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A New Day Looms For Haywood Schools

The expansion program proposed for Haywood schools appeals to us from every angle. In the first place, there is no denying the urgent need. Secondly, we know that enrollments are not going to decrease. Our present birth rate, and the record since 1946 proves this point. And in the third place, we have a definite obligation to the children of school age to provide for them educational facilities comparable to those set up by the state. And without adequate buildings, this obligation cannot be fulfilled.

We readily realize that two millions is a lot of money, yet on the other hand, it has been over 15 years since this county had a school building program of any size, except for what was done in the Canton area.

Haywood county is a progressive county, and unfortunately our school buildings have not been kept on the same progressive level as the rest of the county. Now is the time for us to make the adjustment, and see that our 9,000 students in Haywood are given which is rightfully theirs.

The present proposed program is only two-thirds of what was originally suggested. This, many feel, is a wise move, and that the present program is in keeping with everything else within the county.

The board of commissioners expressed themselves forcefully on the present program, and term it practical, and as sufficient to give Haywood a fine school building program for a number of years. To this plane of thinking and reasoning, we committed ourselves five months ago, when we editorially suggested a two million program, without major consolidations.

It begins to look like Haywood is pulling herself up by the bootstraps, and on the march forward again—marching on towards a bigger and brighter future.

The Parkway Spur Opens

The formal opening of the 4-mile link of the Blue Ridge Parkway at Soco Gap on Wednesday will be the first section of this famous 450-mile drive to be paved west of Asheville. This 4-mile link is part of the 11-mile spur section from Soco Gap to the scenic Heintoo-go area. The remaining 6 1/2 miles will be paved by Thanksgiving.

The Mountaineer finds that it is not possible to give in words an adequate description of the scenic views attained from the new section of the Parkway. Starting at Soco Gap the road follows long sweeping curves to the top of the mountain, and there follows the ridge, affording full views back into the Balsams, as well as into the very heart of the Smokies.

About 3 1/2 miles from Soco, there is a beautiful loop driveway, and overlook, appropriately named Mile High Overlook, so named because it is exactly 5280 feet above sea level at this point. Here one may stand and look west to Newfound Gap, Clingman's Dome, Mt. Guyot, Sawtooth Range, and almost straight down into Bunche's Creek, and the Flat Creek area. As the observer slowly turns, he can look beyond the Heintoo-go area over to Mt. Sterling, and then Black Camp Gap, and as he turns, Pisgah looms up in the distance, then Mt. Junaluska, Water Rock Knob and the other peaks of the Balsams. From this one point, scores of famous landmarks of the Smokies and Balsams seem right at hand.

The engineering of the roadway is marvelous, and the driving is easy. Man has cooperated with nature to make it truly a road over which motorists can get close to the scenic beauties which heretofore have been lost in the fastness of the wilderness of the Smokies and the Balsams.

We feel that it is fitting that Charles E. Ray was called upon to make the address of dedication for the opening of this link of the Parkway. Mr. Ray has been a leader in this project for many years, and envisioned the value of the spur road long before many people realized what was available in the way of scenic beauty in the section.

Mr. Ray led the program which eventually enabled Rep. Monroe M. Redden to get an allocation of funds with which to build the section of the Parkway which is being opened Wednesday.

This section of the Parkway should be a distinct drawing card for this entire area, and adds another major attraction for Western North Carolina.

Two Serious Problems

Two major problems confront local officials—both of them relative to water. In the first place, as Mayor Way pointed out last Thursday, we have ample water on the mountain, but getting it filtered now constitutes a major headache, with the filtering plant 46 years old.

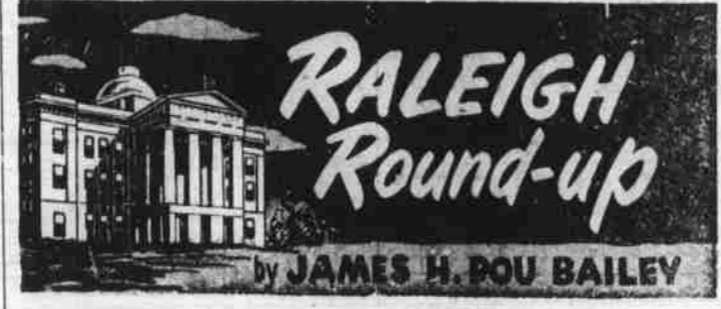
The second major problem, which concerns both the towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood, is the disposal of sewage. It seems that for some reason, the sewer line overflows at times into Richland creek just before the creek flows into Lake Junaluska, thus causing and creating much concern in that area of the community.

