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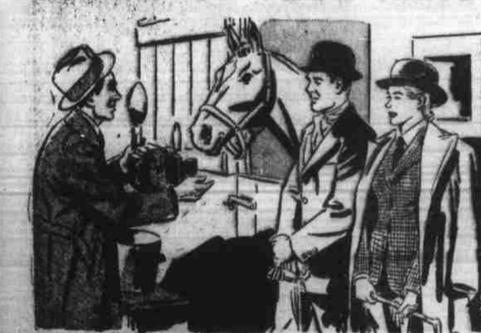
National Forests Big Attractions

The two National Forests nearest us, are far more than just large wooded areas belonging to the Federal government. These areas are fast becoming among the main attractions in this section, in drawing visitors. This was proven last year, and the many years before, by the actual counts made at the various forest recreational centers. Pisgah drew more than 1,300,000 people, while Nantahala Forest had almost a million to visit their recreational areas. Neither Forest had more than enough money to keep the picnic areas cleaned, and while the demand for additional benches and tables was great, the funds were not available for new ones. Neither was there any money for new shelters, or much improvement on present ones. The National Forests attract almost as many people as the Park, and offer a greater potential recreational program than the Park. It is unfortunate that ample funds cannot be appropriated to meet the needs of the people, who seek the great outdoors for rest and relaxation.

President Truman and Western North Carolina

Publishers of Western North Carolina are looking forward to their scheduled press conference on March 17th with President Truman. The newspaper folk from this area had the pleasure last fall of holding a press conference with Miss Margaret Truman before she gave a concert at Cullowhee. She was impressed with this area, and we have every reason to believe, that she has "told Daddy" a lot of the beauties she saw in these hills at that time. The foliage was at its colorful peak during her trip. President Truman has already shown an interest in the Park, and the Blue Ridge Parkway, and one can rest assured, that he will be hearing a lot more about this area than ever before. The conference was arranged through Rep. Monroe M. Redden, and Charles Ross, press secretary to Mr. Truman. A grand climax to the conference, would be the acceptance of the President to visit this area. Who knows but what that will be the case?

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are "leisure classes" going out of fashion?
Answer: Yes, says a British contributor to the Bulletin of the Mountaineer Club. The "aristocratic principle" of which Britain was the last surviving stronghold is no longer an accepted "cultural ideal." Although many "gentlemen of leisure"—Charles Darwin, for instance—did work of great intellectual and social value, it is today the producing classes who command most popular respect. Among reasons for this change, this writer cites the post-war economic crisis, the influx of women into industry, and changing education.

More Patrolmen For Haywood

It is encouraging news to note that Sgt. Sandlin has promised Haywood two more full-time highway patrolmen about March first. The highway record thus far for 1950 is appalling. While even fifty patrolmen possibly could not have changed the present record, this newspaper is convinced that the more patrolmen on the highways, the greater the tendency for motorists to drive with care. We are aware that accidents will just happen, but in almost every case in Haywood, or any other county, the majority of accidents could be avoided. As far as we know, the most direct way to bring about a reduction of accidents, and to assure greater safety, is an adequate force of patrolmen on the highways enforcing rigid regulations. We shall look forward to March first with keen anticipation.

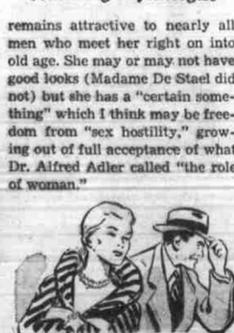
Synthetic Mica

This section will be keenly interested in the report that government scientists have just developed synthetic mica. The men of science, termed "This discovery is of immense importance to the United States." Since some of the best mica in the nation comes from this immediate area, we are aware of the importance the government placed upon it during the last year. The scientists in developing synthetic mica term it as an addition to national security. The synthetic mica has essentially the same properties as natural mica, but is superior to the natural substance in its ability to withstand high temperatures. An interesting statement from the government relative to mica, is that during 1948 the United States imported over 10,000 tons of high grade mica at a cost of more than \$15,000,000. In the same period, domestic production of high grade mica totaled only 135 tons, at a value of less than \$50,000. Most of the imported mica comes from India and Palistan. This is just another lesson learned during the last year of the folly of depending upon imports of essential materials. We know right here in our own country what strides synthetic rubber has made, and now comes mica. It can be truly said, that the needs of man tomorrow are being discovered in the test tubes of scientists today.

The Better We Produce, The Better We Live.

