he took our proffered currency, made himself a few hurried purchases and started back to the mountain in the blinding blizzard, happy as a Jay-bird in June.

OLD PINK, whose big tales were well told, and often smoothed up a bit for him by the writer, so as he would believe them a little more... had found something in his hectic harum-scarum trip through this life that most of us have missed—happiness. He generally wanted to know "If you've a quarter by ye", but didn't appreciate the coin nearly so much as our praise of his historical abilities, and the bit of help we gave him with his tales... So far as we know he died perhaps a bit on the hungry side, but uncomplaining and contented.

"Neither locks they had to their doors, nor bars to their windows; But their dwellings were open as day and the hearts of the owners; These the richest was poor, and the poorest lived in abundance."

"—and On and On 'till Election Day!"



AGAINST PARKWAY TOLL

(Greensboro Daily News.)

The Daily News finds itself substantially in accord with the Asheville Citizen in its opposition to proposal of the Interior Department for conversion of the Blue Ridge Parkway into a toll road.

To be sure the toll proposed by the department is small, a fee system of 25 cents per car and \$1-a-year permits on the scenic highway. From one angle, the smallness of the charge argues against it. Patently it would not provide sufficient income, even if one figured on a basis of several million visiting cars a year, to do very much in the way of construction or roadside beautification. It would be sufficiently large, however, to cause irritation and protest and to entail employment of collecting, enforcement and accounting agents which would eat into the relatively small sum which would accrue.

Our idea of the Blue Ridge Parkway is that it is put there by the people for all the people that they may come, see and enjoy the beauties of Nature, that it is intended to fulfill a cultural and recreational role which fits in with governmental responsibility for advancement of the citizenry and spread of wholesome. Its construction and maintenance have come from general appropriations and will have to continue to come from that source should the proposed tolls be collected. As our Asheville cotemporary stresses:

"After all, the parkway is a rather unique federal institution. It is a national park project and it is administered by the park service. It belongs to the whole people. It is not a commercial road; in fact, commercial vehicles are specifically barred from using it. The great attraction of the parkway is its scenic beauty, not its traffic utility. The Department of the Interior should no more contemplate toll charges on the Blue Ridge Parkway than, on say, the roads and trails in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

"While there is some precedent for federal toll roads, the practice of charging fees to motorists on government property is not, in our opinion, in the best public interest. Construction and development funds usually come out of regular budget appropriations, that is, from general taxes. The average motorist who uses or who will use the Blue Ridge Parkway is already paying his share for its creation and support."

Such a protest comes with all the more good faith and, we hope, effectiveness from a North Carolina citizenry which, through its state, is formally committed to abandonment of toll roads and bridges and has expended millions of dollars to effectuate that commitment as a matter of public service, convenience, necessity and benefit. Sound public policy, it seems to us, precludes making the people who pay for roads and to whom they belong shell out additional fees of any kind to use them. The principal proposed by the Interior Department is small; but the principle involved is large.

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BRIEF NEWS

French discover a new penetrating body in cosmic days. Clay aide says U. S. does not intend to be forced out of Berlin. Strongest fight against tax on margarine is due in Congress. \$50,000,000 given by children of late J. N. Pew for foundation. Retailers are urged to buck price increases and seek rollbacks. Industry urged to cut \$5,000,000 materials handling costs. Nation's steel capacity up 3,000,000 tons in 1947 to 94,233,840. Industry will spend \$4,000,000,000 on expansion in first quarter.

Navy drops officer-coach plan, seeks civilian football mentor. Ohio State's borrowed time victory is voted "oddy" of year. Chinese "bandits" kill three missionaries north of Hankow. Commandant denies that U. S. marines will go to Palestine. Food price rise is forecast as production of farm tools lags. Purchasing agents expect business to continue upward in 1948. Personal income in November equal to \$204,900,000,000 a year. Dean Cromwell named head coach of U. S. Olympic track squad.

Paul Porter holds success in Greece a keystone of Marshall Plan. Coal-steel contract for \$7,000,000 reopens trade with Japan. Slav ties set as basis of Poland's foreign policies in 1948. Rise in newsprint costs deepens the British press crisis. Argentine puts export grain surplus at 4,000 '0 tons. Taber sees \$1,300,000,000 increase to Government costs. 7.8 billions spent on veterans in year ended June 30, 1947. Federal cost-of-living rose to new record on Nov. 15. CCC to buy 1947 crop tobacco for French monopoly. Outlook for winter wheat crop in nation growing brighter. Massachusetts budget of \$208,014,579 sets record for the state. Canada's 1947 trade deficit Exports of American autos barred to Japan.

