News Of Parkway Is Most Encouraging

The news the past week about the Blue Ridge Parkway as been most encouraging, and optimistic.

First off, there were the low bids for the first link of the Parkway between Wolf Laurel and Ravensford, with the second link to be submitted to a bid later this month. About 18 months has been set for the compleion of the links, and then we will have another direct route into the Park via Soco Gap, Wolf Laurel and Ravensford, which will also afford an ideal loop trip via Cherokee through some of the most scenic country in Western North Carolina.

Until Tuesday the dark cloud hanging over the Parkway, however, was the proposal of inaugurating the toll this spring. Last year all North Carolina forces were successful in blocking the proposed toll, but the matter was due to come up again this spring.

Now comes the encouraging news that the Parkway will be toll free this year. The announcement came from Rep. George A. Shuford, after a conference with officials of the Department of the Interior. Rep. Shuford has been an opponent to the toll proposal all the while.

And another interesting fact relative to the Parkway is the request of \$5,315,624 in the President's budget message for completion of the Parkway. Out of this allotment would come funds sufficient to complete the bridge at Ravensford, Also requested was over a million dollars for the foothills parkway in Tennessee, an important link to the Park highway system, while the National Park Service is set to get an increase of 131/2

Thus far, the news from the Parkway and the Park ties right in with the fact that "things are beginning to move towards making this America's number one scenic vacationland."

Listen To Our Former Presidents

In his memoirs, Harry Truman speaks of the incredibly heavy burden of work that is imposed upon the President. Now Herbert Hoover suggests that Congress create the office of an administrative vice-president, legally empowered to administer many duties of a relatively routine nature that are presently borne by the President.

We should certainly heed the words of our only two living former Presidents. The job, as now constituted, is a potential killer. In addition, it is absolutely impossible for any man to discharge the unnecessary multitudinous responsibilities of the Presidency efficiently and fully

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They'll Do It Every Time

FOR YEARS MADRILENE TRIED HER BEST TO HAVE HER SPINSTER PAL CROWEENA MEET THE RIGHT MAN-AND

IS LOOKED LIKE IT MIGHT CLICK

On The Side Of Freedom

The local newspaper is a personal diary of a community's life. This is especially true of the country papers, of which there are many thousands in the United States. These papers are free to express their point of view on any issue or question of public or private interest, subject only to the reservations imposed by the libel law.

Their right to criticize their government was established over two hundred years ago in what was then a British Colonial town now known as New York City. This country's smaller newspapers are a tremendous asset on the side of freedom, possessed by no other nation. The strong local appeal of the small-town newspaper assures unusual readership interest.

Amid all the modern developments in the field, the newspaper retains its position as one of the most effective advertising mediums. All of us have a tremendous stake in the continued health and independence of our thousands of newspapers. It's reassuring to find that they rest on such a solid foundation, both culturally in the minds and hearts of the readers, and economically in the support of advertisers.

Crazy Ducks (?)

Motorists at Lake Junaluska Sunday were surprised to see a large number of visiting ducks just standing on the frozen surface of the Lake, while the banks afforded warm,

There were one or two small pools of water in the center of the Lake, with a few ducks swimming about, but the larger part of the duck population seemed content to stand on the ice.

From our vantage point it looked like a group of crazy ducks.

Thus far we have not had any word from the ducks as to their opinion of the folk who rode by, in a hurry, going nowhere, or what they thought of football fans sitting out in inclement weather.

The Struggle Is Religious

We tend to think of communism as a menace to our material well-being and to our national security. But the danger goes even farther - as no less an authority than J. Edgar Hoover points out. The head of the FBI says: "Our struggle with communism is more than that of a differing political system. The struggle is essentially religious. Communism attacks all forms of religion that base themselves on belief in God . . . Religious people must realize that communism is their great enemy."

· Communism destroys and denies every spiritual value. No church and no church member can temporize with it.

BIG BUILDING BOOM IN THE 60's

zA building boom in the 60's is assured and it's likely to be almost twice as big as the present one, says the Kiplinger Letter. Marriages are the major factor in the demand for new houses. Marriages now are at the rate of 1.5 million, yet they justify 1.3 million houses. In the early 60's, 1.8 million houses a year will be needed to accommodate the 2.1 million new marriages.

ONE OUT OF THREE WOMEN WORK

There are more working women today than ever before -21 million with paying jobs. Before the war only 27% worked, in 1955 36% did. At present 30% of married women are working, twice as many as in 1940. The number is rising. Women's jobs are plentiful and young couples need the money to lift themselves in living standards. On the national average, the pay for women's jobs has risen less than men's.

SO THE GUY WAS HOOKED AND HE JUST

HAPPENS TO BE MAKING A FEW BUCKS MORE THAN MADRILENE'S HUBBY-NOW

LISTEN TO CROWEENA TAKE IT BIG ...

