

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. —Ecc. 11:1.

Outlook For Smokies Is Encouraging

Officials of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are expecting 1956 to be one of their best years.

The indications of increased travel, plus the growing popularity of the Smokies presents an encouraging picture for this season.

The Smokies will get an increase of about \$45,000 in appropriations this year, according to the request of the budget bureau.

The bids on the construction of the final links of the Parkway into the Smokies were within the estimates of the engineers, which is an encouraging factor, in that it means actual moving of dirt will likely begin with the coming of warmer weather in the area.

These facts, together with the over-all program of the National Park Service in working towards completion of all park development by 1966 — the 50th anniversary of National Parks — gives reason to feel that things in the Smokies are definitely on the up-grade and looking more and more towards an era of attracting far more than the present 2,500,000 visitors each year.

The development of the Smokies, retarded by a depression and a global war, has at times been most discouraging to those of us who have lived right here under the shadows of the towering peaks. However, the prospects for the completion of the development program is much brighter, and we expect much greater, and we trust sooner, than even the most optimistic of us now realize.

Growth Of Western Carolina College Is Outstanding

The growth of Western North Carolina in the past few years sounds like a fantastic story of fiction.

The very fact that the enrollment has doubled in the past four years, and now stands at 1,020, is enough proof of the rapid changes that are taking place on the Cullowhee campus. Men make up 65 per cent of the enrollment, and women the other 35 per cent.

In spite of the increase in modern facilities, the college turned away some 200 young people last fall. Part of the blame for this was failure on the part of the General Assembly to provide for a new cafeteria. The present cafeteria is far from adequate, and each meal has to be served in three shifts, which is certainly not an ideal situation.

Many young people, according to Dr. Paul Reid, president, are being denied a college education because they cannot enroll at Cullowhee.

The increase of new roads into the area has meant that many students are commuting daily to their classes. As new roads are built, especially the link from Balsam to Sylva, it will mean additional students will enroll, provided facilities are available.

Among the bright spots on the horizon is the tentative approval of a \$475,000 cafeteria with federal funds under a self-liquidating program.

Nearing completion right now is the \$600,000 physical education and health center, which will seat 4,000 spectators. This is just one of several new buildings on the campus that is changing the skyline of the campus "on many hills."

Besides the physical improvements and

Views Of Other Editors

Tale Of Two Bears

Everyone seems to be interested in stories about the bears of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Dr. Sam Sullenberger of Dandridge learned a lot about them.

Flying in his little Piper Cub plane and taking pictures, Dr. Sullenberger crashed at the foot of

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Proposed Yellowstone Falls Lake A Unique Project

The proposal of a lake at Yellowstone Falls, just off the Parkway link between Wagon Road Gap and Beech Gap, has unusual merit.

The proposal is not new, and has been included in the long-range planning for a number of years, even when the Parkway link along the crest of Pisgah Range was first determined.

The lake at the 5,000-foot elevation would afford cold water for trout, that thrive in such waters. The fishing at that elevation, we are told, would be excellent, and would certainly attract many fishermen to the area.

The proposed site of the lake at that altitude would add to the natural scenic beauty of that area. By looking south one would look down into the very heart of Pisgah, and on across Looking Glass Rock into the valleys of Transylvania and Henderson. On the north would be 6,000-foot Cold Mountain towering above the clear blue waters of the proposed lake.

The construction of the lake affords some complication in that several governmental agencies would have to participate. However, all agencies are vitally interested in increased tourist travel, and we feel will work out the details for building the lake before too long.

The proposal certainly merits the serious consideration of all concerned. It gives promise of being a major attraction in the land of scenic beauty.

Warm Ice Is Worse Than Cold Ice, We're Told

Did you know that there is warm ice as well as cold ice?

Well, there is, and knowing it may save your life, the National Safety Council says.

Warm ice is a lot more slippery than cold ice, and greatly increases the hazards of winter driving unless you are using reinforced tire chains, the Council has found in actual skid tests on frozen lakes.

An ice cube when first taken from the freezer tray feels slightly "sticky," but the warmth of your hand quickly melts the surface and it becomes slippery. The Council says the same thing occurs on road ice or glazed snow when it is warmed by a daytime rise in temperature, a brief period of sunshine, or heavy traffic.