Perhaps it has not been put down in so many words, but Haywood farmers have for many years been going along on the program, that the better we produce, the better we live. There is a lot wrapped up in that statement, and yet every word is true. That does not necessarily just apply to farmers. It also applies to the industrial worker, the tourist operator, in fact, to people in every walk of life. It is true that everyone is not producing corn or wheat, beef cattle or milk on a farm, nor on unit production in the industrial plant. But producing quality at whatever our work, means a better living. While this is by no means meant as even a sermonette, it does seem fitting that as we face the remainder of 1950, that thought be given to this, and every effort be made to strive to attain a better living by producing better. Between 45 and 50, a learned professor tells us, women manifest an enlargement of intellectual interest. Men, to the contrary, begin to wear toupees.—Portland Oregonian.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



remains attractive to nearly all men who meet her right on into old age. She may or may not have good looks (Madame De Stael did not) but she has a "certain something" which I think may be freedom from "sex hostility," growing out of full acceptance of what Dr. Alfred Adler called "the role of woman."
Is winning an argument worth while?
Answer: That depends on whether you are more concerned with your self-esteem or with your personal relations with the loser. The more the ideas you have proved mistaken represented what he wished to believe and had offered to the world as "his convictions," the more painful defeat will be to him and the surer he will be to hate you for it. A psychologist will rarely argue with a client because losing his good will is too high a price to pay for imposing ideas on him which he will repudiate quickly if he is not ready for them.



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
An additional door is being made for the front of the Fire Department for use by the small fire truck.
Lee V. Rogers, a progressive farmer of Clyde works up flourishing mail order business on smoking and chewing tobacco.
Legionnaires hold mass meeting for discussion of bonus.
Mrs. Charles Ferguson arrives for two months visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Coman, while her husband, Dr. Ferguson is on duty in the canal zone.
10 YEARS AGO
Daniel Boone Council of Boy Scouts acquires 700-acre tract in the county to serve as a permanent camping site for Boy Scouts in the 14 counties comprising the Council.
Book Club presents Prof. Willis A. Parker, in lecture at Welch Memorial Building.
W.N.C. mayors plan 2,500-mile trip to Florida to distribute literature on this section.
Mark Howell wins cash tobacco prizes given by markets of Greenville, Tennessee.
5 YEARS AGO
Rufus T. Carswell, attached to the 5th Army, is promoted to rank of captain.
D. E. Whitman is new owner and manager of Pearce's Bakery.
War Production Board restricts the use of electricity.
Twenty-five men go to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations. Spencer Walker is named leader of the group.
Sgt. Clyde Harkins is awarded the bronze star.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD
NOTES — Remember how we too much with the separation-of-church-and-state doctrine. Why? Because the Baptist Church—and all other churches — are already getting millions and millions of dollars a year from local, State, and Federal governments. How? Through the exemption of church property from taxation! If the Baptists can accept these millions from the backdoor, what is wrong with accepting a few hundred thousand from the front?
OFF THE CUFF—Remember 25 years ago right along when farmers were having such a fuss over the tobacco co-op? On Jan. 13, 1925, there was a terrific fuss at Yanceyville as farmers swarmed in asking for a financial statement from the Cooperative Association and payment for two crops of tobacco.
The Advisory Committee on the Chair of Retailing in process of establishment at the University is composed of E. S. Spainhour, Elkin; J. Norman Black, Greensboro; James A. Graham, Red Springs; John M. Carroll, Asheville; Frank L. McCabe, Burlington; James H. Clark, Elizabethtown; Judson H. Blount, Greenville; Clyde R. Greene, Boone; Brevard R. Hoover, Winston-Salem; Karl G. Hudson, Raleigh; Jacob Winstead, Rocky Mount; and Chairman Louis Lipinsky, Asheville.
Inside reports from the Wake Forest campus are that cases against two of the footballers accused of cheating may be reopened, and that several discrepancies in Accused Murderer Raymond Hair's story told Los Angeles detectives will develop in later hearings.
WORTH REMEMBERING — As the 700,000 Baptists of North Carolina worry and fret and quarrel over whether to accept the General Board's ruling and take that \$700,000 grant from the State and Federal Gov'ts for the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, here is something they should consider: Accepting this grant from Uncle Sam and N. C. should not interfere.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What was the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?
Elmer Hendrix: "The Egg And I." But I'm a poultry man myself.
Mehela Medford: The one in which Ingrid Bergman played the part of an alcoholic.
John Carver: I don't have time to see enough movies to be able to say.
Joe Cline: "Malay". That was the best show I've seen in a long time.
Jack Messer: I've been to only one show since 1945, though I've seen thousands of school films.
Mrs. Kenneth Stahl: Bugs Bunny and the cartoon comedies in general.
S. E. Tutor: "Come to the Stable." The movie about the nuns who came over to start a hospital.
West Virginia Chestnuts Take Root In Italy
CHARLESTON, W. Va. (UP)—Chinese chestnut seedlings from West Virginia now are growing in Italy.
Part of 500 plants air-exposed to the Italian government from a nursery at Lesage last spring have taken root and developed, according to information reported to the state conservation commission.
Walter J. Queik, Jr., American consultant to the Italian ministry of agriculture and forests, requested the seedlings to help the nation develop a blight resistant strain to replace its native chestnuts destroyed by the disease.