So right now, our officials are gravely concerned with the problem of getting water into town from the mountain on the south, and properly disposing of it to the river on the north.



Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO: Conner Medford of Washington State, former citizen of this county, makes first visit here in thirty years. Theresa Alley, Marie Strange, and Evelyn Craig take part in the fall recital of the Sherrill School of Dance at the Biltmore Hotel, Asheville. Miss Margaret Perry enters Woman's College at Greensboro. Dr. Eugene Gudger returns to New York after a month's vacation here.
10 YEARS AGO: REA will move offices from Clyde to Waynesville. Ned Tucker takes over duties as interviewer in Employment Office. James H. Toy begins work for Arthur Anderson and Company, in Atlanta. Dean Ledford and Harry West are lost to football squad as they join the Marines. Laura Palmer Woody observes seventh birthday with party.
5 YEARS AGO: Five men are killed as Army B-25 bomber crashes into Cold Mountain near Pisgah. Eight 4-H and FFA members from Haywood County win prizes in Junior Livestock Show at Biltmore. Miss Mattie Moody becomes bride of A. L. Garnett of West Palm Beach. Mountaineers defeat Murphy, 46-0, in opening game. Mrs. O. R. Martin visits the Rev. and Mrs. Clay Madison in Hickory.



ONE MORE TIME—Remember that minister in your community who preached about a dozen "farewell sermons" before finally moving off the scene? In midsummer of 1948, Don Elias of Asheville was quoted as saying that he was through with politics—particularly as regards lending his active support to a gubernatorial candidate. Political observers attributed the statement to the fact that his man, State Treasurer Charlie Johnson had just bowed in defeat to Kerr Scott.

Elias came to Raleigh during the final days of the campaign and threw his full efforts into the Johnson campaign at the Sir Walter headquarters. All in vain. Then, if memory serves correctly, he took a trip up North when the results of his efforts became apparent. But politics can be compared with gambling in its come-hither beckonings. It does look as if Elias is preparing to get in the fray again—this time with State Treasurer Brandon Hodges of Asheville, who every day looks more like a sure bet as candidate for Governor.

FIDDLERS FOOT—Hodges is as hot as a fiddler's foot when he gets in a winding way. He lives at the Sir Walter here, but goes home virtually every weekend. Asheville has not had a Governor since Locke Craig (1913-17) and the mountain counties are thirsting. Farthest west we have been since Craig is Shelby. Hodges is getting around, attending barbecues, hog-killings, and fish fries. However, consensus is that Don Elias will not be of too much assistance in the mountain counties as political balances have sharply shifted in the land of the sky within the past five years.

AUTUMN DAZE—Have you noticed through summer-squinted eyes the blue haze on the horizon? The smoky valleys at dusk? That's fall beckoning through the trees yonder where boys and girls wander lazily home from school. A certain little boy—just a baby really—had been to school only three days in his whole life. Early morning last week found him sitting, half-dreaming, looking out the window. One shoe was on. The other he held in his hand. He just sat there looking outdoors at nothing in particular. Get the picture. "Hey, buddy," said his dad, tapping him on the shoulder in a man-to-man sort of way, "let's get moving. It's about time for breakfast." The lad, startled, shivered a little as he came out of his dream. "Oh, Daddy!" he said, "you made me lose my mind!" Not a difficult task in these days of weapons-beyond-our-imagination, but "for him who will seek them the valleys are his; and the far, quiet hills of September."