Such unexpected changes in the slipperiness of ice is the basic cause of many winter accidents, the Council believes.

Council tests show this relationship of temperature and traction: at 20 m.p.h. a car with regular tires skidded 114 feet at zero degrees, 155 feet at 10 degrees, 195 feet at 20 degrees, and a whopping 235 feet at 30 degrees (just below freezing).

Reinforced tire chains stopped the test cars in 77 feet on glare ice, and this distance was not affected by changes in temperature.

Frankly, we had never paid any attention to the difference in "warm" and "cold" ice. We just hate the thoughts of having to travel on either—even afoot.

additions, the college plans to expand the courses, which will in themselves, attract even more young people, which will mean more than 300 per year will be turned away unless additional buildings are erected.

Western Carolina College has already gone far beyond what many believed possible.

Highland Flings ..

By BOB CONWAY

Western North Carolina is a land of mountains, lakes, forests, and waterfalls . . . a land of so many scenic attractions that not even our old-timers have seen them all.

However, because of the rugged terrain of our mountain region, many of our very best scenic attractions are in hard-to-reach spots.

Because of this fact, people who like to get off the beaten track find it very difficult to locate many of our hidden highland treasures.

For instance, there are more than 100 impressive waterfalls in Western North Carolina, but how many have you actually seen?

Last summer we managed to get around to Looking Glass, Bridal Veil, Soco, Connestee, Linville, Glassmine, Crabtree Meadows, Yellowstone, Cullasaja, Towsaway, Pearson's Fall, and Dry Falls, but we had to do it the hard way.

Although most of these falls are shown on maps, when you get to the vicinity of the falls there seldom are any directional signs around. And, too frequently, people who live near falls can't give satisfactory directions to enable you to find what you're looking for.

Tourists certainly don't have time to play "needle in the haystack," and very few WNC residents have enough leisure hours to devote to aimless traveling around in search of "Lost Falls".

Because of the fact that so many people have voiced their frustration over being unable to find scenic spots, a campaign is now under way to mark our many attractions.

Sparked by Bill Sharpe, editor of "The State" magazine, Western North Carolina Associated Communities has proposed a program of erecting signs to lead people to places they might never find otherwise.

Beekman Huger, president of WNCAC, had this to say about the campaign this week:

"We believe that with the thousands of little known things in our mountains properly identified and accessible we can hold the hundreds of thousands of visitors now coming to our region for a much longer time.

"By giving them ideas of things to see as they travel along our highways they will stay longer, perhaps lingering a week or so more, at least several days, than originally planned."

And, he added, it is a way of educating our own homefolks who don't know the existence of many of these places.

Although the need for scenic-attraction signs probably is greater in such counties as Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson, and Macon than in Haywood County, there still is considerable room for improvement here.

Ned J. Tucker, executive vice president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, pointed out Wednesday that we need signs in town directing visitors to our two links of the Blue Ridge Parkway, to Pisgah Forest and Mt. Pisgah, Lake Logan, and other scenic attractions.

(Even such a well-known and easily accessible spot as Lake Junaluska is not mentioned on signs on major highways.)

Mr. Tucker added that the Chamber of Commerce and civic organizations could combine forces on a program to erect the signs needed.

(While they're at it, they might hang an arrow on the large sign on Main St. advertising the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This arrow would point down Depot St. and relieve tourists of the necessity of asking which way to turn on Main St. to get to the Smokies or to Cherokee.)

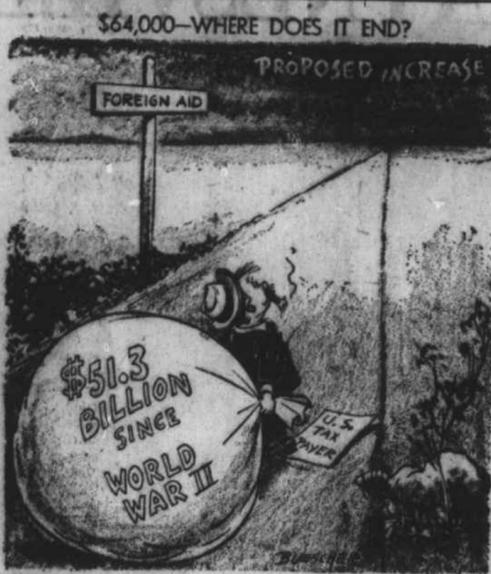
EXTENSION OF SCHOOL TERM ADVOCATED BY DR. CARROLL

A school term of 180 days net per year, with six hour sessions per day, is advocated by Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Dr. Carroll recommends that from five to ten days be added either at the beginning or the ending of the school term. This would facilitate, he says, the registration of students, distribution of books, planning of special programs, and "the many things for which teachers have to stop classroom instruction."