Replained to A Parent Differ

-The Kiplinger Letter.

By Jimmy Hatlo

THE BOLL WEEVIL



Looking Back Over The Years

The Unagusta Manufacturing Company leases the Waynesville Furniture Co. plant at Hazel-

Close of Trade Jubilee brings 2,500 people to town,

Mrs. Carl Medford and Mrs. Wayne Rogers entertain with a quail dinner at the home of the

Miss Alice Stringfield, who has been motoring back and forth to Cecil's Business College in Asheville, plans to spend the greater part of her time in Asheville.

10 YEARS AGO

James B. Neal is general chairman of campaign to collect used clothing for shipment to war torn

James F. Albright receives discharge from Navy at Charleston,

Theresa Alley is elected president of the student body of Waynesville High School.

Sgt. Bill Swift reports to his post of duty at Camp Swift, Texas after furlough at home

5 YEARS AGO

Lucy Jones is named county superintendent of education as Jack Messer re-enters

B. W. Burnette celebrates 90th birthday

Mrs. Joe Liner entertains at a coffee hour honoring her mother, Mrs. Fred G. Lincoln of Toronto, Canada,

Mrs. S. C. Satterthwaite observes 93rd birthday.

Charlton "Pee-Wee" Davis is Student of the Week at WTHS.

Tid Bits

JUST TWO CLASSES

Children are getting so expensive only two kinds of people can afford them - the rich and the poor.-Greeley, Colo., Booster,

Someone asks us how we did hunting. Well, we just got two oak and behind in our work,

Manteea, Calif., Bulletin.

AND GETTING WORSE BEHIND

Civilization is the condition in ch one generation pays the generation's debt by issuing ds for the next generation to

My Favorite Stories

The little incident that occurred in Burlington recently brings back something that happened to Mark Twain while he was making humorous lectures all over the country.

It was in St. Louis, I believe, that Mark received a telegram notifying him of the death of his mother. The telegram was received just a few minutes before he was scheduled to go out on the stage. Naturally he was greatly

When he walked out on the platform he was greeted with an enthusiastic round of applause. Mark stood there, looking very

When quiet had been restored, he opened up his speech something like this: "My friends, I do not feel like

making a humorous talk this evening. I have just received news The crowd roared with laugh-

'You don't understand," said Mark, "My mother died this morning. More laughter

Mark finally realized that the audience thought he was trying

to pull some kind of joke, for which they did not intend to fall, so he gave it up and proceeded to make his talk A few weeks ago I was sched-

uled to make a talk at the ladies' night meeting of the Burlington Rotary Club. On the way over to the Alamance County capital, about six miles from my destination I saw a beautiful lady standing beside an automobile which was parked alongside the high-

I brought my car to a stop ome distance beyond her and then started to back up. The gear

She had a flat tire

ped my transmission and the car no obstacles removed. wouldn't move either forward or backward

At that very moment Paul Danial of Raleigh drove past. He stopped and asked me the trouble, I told him and he offered to take me in to Burlington. I had a State College boy riding with me at the time and he said he'd go back and help the lady with the

to wait until the afternoon of the following day.

The ladies' night meeting was a most enjoyable affair. There were about 150 folks present and everybody seemed to be having a wonderful time.

I was introduced after the meal and started out something like

"Ladies and gentlemen: I had a little accident on the way here this afternoon, Busted the transmission in my car and Cobb Motor Company says it won't be fixed until tomorrow afternoon, I'd like to get back to Raleigh tonight, so if there is any Rotarian here who can spare his car until noon - tomorrow, I sure would appreci-

made a mistake and put it in forward gear. When the clutch took hold, the car came to a sudden stop, buckled a little and then started moving forward. Then I found that I had strip-

When Paul and I got to Burlington I called up Cobb Motor Company and they promised to When I explained what had happened, however, they said it undoubtedly would be impossible to fix it that night and that I'd have

Letters to the Editor

HUNTERS AND TRESPASSERS

For several years quite

change has been taking place in Haywood County in the relationship between farm owners and hunters of wild game. Relatively few hunters own land on which to hunt, or suitable for hunting. This situation has been caused principally by the very large increase in the industrial, business and professional population interested in hunting, and the relative decline on the number of farmers and farms on which to hunt, Also the automatic guns and trained dogs make it so a group of hunters can soon destroy the wild game on a tract of land

Farmers living as far as fifteen or twenty miles from Hazelwood, avnesville, Clyde and Canton iuring the hunting season have to continually drive these hunters from his fields, if he keeps any ne at all, even though he has

is land posted, These hunting trespassers preed to think a farmer must have tice in every field; or he pre-

The trespassing hunters never seem to realize the game on the farm is the farm owner's property to use himself, if he wishes to do so. They do not seem to realize that trespassing to secure a farmer's quail and pheasants is the same principle as trespassing to secure his eggs or chickens. The farmer himself must repair the fences, pay the taxes, and help put out fires.