FORMOSA MISSION—Archie McMillan, former pastor of the Baptist church in Draper and 1936 Wake Forest graduate, has just re-

turned from Formosa, where he spent two weeks this summer preaching, and leading Chinese generals, natives, regular soldiers, and all others who cared to listen to Christ. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, missionaries to China for around 35 years. Last winter he taught at Wayland College in Plainview, Texas. He and the president of Wayland, young (39) robust Bill Marshall, decided last spring they would go to Formosa this summer, come heaven or high water. Marshall, ever the promoter, set about raising funds. They were exceedingly successful. Marshall bought a plane, camera, and other equipment, and the two temporary missionaries flew to the West Coast. Going from there by commercial airlines to Formosa. They talked with Chian Katshek and Madame one Sunday morning after church, and accomplished the difficult feat of getting their pictures. Then they launched into their mission. In approximately two weeks of preaching, they led over 600 converts to Christianity. The two young Americans were amazed—as no doubt you are—at the hunger for Christ on Formosa. McMillan felt at home with the Chinese, having grown up in China. He speaks fluently three of their dialects. These two-weeks missionaries were loath to leave, but they had their work in the United States, Marshall back to his college and his companion to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville for further (Continued on Page 8)

Leo Feichter: "As I am not a farmer, I wouldn't know if that would be the best time for such a celebration; but with so many other special 'days' I think the farmer should have one too."

J. D. Cooper: "That's a good idea. They have a day for everybody else—it's high time they stepped overlooking the farmers."

John Alden Brown: "Not being a farmer I'm not qualified to give an opinion, but I do think that such a thing should be promoted."

J. A. Gwyn: "The farmers are about the only group that doesn't have a day, and they deserve one. I'd say we'd better round out our list."

J. S. Fullbright: "If that means the farmers get a holiday, I'd like to see it. I think we ought to have a holiday—we never get one any other way!"

R. S. Justice: "That would be the first opportunity we have ever had for a holiday—do you reckon we can get by with it?"

H. E. Wells: "I want a holiday, myself, but will the Senator tell the stock and the crops to take a holiday too?"

There are ten species of skunk in the Americas.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News—By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Two white roses, so perfect in their matchless beauty that one almost doubts their reality, were brought to our desk one morning. The friendly words and the sincere friendship that accompanied the gift will remain with us long after the roses have dropped their petals into happy memories. There are days when the road gets dusty and one's eyes fill with the mists of uncertainty, but suddenly the way clears as a friend brings in two white roses. "It takes two to make a quarrel" they say... but it is usually over a third. During this past summer we have realized more and more how important it is to be able to give directions that really direct. We know exactly where a certain house, store or street is located... but try and tell an inquirer. Recently a visitor wanted to reach a certain number on Maple street, and after we had waved him down Main, Walnut and around Hazel and Cherry streets, he grinned and remarked: "You'd sure be out of luck if your hands were tied." We met this with the suggestion that next time he select a number on Main street. Perhaps money doesn't buy happiness but it certainly will help you finance an automobile to go hunt for it. Are you playing "Samba" yet? If Canasta means "basket" in Spanish, Samba means "carrousel" in any language, for the players find themselves going around in circles. Take any given number of players who have never played together before and you will immediately find an exact round of rules and regulations. It is the most exact record and when the table stretches the full length and breadth of the room, it is fascinating. "The cow jumped moon," and meat joined her. Two little girls... a window in which several pieces of... "Oh my," sighed one. "I wish I was old enough to things like that." The other matter a moment and ed, wisely. "Yes, but an ed have to be washed." The person who made mistake is found on "funny" paper. Letter To Editor CORRECTION Editor The Mountaineer In a recent issue of paper you printed a list teachers. Fines Creek the 1951-52 school year was an error in the name of the teachers and I you publish a corrected. You listed one of the Mrs. Emma Frances B. should be Miss Emma Rowe. The error has been corrected. Very truly yours, EMMA FRANK

Waynesville Gets Boost In State Publication The Country Club 18-hole golf course here has brought new publicity to Waynesville. A 32-page, slick paper booklet with covers in color, just issued by the State Advertising Division of the Department of Conservation and Development, called "Golf State, USA," makes repeated reference to Waynesville throughout and features a picture of the Dayton Rubber plant on the back cover. The booklet points out that there are 120 golf courses in the state. The early history of state is given, and various golfers are mentioned, various feats performed, world's best golfers of courses. Other leading state are mentioned, figures ranging from Beach to Looking Glass. Four million farmers private landowners own nation's timberland averaging about \$2. Currently 80 per cent supply is harvested. owned forest lands.

