

**Letters To The Editor**

**WAYNESVILLE'S LITTERED STREETS AND HOW TO HELP THEM**

I have read with much interest Mrs. W. T. Crawford's letter in a recent issue of The Mountaineer calling attention to the very unsightly condition of our streets during the recent tourist season. During my visit in September, I too had noticed how dreadfully unkept our streets are and had heard remarks about them from our visitors. Furthermore, I had planned to write a letter to The Mountaineer, but I have been so crowded with work, that I have put the matter aside until Mrs. Crawford's letter brought it back so forcibly to my mind. We have the finest-located town in Eastern America, but to paraphrase the old saying—"We have not done right by our town".

In my teaching, I have in a small way faced just such a situation as Waynesville's. For a number of years I had charge of the biological laboratory at the Woman's College at Greensboro. This laboratory was occupied five afternoons a week by students varying from 15 to 30 in number. They were dissecting and studying (generally under water) plants and animals for three hours each afternoon, and it might be expected that tables and floors would get very messy. When these students came in, the floors were so clean that they could sit down on them in their white dresses and get up with their dresses still white, and it was the law of the Medes and Persians that when they went out that floor should be comparably in the same condition.

But my readers ask, "How was such a thing possible?" The answer is that no student was more than 15 feet distant from a waste paper basket for her waste paper scraps, and equally close to a stone jar in which to dump the rejectamenta of her dissection. And I saw to it that all waste materials went into those receptacles. This regulation was a new idea to most of my students, but before each new session was many weeks old, they were loyally and with much pride doing their part to keep our laboratory as nearly spotless as possible. But I made it as easy as possible for them to do this.

To return to Waynesville. I cannot recall that there is any where on our streets a single receptacle for trash. The suggestion is so patent that it may be stated in a very few words. Our mayor and aldermen have established an efficient garbage and trash removal service for our homes. Let them add to this the placing on the corners of the chief streets receptacles for waste paper, fruit skins, etc.; then pass a suitable ordinance requiring their use and calling on our people to loyally help make ours a "spotless town"; and finally make a few arrests with good stiff penalties for offenders. But above all make it as easy as possible for people to keep our streets clean, and I dare prophesy that our citizens and visitors will join in to do their part.

E. W. GUDGER.

**Editor The Mountaineer:**

Having lived in and loved Waynesville for many years—in fact, still feeling that Waynesville is more home than Florida—I feel I am qualified or privileged to judge her deficiencies as well as her qualifications for making her a more popular first class summer resort. And, so I am adding my voice to the many tourist voices of this summer, requesting street benches for the comfort and convenience of our tourists, and hoping that the dreams and plans will be fulfilled by next season.

Last winter my husband and I motored leisurely out to the West Coast, taking three weeks to reach Phoenix, Arizona. After spending the winter in Arizona and California we returned even more leisurely by another route to our home in Miami, reaching there in June. We stopped in cities and towns and wee villages and I cannot remember a single place where there was not a city park (so-called), either on or near the main street, for the comfort of visitors and homefolks, too, and always it seemed, they were being enjoyed by both young and old.

We, ourselves, enjoyed strolling through many large, lovely ones again sitting and resting in cozy little ones, and feeling very grateful for the thoughtfulness and wisdom of those City Fathers who had planned so wisely and so well.

So, it seems to me, how splendid it would be for Waynesville, with all its natural beauty, to provide a park where our evergrowing visiting colony could sit and view the lovely mountains, enjoy the cool breezes and shade on the hottest days, play games, shuffle board, badminton, checkers, croquet, or read and rest in some shady nook and feel thankful they had come to a friendly little city that planned for their pleasure and comfort.

MRS. FRANK SMATHERS.

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"(b) The driver of an overtaking motor vehicle not within a

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In other words, give the car you are passing at least two feet of clearance and sound your horn

before passing a car on the open highway.

The law also imposes certain limitations on this privilege of overtaking and passing, one of these being to forbid passing unless the "left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to per-

mit such overtaking and passing to be made in safety." Other limitations forbid passing another vehicle upon the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway where the driver's view along the highway is obstructed within a distance of five hundred feet, and forbid passing at any highway in-

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