Mecca Pilgrims Cross Trackless Desert

KHARTOUM (UP)— On the return half of an 8,000-mile journey across Central Africa and the Red Sea to Saudi Arabia, 204 Moslem pilgrims have arrived in Khartoum after making the trip to Mecca. The pilgrims are a mixture of African professional men and peasants who live at Accra on the Gold Coast in West Central Africa. They traveled overland from that country to the Sudan and then crossed over to Saudi Arabia by steamer from Suakin.
A young Lebanese, Hag M. K. Hamawi, was in charge of the five jolting trucks, which crossed 3,000 miles of Central Africa to get the pilgrims to their port of embarkation for Mecca.
The convoy crossed hundreds of miles of trackless desert country without mishap, and Hamawi had no compass. As the journey was due east from Accra, his knowledge of star and sun positions enabled him to lead his lorries through the wilds of French Equatorial Africa and arrive at the correct place on the Sudan border.

STATE OF THE NATION



Rambling 'Round

-Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Mountaineer Staff-

Want to order a shipment of Avocado pears? Of course, we won't guarantee to fill the order before 1950, or something. Last summer, a young lady presented us with a big Avocado pear and we immediately (after we had eaten the pear, of course) planted the pit in a jar of water. You should see what a big girl it has grown up to be, leaves and everything. Really looks like a flourishing palm tree on the shores of Miami Beach... in miniature.
Do you believe in re-incarnation? We've always said we'd like to come back in the form of a Pullman porter. We're so absolutely crazy about traveling on a train.
That bromidic remark "This is a small world after all" proves to be true in many an instance. The other day we happened to meet some visitors from New York City (all places) who were en route Florida for the winter. Alighted to talk New York mentioned that he had seen Forest Hills, Long Island. Our acquaintances had never been to Forest Hills just 22 miles from Big City, but their daughter, in Tampa, Fla., in the moment it developed next to favorite cousin. So—you see, tell.
The fog that comes this misunderstanding takes opportunity to lift.
She was a very kindly and offered to act as baby-sitter for a neighbor who wanted to tend a party. The "sitter" about two and unknown to the (er) a bit spoiled and determined in his ways. After about two the lady had gotten a little saying "You mustn't" and that as long as she would repeat the offer to this particular household, she relaxed a bit made no objection when charge wandered into the kitchen and began to read. She became aware of a rolling and investigated. The young man had opened the pantry door, down a new bag of flour which had dumped all over the floor himself and was happily eating potatoes and onions through mess.
It takes two to make a statement but only one to start a statement.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



ONE OF THE LONGEST PIGEON FLIGHTS ON RECORD WAS FROM CARACAS, VENEZUELA TO THE BOSTON AREA IN BROOKLINE, 2,200 MILES AWAY.
ARE MOST OF THE DOLLS SOLD IN THE U.S. NOW MADE WITHIN THE COUNTRY? /E.S.
SIAMESE TWINS, CHANG AND ENG, MARRIED SISTERS IN 1842, AND WERE FATHERS OF TWENTY-ONE CHILDREN.

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS
U. S. Guided Missiles May Soon Be Tried Over Atlantic | Work Begun in Florida on 3,000-Mile Proving Ground
Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—Fantastic missiles of pushbutton warfare will be winging their way over the Atlantic ocean in the near future from an American base.
Work has begun at an isolated site at Cape Canaveral, Fla., on the Bahama river, on a military proving ground designed to make the United States pre-eminent in the field of guided missiles.
From this desolate and largely uninhabited site, now consisting largely of scrub palmetto and marshy savannas, giant missiles will be tracked by radar and other secret devices until they plunge into the ocean.
The project, known officially as the long-range proving ground for guided missiles, is a joint undertaking of the Air Force, Army and Navy, whose construction Congress has authorized \$75,000,000.
When completed, it will provide a range of 3,000 miles extending over the ocean from Florida, largely over water, with observation posts located in British-administered Bahama islands.
A Defense department spokesman said there would probably be more than 100 long-range test flights a year. A target date of July 1, 1951, has been fixed as the time the proving ground should be ready for extensive guided missile tests, although limited tests may be made before then.
An observer at the launching point on Cape Canaveral will be able to watch the take-off of the guided missile, then detect its passage by means of special observing instruments. The missiles will ordinarily fly at much greater altitudes than conventional aircraft and will carry instruments to measure performance.
Extensive precautions will be taken to prevent accidents which might cause injury or property damage. The entire 3,000-mile length of the range will be under visual and radar surveillance during tests in order to avoid possible collisions with aircraft or with ships at sea.
There will be devices to control the flight of the missile continuously and should these "central devices" fail, the missile will be destroyed in the air before leaving the safe range area, or directed from its course to land at sea. How this will be accomplished is a military secret.
When the missiles land the force of the impact will destroy them and they will sink to the bottom of the ocean. However, ships will be stationed at their termination to observe their fall.
Instruments will be located over the first 500 miles of the course to permit continuous observation of the missiles' flight.
Four observation stations, manned by scientists and technical personnel, will be built on the Grand Bahamas, Great Abaco, Eleuthera and Cat islands of the Bahamas under an arrangement being worked out now with the British and Bahama governments.
The new range is necessary because progress in guided missiles has outstripped the range of the existing White Sands proving grounds at Alamogordo, N. M. (Army Air Force) and the Navy installations at Point Mugu and Inyokern in California.
The new proving ground will be a major step in the race now underway between the United States and the Soviet Union to perfect guided missiles against the possibility of future conflict.