Washington—The Navy's sensational announcement contract had been placed for the world's first atom-powered marine took a bit of the edge off Washington speculation of production of electricity with atomic energy. Insiders had expected the Soviet Union up with an announcement—any day now was using A-power to produce electricity. fact is that the United States Atomic Energy mission already is turning out "A-junk" been unwilling to discuss progress in detail because it may be some time before experiments will be considered conclusive. There are three main reasons why the held back on any announcement of electricity. For one thing, the commissioners are averse to any "stunt" production of that, they mean that the electricity is economical. They point out that it would be to rig up an apparatus on any smokestack to produce electricity that the procedure would have no significance. For another thing, the experimental power plant at Ast producing 100 kilowatts of electricity successfully but the no guarantee that the power is economical unless it can atomic fuel than it burns. In the third place, the rate at which fuel is consumed pound a year, is so slow that it will be months before the taken out to see whether the machine has created more active atoms than have been destroyed by splitting.

ROAD WORK—Political insiders in Washington take it that President Truman will light out on a transcontinental stop" tour shortly after Oct. 1. Congress is expected to adjourn on that date, leaving some of the legislative business Mr. Truman has labeled and failing to satisfy him on other items. Therefore the President is eager to go to the country part of the story and to complain in his tried-and-tested fashion about the Republicans and Southern Democrats' accuses of having ganged up against him. The junket may be camouflaged as a tour of defense military installations, but its political overtones will be Shrewd Presidential advisers, including Senate Secretary Bille, have counseled Mr. Truman that his popularity with roots folks is on the rise and that now is the time for a personal appearance tour. Most observers expect the President to decide, from to his proposed trip, whether or not he will seek a return White House in 1952.

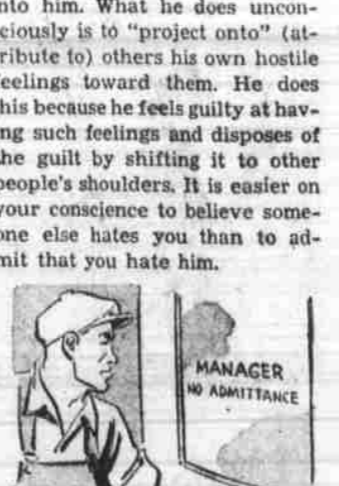
ARGENTINE ELECTION—Diplomatic observers are a flare-up of violence in Argentina when dictator Peron comes up for re-election next February. Travelers recently returned from Argentina report the tent is more widespread than the government-controlled patches would indicate. They are not by any means predicting any overthrow of government, but they do believe that Peron may have getting back into office than he has ever had before. News of the recent railroad strike was too big to be suppressed but the outside world hears little of other evidence that Peron is losing popular support. For one thing, travelers insist that Argentines are becoming increasingly tired of Evita, Peron's ambitious blond wife. Some anti-administration congress even dared ask publicly for an accounting of the millions allegedly poured into the Senora Peron's entertainment. Then there are reports of inflation rampages with especially high. This, in a land of agricultural plenty, particularly hard for Argentines to bear quietly.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should you teach a child to be resourceful? Answer: There are few more useful and important lessons I've always been thankful I was told so often as a boy, "There are more ways than one to skin a cat," and was encouraged to feel that if I could not get what I wanted by one method, I should look for others. Like most worthwhile qualities, resourcefulness is best taught by example, but there is a principle involved, too. This is to make sure that a child realizes that it is not his natural desires that are wrong but only the ways in which he tries to satisfy them. He can have as much praise and approval as he wants, for instance, if he will learn how to deserve them.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Should employers understand their workers? Answer: Yes. One of the dominant trends in industry today is the growing realization that the employer who tries to ignore his workers' personal attitudes and feelings is heading his business toward the scrap-heap. For instance, Raymond W. Peters tells us in the Personnel Journal that management should both learn to "communicate" with employees and their unions, and learn what the workers want to know, how they feel and what they think. Running a successful business is at least as much a psychological problem as it is a problem in techniques or economics and the morale of a plant is as important as that of an army.

"MAN ABOUT TOWN"



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