Louis signs to risk heavy title for last time in New York next June. Czech leftists practically wipe out private textile distribution. Survey shows the Japanese resigned to idea of dictated peace. Fashion is righting itself after new-look spree, designer finds. BLS says strikes numbered 3,600 last year, against 4,985 in 1946. Rentner terms femininity the basis of the style trend for 1948. Wallace's chief support is Communist, William Green says. Coaches ask end to pro advances to college baseball players. Michigan is rated over Notre Dame in national football poll. DiMaggio signs Yankee contract.

SPRAINED THUMB CAUSES PANIC

Hollywood, Calif. While hurrying to catch a bus, Alfred Schrier, 21, was struck by an automobile and knocked to the pavement. He struggled to get up, but helpful onlookers restrained him, carefully wrapped him in a blanket and called the ambulance. At the hospital, he was thoroughly examined. The diagnosis: A sprained thumb.

Letters to the Editor

WE THANK YOU! Mr. Rivers: I read the Democrat every week — every word from cover to cover. Orchids to you, Bob, and all your staff! Boone should be proud of having such a good paper and editor... and as I hear it—we all are! Thanks a million! MRS. BILL WELCH.

Boone. Food costs in November were up five per cent over the same period in October, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A survey of 56 large cities revealed that, by mid-November, the national retail food price index had risen to 202.7 per cent of the 1935-39 average. This is 39 per cent above June, 1946.

WANT ADS

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FOR SALE—1930 Ford coupe. In good enough condition to pass state mechanical examination. Lewis Wilson, Lovill, N. C. 1p

VA EXPENDITURES

Expenditures of the Veterans Administration during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1947, reached a total of \$7,805,355,201, more than twelve times the pre-war rate, according to Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator. Of this sum, \$6,609,161,862 was spent in the United States; \$52,304,213 in the U. S. possessions; and \$16,512,003 in foreign countries.

STRIKES

The total number of strikes dropped from 4,985 to 3,600 in 1947, with about 2,200,000 men as compared with 4,600,000 in being involved in strikes in 1945-1946. Three 1947 strikes accounted for almost half of the years idleness. There were the nationwide telephone strike in April and May, East Coast ship yard strike of late summer and the soft coal strike. They cost 15,000,000 man-days.

AUTO RIDE FATAL TO BABY

Toronto—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris recently took their three children on a pleasure drive, with their 19-months-old baby, Robert, and his 4-year-old sister, Doris, in the back seat. When they arrived home, they found the baby dead—an apparent victim of carbon monoxide poisoning. The fumes were thought to have been caused by a homemade apparatus placed by Harris on the muffler of his car to substitute for a heater.

\$1,980 CLERK LEAVES \$45,000

Washington — After working for 23 years as a clerk in the Agricultural Department at a top salary of \$1,980 a year, Miss Bertha M. Roberts died on June, 1946, at the age of 73, leaving an estate of \$45,000 to help young men and women studying for religious careers.

The nation's 1947 soybean crop has been estimated by the crop reporting service at 177,379,000 bushels.

ASK FOR IT BY NAME: A GRAPETTE, please. THIRSTY or NOT. Grapette logo.

Vacancies In Army For Negro Recruits

Vacancies now exist in certain Army units for Negro men in this area, it was announced today by Sergeants DeLuca and Triplett of the Army and Air Force recruiting service. Qualified Negro men in North and South Carolina are now eligible for vacancies existing in the following units: 35th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Fort Meade, Md.; 17th QM Salvage Collecting Company, Camp Campbell, Ky.; 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Washington; 2nd Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill Oklahoma; 420th Medical Collecting Company, Fort Bragg, N. C.; 821st Fumigation and Bath Company, Camp Campbell, Kentucky; 396th Transportation Corps Truck Company, Fort Benning, Ga.; and 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, Fort Bragg, N. C.

The Sergeants said that vacancies would be filled from quotas allotted to each recruiting office, and urges all interested men to get their applications in early. The Army and Air Force recruiting Sergeants will be at the Post Office in Boone each Monday from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The practical solution of the intestinal parasite problem in poultry does not lie in the continued use of deworming products, but in the rearing of chickens under conditions which will prevent or at least limit the degree of infection.

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