

Trip To Tater Hill With Clyde Eggers Recalls Days Of Colonel R. Z. Linney

By ROB RIVERS

Clyde Eggers came by a few days ago in his Jeep and we climbed in for a pleasant afternoon on the Top of Tater Hill, famed Rich Mountain Peak, which juts up from the surrounding terrain like a gigantic pile of potatoes all covered with a mountainous pile of dirt and stone.

Mr. Eggers is the major stockholder in a family corporation which owns the soaring peak and the area roundabout, and his mountain is nearly as high as Hugh Morton's Grandfather

upthrusts.

Hon. Romulus Z. Linney, famed Taylorsville barrister, Civil War Veteran, and member of Congress, made Tater Hill famous more than half century ago, when he'd come to Boone, visit his son Frank A. Linney and go back and forth to Tater Hill in his buggy, sometimes staying on the lofty summit for days with his beagle hounds for company. Our understanding is that Colonel Linney brought about the building of the old road up Howard's Knob and through the Gap of

the Rich Mountain toward Tater Hill, which was named the Junaluska Turnpike, after the celebrated Cherokee Chieftain. Some State aid, we have heard, was procured by Mr. Linney for the road which was the first pike anywhere in the area, so far as we have heard, to have commanded some State revenue in its construction.

Eagles Were There

Col. Linney exulted in the eagles which nested in the high crags and soared in the distances on clear days, and he liked the big stone house he

had built on the almost level meadows on top of the high mountain which leads up to the Tater Hill itself. Incidentally, some of the stones from the old building are still there, and grass and clover grow lush in the flat where the noted barrister enjoyed his summer trysts with nature and his leave-taking from the practice of law and from the court circuits.

In those days, wildlife abounded, the creeks in the area were filled with brook trout, which had never known a hatchery, and the timber grew tall and straight in virgin forests. And on top of the Linney Mountain things are about the same.

