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'Acres Of Diamonds'

One of Haywood's greatest assets and one that is often overlooked, is the Pisgah National Forest. The Pisgah Forest is right at our doorsteps and contains as much varied scenery as many views and recreational facilities as are now found in the Great Smokies. We do not mean to belittle the Park, but we feel that too few of us fully appreciate the value and what is actually offered in Pisgah National Forest. We agree wholeheartedly with the Transylvania Times in a recent editorial on the Pisgah National Forest. The editorial from the newspaper in Brevard read: "Famous for its multi-use activities, the Pisgah National Forest, with its greatest area in Transylvania county, is this year attracting thousands of tourists, sightseers and picnickers from all parts of America. "While it sounds unbelievable, a checkup reveals that one car per minute enters the entrance to the forest which is located three miles from Brevard. Cars from every state in the nation can be seen jamming the picnic areas and most notable are South Carolina license tags. "Transylvania county is reaping wide publicity from this outstanding forest and the services it is rendering to the state and the nation. To the sightseer, the forest is a wonderland of nature, a cool and refreshing spot to spend a day or a week end. To the sportsman, the Pisgah offers unexcelled rainbow and brook trout fishing and a short deer hunting season is being advocated for this fall. "Principally noted for its timber, the Pisgah furnishes some 20 million feet of lumber each year to individuals and concerns throughout the United States. Realizing that the strength of America is in its resources, forest officials are carrying out a conservation program to insure an abundance of timber in the future which is dependent upon the forest of today. "The fact that the Ecusta Paper corporation is located on the Davidson river which flows from the Pisgah is evident that the purest water in America originates right here in our own national forest. Three towns also have watersheds in the Pisgah as do other industries and smaller communities. "While the Pisgah National Forest is our greatest tourist attraction, the multi-use activities of the forest should not be overlooked. Present indications point to feldspar mining in the forest and during the war, several mica mines were located in the vast area of the Pisgah. "We salute Ranger W. W. Huber and his able staff for the marvelous job they are doing in making the forest of greater service to a larger number of people than ever before."

What About a Flower Show?

It is about this time of year that plans are usually made for the annual flower shows. We notice that such plans are already underway in Bryson City and Asheville, and perhaps other towns. So far, we have not found any place which can produce larger or more beautiful flowers than right here in Haywood. Some civic group would do well to inaugurate a revival of the flower show idea here in Waynesville. Such shows stimulate interest in growing better flowers and what can add more beauty to any community than lots of blooming flowers and well-kept trees?

Finding New Neighbors

Since some of the larger centers of population in Western North Carolina have openly started a campaign to get everything for themselves, without regard for other communities, we have a suggested project for the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps this fall, and certainly not later than next spring, the organization should stage a motor tour through upper South Carolina, selling that area on Highway No. 276 from Greenville, via Caesar's Head, Brevard, Pisgah and on into Waynesville. Without question, this is the most scenic highway in Western Carolina today and with plenty of illustrated literature on the section traversed by the highway, we feel lots of good could be accomplished. Contacts with our South Carolina neighbors would be well worth the while, and it looks like this community is going to need some more neighbors, since learning more about some of our North Carolina ones. We feel that Brevard would be interested in the project and do their part. It would take some time and thought to get the details worked out to perfection, but the theme of the campaign could be "travel Highway No. 276 to the Smokies and miss the congested traffic of the area east of Haywood."

Hitting The Soft Spot

One of the best explanations of the situation in the Near East was given Rotarians here Friday by Fera Benjamin, a business man of Cincinnati, and outstanding church layman. The speaker is a native of Persia, but now a citizen of this country. He explained how Russia was going into the Orient and offering the poorer classes of people, which constitute a large majority of the population, special inducements if the people would accept Communism and turn a deaf ear on all religions. The poorer people, seeing no hope for the future, are accepting Russia's pleas, and in that way, Russia is making much progress in the entire area. The Russians, it seems, are taking advantage of the unrest that exists in the Orient and it is only natural for a person who is down and out to follow anyone who promises him something better. Mr. Benjamin knows his subject and has a message that would be fitting to be delivered from any pulpit.