Farmers do not want to resort to "the law" against people. Some hunters readily take advantage of this. But has the time not come that those who own farms, who want to hunt, to use their own property themselves as they wish, must post their land, and prosecute trespassers?

I would like to mention the few hunters who come to the farmer's home, see that his land is posted, and leave without ask-ing to hunt. Or the one who can ask to hunt, and leave without showing a peeve when this per-

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Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

It doesn't seem possible:

That half of January has gone.

That so many people can use so many words and not say anything. That the aspen trees outside of our windows are already acquiring their Spring fuzz.

That the fence above that vacant lot on Main street hasn't caved in with so many people bracing themselves against it.

That a town the size of Waynesville should have so many up-to-

That a radio can jumble at exactly the intense moment and then clear off to a blare for the commercials. That the Christmas stampede was at full speed less than a month

That too many conversations have so many dotted I's,

Political mud slinging belongs in the slush fund.

It was Circle meeting time again and as the ladies gathered at Mrs. Abee's, each wondered if she might be the object of Little Mary's focused attention, But, wonder of wonders, there was no Little Mary on the scene. No one dared ask about her for fear that would bring on her presence.

The meeting progressed to a very satisfactory and serene conclusion and the ladies went to the bedroom for their purses and wraps, And there, very demure, sat Little Mary in a big chair. "Why, Mary," one of the ladies said, "we didn't know you were here." The little girl rose politely and replied: "Oh, yes, Mommie told me I must entertain myself this afternoon," she smiled broadly, "so I've been playing Bolivia." Her mother heaved a deep sigh of apprehension, and asked: "Bolivia?"

Little Mary was all eagerness to explain. "Yes, I emptied every lady's purse into one pile in the middle of the bed and then shuffled them all around the way Mommie does when she's playing." She hesitated for breath, then continued, "I counted out the things in even numbers and put them back in the purses. I was careful to see that every purse got the same number of things."

Heard in passing: "I can't say it warms me up much to stand ankle deep in snow and look at summer dresses in the store win-

Remember that old saying: "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country"? Well, it's time to get it out of storage, dust it off and hang it out in the wide open spaces. For the next nine-and-one-half months your banner will be torn to shreds by the hurricane force of voices raised in praise and discord. Indeed, there's a tough storm ahead and Heaven protect the poor sailors in the sea

Voyagers uncertain of their destination at the polling places, will find helicopters ready and eager to take aboard stranded voters and deposit them safely in front of a polling booth . . slipped out of its position while I direction the helicopter is going, Back slapping, hand shaking, flowery was looking through the rear win- phrases, and poetic bribery wrapped in cellophane will flood the nadow and, without turning around, tion. No one of voting age is safe from the barrage. Your mail box I pushed it back in again. But I will suddenly resemble the overstuffed davenport at Aunt Minnie's, and the price of newsprint will go up another notch. You'll answer the telephone with suspicion hanging on the cord and you'll open the door with the expectation of finding a Gallop exponent on your

Oh yes, faiends, this political race is going to be a fast one, with

Pretty, dainty little snowflakes. How much more you're worth, If you'd just stop falling Before you hit the earth

There was a flurry of laughter. "Oh, I'll take good care of it,"

I promised. More laughter, which I didn't exactly understand, But anyway, I proceeded to make my talk and

it went over pretty good. Then prizes, following which the meeting broke up. There were several Rotarians present whom I have known per-

sonally for a number of years. I expected at least one of them to offer me the use of his car, but nobody came forward. They told me that they had enjoyed the talk, and then they turned around and left for home

Practically everyone had gone except two or three people who were chatting in the lobby of the Alamance Hotel. Just as they were getting ready to leave, one of them turned to me and said: "By the way, Mr. Goerch, what was that gag about the transmission of your automobile?" "What do you mean-gag?" I noon.

"When you said that you wanted someone to let you have their car so you could drive it back to Raleigh. "That was no gag." I told him.

"It was an actual fact. I had car trouble on the way over here this afternoon and wanted to borrow a car so I could get back to Raleigh tonight. I've got an engagement in the office tomorrow morning and I wanted to keep it."

"Good heavens!" he exclaimed. "What's the matter?" I asked. "Why I heard at least fifteen

men say that they would be glad to let you have their car, but they figured that there was some kind of joke about the proposition, and they decided not to bite." And then he added ruefully:

"I'm afraid it's too late now, because they've all gone home." Which is why I spent the night at the Alamance Hotel and didn't get back to Raleigh until about

three o'clock the following after-

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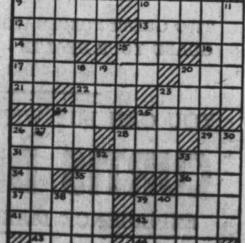
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