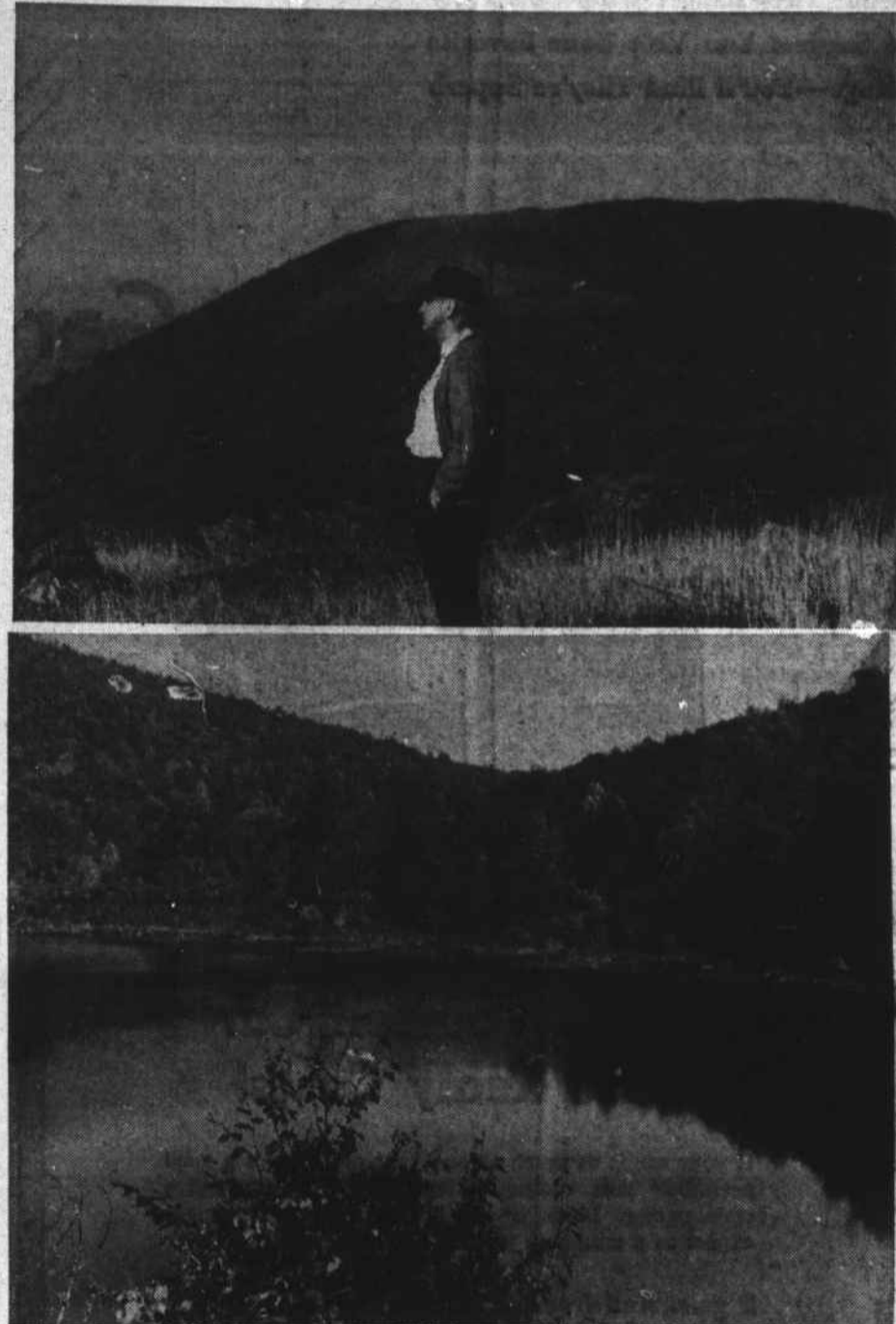
Mr. Eggers and his associates own about two thousand acres of land in the Tater Hill area, which include the thirteen hundred Col. Linney once owned, and like the former owner, loves his far-flung estate and delights in taking his friends and visitors to the area to the top of the great mountain where they can look until the ranges are lost in infinity.

From the Top of the Tater Hill, one can look on clear days across the Carolina hills and into the mountain ranges of Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, with a peek also into the hazy hills of Kentucky. Below in Cove Creek valley, highways thread themselves through the countryside like slender dark ribbons, and the settlements look tiny, like collections of toy buildings.

Mr. Eggers says he has no immediate plans for the development of his mountain—that is for sale. Down below the Tater Hill he constructed Tater Hill lake some years ago. It is stocked with rainbow trout, and is a favorite fishing spot, open to all who have the proper licenses in season. The trout thrive in the chill waters.

And also on the sprawling estate, which is blanketed with gold and crimson and russet and scarlet, Mr. Eggers and Mr. J. A. Mullins have developed the Tater Hill Rod and Gun Club. Mr. Eggers is President and Mr. Mullins maintains an office there and operates the venture. One lake which is open to fishermen on a per-pound sort of basis is teeming with big wily rainbow trout, while a large rearing pool holds thousands of eight-inch trout, which were fingerlings a year ago. Mr. Eggers took Judge Huskins up there when he was holding court in Boone, and the jurist reportedly got a tremendous kick out of hooking one of the big rainbows.

Land is rich and black up on Mr. Eggers' mountain, and a



ON TOP OF THE WORLD—Mr. S. C. Eggers, Boone real estate man, is shown standing on Tater Hill and looking into the hazy distance. The terrain on which he is standing is 5,300

feet in elevation (a mile and 20 feet), while the Bald, in the background, is 5,369 feet. Below is a view across Tater Hill lake.

Letter To The Editor Says Emergency Powers Of JFK Are Absolute

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing herewith a "reprint" copy of an article which was published recently in one of our Christian magazines in the city of Washington, D. C. Since this information concerns every American citizen, I feel that it is important to make the information available to as many citizens as possible. Therefore, I am sending this copy to you thinking you might publish it in the newspaper.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Jake O. Jones.