509 Would-Be-Murderers

Official reports from Raleigh show that 509 persons were convicted of driving while drunk in North Carolina during the month of June. In other words, 509 potential murderers on the highways of the state were caught and convicted in 30 days. Haywood had her share of drunken drivers in that state total, which is a record we cannot be proud of. The new law which went into effect July 1 might tend to curb some drunken driving, but not unless the maximum penalty is issued out by each court that has a drunken driver come before the bench. Of all the menaces on the road, and to society, we list the drunken driver as the worst, and we feel the best remedy is for the courts to make those who engage in such practices to get the full penalty of the law at all times.

Encouraging News

One of the best business barometers of any community is the post office. That being the case, we are even more gratified to learn that July's business this year was better than for the same month last year. The report of the post office also shows that the first seven months of 1947 were better than for the same period of last year. This is an encouraging bit of business news, especially in view of the fact that so many places and organizations are making reports to the contrary.

\$72,000 a Minute

Southerners who were brought up in days when a dollar seemed as big as a cartwheel cannot quite understand that billions and billions must be spent on Government in peace times. Under Secretary of the Treasury A. L. M. Wiggins, a South Carolinian, has been doing some figuring and finds that it costs the taxpayers \$72,000 a minute to run the Federal Government. This extravagance is bipartisan. Both Democrats and Republicans talk economy, but neither party practices it.—The Raleigh News and Observer.

The treadmill was a penal appliance introduced in England in 1818. Prisoners walked up a never-ending series of steps which in turn revolved a mill.



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members—Of The Mountaineer Staff—

The question came up as to the difference between an argument and a discussion. According to the dictionary, there seems to be no difference in definition... but have you seen an argument end as peacefully as a discussion? If handled properly, both should furnish information that will prove beneficial. But it seems as though an argument usually enters the scene with a chip on its shoulder.

his tie cut in half at the club meeting last week, could you blame Dick Bradley?

You can't keep Waynesville out of the big time. Did you happen to notice a letter in last week's Life magazine, signed by a Waynesville name and dated with the name Waynesville?

We had our first trip over Pisgah on Sunday and we certainly can agree with an editorial in this issue that it can hold its own with anything that can be put up in competition. The views seen along the route are breath-taking. (Continued on Page Three)

If Howell Crawford, the Waynesville Lions club's tall twister, gets his groceries in Hazelwood anytime soon, he might find some of them seasoned with arsenic. After getting



DIPLOMATS GIVE WORLD FLIERS LAVISH 'SEND OFF'

WASHINGTON—The sun shone hot on a sprinkling of diplomats; the glamorous Baker twins, Virginia and Betty; the Rev. Don L. Leonard, a Dutch girl in wooden shoes, Admiral Emory S. Land and two young pilots. Planes of all sizes whirred and roared, took off and landed. The Army Air Forces band played zippy tunes. An infant squaled. Morgan Beatty, a news commentator acting as master of ceremonies,

spoke smoothly through a loud speaker. All this hubbub marked the christening of the "City of Angels" and the "City of Washington," the two small planes in which George Truman and Cliff Evans hope to fly around the world.

Col. Leslie P. Arnold, one of the three surviving Army pilots who completed the first flight around the world in 1924 in the airplane "Chicago," was on hand to give the boys a send-off. He is now an airline vice-president. The tall, tanned Baker twins, introduced to Washington society with champagne and roses this sea-

Looking Back Over The Years

5 YEARS AGO

Miss Betty Burgin was hostess on Wednesday evening of a dinner party honoring Miss Corinne Alley, bride elect of next month.

The nation's farmers deserve commendation for the wholehearted cooperation with the salvage committees of their respective states during the busy spring season.

The Haywood county 4-H club members who attended the annual camp at Swannanoa last week made a fine record with one of their members, Calvin Francis, winning the title of "Best all round camper," among the boys.

Charles D. Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Moody, of Jonathan

Creek, who volunteered some time ago in the supply corps of the U. S. Navy, has been called into active service and given the rank of ensign.

Mrs. C. T. Alexander, of Charlotte, formerly of Waynesville, is spending a few weeks in town at the home of Mrs. Hugh Jolly.

