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EDITORIAL

PROPER REQUESTS PAY OFF

We were thinking about writing a "serious" editorial this week but after reading "Funny Experiences" in the State Magazine we thought perhaps you would much rather read this:

How come some people ask for things and never succeed in getting their requests granted?

And how come that other people make the same requests and people fall over themselves in seeing that they get what they want?

Perhaps the answer to these two questions is contained in a letter which John P. Swain of Raleigh received a few weeks ago. Mr. Swain is head of the secondary roads division of the North Carolina State Highway Department.

Quite frequently, delegations from various communities call upon Mr. Swain and ask him to fix up certain roads in their particular area, or else build some new roads. The people comprising these delegations are, for the most part, very prominent citizens. They carry a weight of power and influence along with them.

Despite all this, however, they don't always get what they want.

On the other hand, here comes an unknown person with a most unusual request. It is contained in a hand-written letter and comes from the western part of North Carolina. Read on:

Road Dept.
Raleigh, N. C.
To Whom It May Concern
Dear Sir,

I'm a teenage girl who lives in Balsam, North Carolina. Up until lately I've been going steady with a wonderful guy. You couldn't find a sweeter, nicer, more polite boy anywhere. His first love, however, is a '55 Ford that he's had for a year and a half. You should see the time, money, and T.L.C. (tender loving care) that that car receives. (I should have it so good!!!)

Well, he hasn't dated me for over a month and it's all your fault; I'm afraid. You see, the road up to my house is just "full" of ruts, pot-holes, and just plain holes. It's terrible!! The last time Mike came up he nearly did something-or-other to his axel (I don't remember what it was he told me.) When he hit a puddle and it turned out to be a six-inch deep hole. After that he said he would not come to pick me up at my house and wreck his car; but either I should meet him in town or walk down a mile and meet him at the main road to Sylva.

Now I love that guy, so couldn't you please fix our road?? It's number 1701. Thank you.

Yours truly,
VALERIE J. HUTTER

Mr. Swain gave me a copy of this letter and also turned over another copy to Miss Majorie Hunter, staff writer for the Winston-Salem newspapers. I believe the Sentinel or the Journal also published it. Anyway here's what he had to say about it:

"Of course I don't exactly know what the local conditions are, but I want to tell you right now, if there is any justification and merit in fixing up that road, I'm going to do it, even if I have to do the work myself."

"That's the kind of letter that would appeal to anyone, and it certainly appeals to the Highway Department."

Which is where the matter stands at the present moment.

And now a word to Miss Hutter:

Valerie, if that road is fixed and if you and Mike hit it off okay, be sure to send Mr. Swain an invitation to the wedding. He certainly will deserve one, because this is the first time I've ever heard of a bride getting a highway for a wedding present.

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A Lino Operator's Musings

By COLEMAN CALDWELL

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes — someone told me they missed my column, so here goes again — my sympathy to the families of Lloyd Buckner, W. M. Gibson, and Wesley Ball in the loss of loved ones — hear Jack and Silas are having a good revival at Bear Creek — saw Telemage on the street this morning; glad to hear his daughters are improving and at home — well wishes to Ralph McCormick and Ben Fisher in the hospital — hurry home, fellows — Socrates said: "know thyself;" Marcus of Arelius said: "control thyself;" but Jesus of Nazareth said: "deny thyself;" that is the one thing in this land of plenty we have never learned to do — the only buried treasure most people have are the good resolutions they have laid away — he who neglects the Present Moment throws away all he has — Gwen is fit to be tied; she typed the ten letters for me, and one of them was to R. J., so she stands to have to type 10 more — sorry, Gwen — sorry to see Casey ousted as manager of the Yankees, for that's my favorite team — went back to Spring Creek Saturday; it's always good to visit on the Creek — good to see Columbus Henderson and the Misses from S. C. last week — Earl says Mr. Miller is doing some fine preaching with wonderful success at NF church — why can't Marshall have a Rescue Squad? — we see where Newport, Greenville and other towns have squads doing wonderful work — it looks like Ole Man Winter (or near about) will rain and freeze our wiener roast out tonight — congratulations to the Dedrick Roberts' on the new daughter — carried Donna, Tom's and Emma's daughter, to the middle of town Monday, and boy, that little gal is a load — the man who itches for fame has a lot of scratching to do, for a reputation cannot be built on the things you intend to do — prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness — don't forget the first drawing in the merchants association promotion is to be held Saturday, Oct. 29 — so I'd better close, but before I go, I'd like to say this: you feed your body 21 times a week, whether it is hungry or not; then why not throw your SOUL a bone once a week at least, even if it doesn't seem hungry? The poor thing may be too weak from starvation to make its wants known.

KING - NORRIS VOWS SPOKEN

Miss Mildred A. Norris and Billy H. King were united in marriage Monday, Oct. 17, 1960 in Corinth Baptist Church by the Rev. Charles J. Duvall.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Norris of Leicester and formerly of Hot Springs; and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe King, also of Leicester.

The bride wore a beige brocade dress with brown accessories. Her flower was a bronze orchid. A graduate of Clyde A. Erwin High School, she is now employed at the Diana Shop in Asheville.

The bridegroom, after serving two years in the U. S. Army, is employed at Harry's Body & Pender Shop in Asheville.

The couple will reside at 103 Montford Ave. in Asheville.

Presbyterian Women Met Thursday In Fellowship Hall

The Woman's Association of the Marshall Presbyterian Church met Thursday afternoon, Oct. 13 in the Fellowship Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

The president, Mrs. J. J. Ramsey, gave the call to worship and Mrs. Wiley Mottens led the devotions.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. George Pritchard presented a program on India.

During the social hour, the ladies Mrs. Alice Decker, served delicious refreshments to the ladies members present.

Marshall Book Club Met Monday With Mrs. Corbett

Mrs. John Corbett was hostess to the October meeting of the Marshall Book Club, Monday evening, Oct. 17. The annual election of officers was held and the following officers were re-elected: President, Mrs. John Corbett; vice president, Mrs. Clyde Roberts; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Overton Gregory. Mrs. Bewley Tweed succeeds Mrs. Lee Knight as program chairman. Mrs. Wade Hays was welcomed as a new member.

Following the book exchange, Mrs. Walter Ramsey gave a review of American presidents from George Washington through Dwight Eisenhower, telling the significant and interesting events that occurred in each administration. Brief sketches of the personality, habits, character and family of each president were given. W. H. Harrison, at sixty-eight, was the oldest president upon first taking the office, while Theodore Roosevelt, at forty-two, was the youngest; only three presidents were born west of the Mississippi, eight were born in Virginia, seven in Ohio; seven presidents died in office, including Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, who were assassinated; Jackson was the first president to travel by train; F. D. Roosevelt was the first to fly while president; Eisenhower the first and only president to hold a pilot's license; Harding was the first president to speak over the radio; Coolidge the first to broadcast an inaugural address, and Eisenhower's inauguration through 10 a. m., Monday, October 17, 1960: Killed to date ----- 914 Killed to date last year ----- 899

BLOODSHED BOX SCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m., Monday, October 17, 1960:

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club will celebrate its twenty-first anniversary Nov. 14 with a dinner meeting at the Manor Hotel in Asheville. Former members are expected to attend.

GOLDEN BRICKS

Little Rock, Ark. — Want to build a house out of gold bricks? They're available — at the bargain price of 52 cents apiece.

A brick company, using its discount of course, has built an office out of gold bricks. And the 2,976 bricks attract quite a bit of attention, says M. Tate Roberts, an official of the firm.

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