8792 58th Avenue,
College Park, Maryland
October 7, 1963.

(Enclosure)
Little known by the people of the United States are the following "Executive Orders" which have been spread on the Federal Register for at least 18 months. On Feb. 20, 1962, when the attention of the whole country was focused on John Glenn's orbital flight, these orders were entered.

They would give absolute power to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and when invoked the Congress would be automatically adjourned, and could not re-convene unless called by the President.

As we read this shocking list of directives, one would feel that Congress has already abdicated in favor of the Executive Branch. It is within the

man who had rented a few acres, was growing potatoes, from which he was getting about ten bushels from each row about 75 feet long. He also had some sorghum cane growing above the tater patch.

We enjoyed tremendously our trip with Mr. Eggers into one of the most spectacularly beautiful spots of this entire area—an area unspoiled by the march of commerce and virtually the same as it was in another day and age. A solid gravel road leads up in the Tater Hill Country, which will doubtless be paved some day. Mr. Eggers is familiar with his mountain and the peaks roundabout and can tell the names of all the mountains in reasonable viewing distance of his own jagged peak. He likes to go there now and again and marvel at the great spread of beauty, and to enjoy the peace and the quietude.

We are glad he took us there. We hadn't been in that vicinity for a number of years, and its easy to understand why Mr. Eggers likes his lofty mountain, and why Col. Linney chose it back in another century and believed it to be the prettiest spot in all the Appalachian hill country.

Roads Improved In This Area

Morganton — State Highway Commissioner Jack Kirksey reports the completion of more than 9 miles of road improvements in Avery, Watauga and Caldwell Counties during the month of September.

In Avery County these roads were stabilized: 1.0 miles Squirrel Creek; 1.0 mile Big Plumtree Creek; 1.8 miles Ivy Heights; 0.6 mile Whitaker Branch; 0.5 mile Claude Pyatte; 1.0 mile Camp Creek; 1.0 mile Coffey; 0.6 mile Parrell; 1.15 miles Ski-Lift Entrance (Base course and bituminous surface treatment); and 1.0 mile Wildcat Road.

In Watauga County these roads were improved: 1.15 miles ski lift entrance and 1.0 mile Wildcat Road.

When science proves new truths, they remain truth despite the fact that some people refuse to believe them.

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power of the Congress to rescind these Executive Orders, and should do so without delay.

Executive Order 10985—Take over communications media.

Executive Order 10997—Take over electric power, oil and gas, fuels, minerals.

Executive Order 10998—Take over food resources and farms (including farming equipment).

Executive Order 10999—Take over all modes of transportation, highways, seaports, etc.

Executive Order 11000—Mobilization of civilians into work force under government supervision.

Executive Order 11001—Government take over health, education and welfare functions.

Executive Order 11002—Postmaster General operate national registration of all persons.

Executive Order 11003—Government take over all airports and craft.

Executive Order 11004—Housing and finance authorities to relocate communities, to build new housing with public funds, designates areas to be abandoned as unsafe, establish new locations for populations.

Executive Order 11005—Take over railroads, inland waterways and storage.

Executive Order 11051—Designates responsibilities of emergency planning, gives authorization to put all other Executive Orders into effect in times of increased internal tension, economic or financial crisis.

Part One, Section 101d — States Director to perform additional functions as President may direct.

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Chicken Supper To Be Served At Parkway

There will be a chicken supper at Parkway School, Saturday, October 19, 5:30 to 8 p. m. Parents, students, cafeteria personnel and teachers will prepare and serve the following menu: Fried chicken, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, pickles, baked apples, tomatoes, jams, jellies, hot rolls, butter, milk, coffee, pie, cake. Admission adults, \$1.25, children 75c. Proceeds will be spent for instructional supplies.

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