10 YEARS AGO

Three Waynesville Boy Scouts, Ben Colkitt, Joe Davis, and Joe Way, attended the first National Boy Scout jamboree held in Washington, D. C. from June 29 through July 9.

A delightful affair on Friday afternoon was the anniversary tea held at the home of Mrs. W. D. Ray,

commemorating the organization of the Woman's Guild of Grace Episcopal Church.

Mr. Hal Marley, who graduated with honors from Columbia University this summer, is the guest this week of his aunt, Mrs. R. H. Blackwell.

This week has marked a decided gain both in travel through the town and in the number of tourists stopping over, according to J. Dale Stentz, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

In her interview with Hilda Way Gwyn, Dorothy Dix said, "A woman, who will wear pants in public must possess superhuman vanity."

Mr. Sam C. Welch whose headquarters are now in Little Rock, Ark., is the guest of relatives.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can you "feel" another's interest in you without his expressing it?

Answer: You can make a pretty good guess at how someone feels about you from actions and gestures that "speak louder than words." But it's risky to take such a guess too seriously, especially in the case of someone you want very much to believe you have made a hit with. It's all too easy to use other people as a sort of mental mirror in which we see only the reflection of our feelings toward them. This habit—technically called "projection"—may lead to most dangerous kinds of self-deception.



Do brain injuries affect all victims alike?

Answer: No, says Dr. Harry L. Kozol, neuropsychiatrist, on the basis of a study of the after-effects of 101 head accidents. While such injuries, if serious, always produce changes of personality, the

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think that the airplane will ever be used as commonly as the automobile is now?

Walter Francis: "No, I don't think it will. It's too expensive and out of reach of so many people."

Robert Woodward: "No, not in its present form. There may come a time when the plane will be developed to the extent where this is possible, but that is in the distant future."

J. C. Galusha: "Yes, I do, as science marches on. Automobiles and roads have been perfected until they are at the peak we have now. Airplanes will be developed in the same way."

Richard L. Bradley: "No, I think it is too expensive and too impractical for most people who have small incomes."

Paul McElroy: "No, it involves too much money and can not become as commonly used until the cost of planes are brought down to the average person's income."

Blonde, blue-eyed, baby-faced

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Capital Letter

NOT BY HIMSELF—Don't be too quick to drag R. L. Fritz, principal of Hudson Schools in Caldwell County and president of the N. C. Education Association, over the coals because he received full monthly checks for teachers who actually did not teach or merely worked for a few days during the month. He isn't by himself in such shenanigans; and scores of school heads throughout the State who have been reading of his predicament know he isn't.

Inside WASHINGTON

Special to Central Press. WASHINGTON—Congress is virtually certain to pass another tax reduction bill at the next session. The House ways and means committee is now preparatory to drawing up an overall tax adjustment bill in the House next month. The plan is to offer this bill in the House next month. This bill has been termed a tax adjustment measure. The bill has been termed a tax adjustment measure. The bill has been termed a tax adjustment measure.



Rep. Harold Knutson

● ATOM BATTLE—The prolonged struggle which commission rather than the armed forces control of may break out anew. Four of the seven full-time House atomic committee would return control of the to the Army.

● MONEY FOR MEXICO—Congressmen back from joint U. S.-Mexican battle against the drug trade in cattle south of the border are agreed on one thing: it is needed to complete the job.

● TORRID SPUDS—Hot potatoes are being passed between Capitol Hill and the White House at an undented pace.

President Truman vetoed the GOP tax slash bill message and was upheld; he vetoed the labor bill vehement denunciation and was overridden.

President signed the rent control law but did so with a blast of condemnation, saying it was the "lesser of two evils."

Politically, all this proved somewhat embarrassing to the GOP-dominated Congress. So Congress is hitting back. Mr. Truman is expected to be asked to permit former enlisted men to cash their bonds. The chief executive's vigorous opposition to the inflationary was sufficient last year to force an increase in bond rates. However, what with rising costs, the consideration, the millions of ex-GIs entitled to a majority of them—would like the cash now.

They'll Do It Every Time



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