"This extended term would involve additional payment for teachers," Dr. Carroll said, "and in some places would require additional buses in order to transport pupils more efficiently."

Shopping sprees usually leave women pretty well spent — Wall Street Journal.



Looking Back Over The Years My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

20 YEARS AGO

Dr. Dudley W. Smith and his wife, Dr. Gladys Osborne, open offices here.

Miss Ruth Duckett passes State Nursing Board.

Mrs. Hugh Massie, Mrs. S. P. Gay, Mrs. W. L. Hordin, Jr., and Miss Grace Crocker motor to Asheville to see "Rose Marie".

10 YEARS AGO

M. H. Bowles heads Boy Scout adult membership drive.

Major H. L. Baughman heads Red Cross Roll Call Drive.

Rufus Scruggs receives discharge from the Navy at Camp Shelton.

Mrs. J. C. Crouser and Mrs. J. H. Bevridge are hostesses at shower honoring Miss Janette Burgin, bride-elect.

R. H. Prevost and W. H. Prevost return from bird hunt near Chester, S. C.

5 YEARS AGO

D. Reeves Noland is named "Man of the Year" by Waynesville Lions.

Troy Franklin returns to duty with the Navy.

Capt. John Williams is assigned duty as special military advisor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Leo Weill returns from short business trip to Paris.

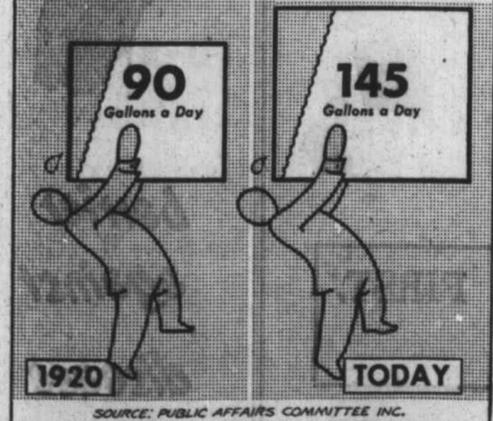
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cobb go to Tampa for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilbanks.

SAFETY IN SYNTHETICS

Her dress is rayon; her stockings nylon; her coat orlon. Nobody is going to pull the wool over her eyes.

—The Washington Post.

WE USE MORE WATER Per Capita Use in the United States



SOURCE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE INC. An AP Newsfeature Photograph

America by 1975 will be a land in which the water supply may be one of our most important problems.

The National Association of Manufacturers cites a report by Jack Barnes, consulting ground water hydrologist, on this matter. Mr. Barnes, who wrote the section on ground water resources for the President's Materials Policy Commission in 1952, said that water supply must be the most important factor affecting the location of industrial plants in 1975.

It is estimated that requirements for industrial use in that year may reach well over 200 billion gallons per day, nearly triple the estimated daily use of 80 billion gallons by manufacturers in 1950.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

A long-stemmed red rose by the plate of: "Blessed Event" in the current issue of Ladies Home Journal. The Mountain View Garden Club for condemning the useless and needless destruction of trees.

The Perry Como Show on television, something the whole family can appreciate.

The night illumination on Main street, which compares favorably with the larger towns.

The Lake Junaluska Assembly, whose close association with religion and neighborliness has been a great inspiration.

The First National Bank, for the warm and friendly atmosphere and the cordial greetings of the staff.

All the fashion magazines for their beautiful and eye-appealing illustrations.

Tragedy stalks all highways, usually the most brilliantly lighted.

Have you ever noticed how much faster one can go down hill? We are not referring to morals or morale but after getting over the hump of halfway. Now, all this preamble leads up to the fact that we have passed the half-way milestone of February, and the goal line of March is in sight. Of course, the remainder of the road may be pretty slushy, cold and slippery but, praise be, it will be on the down grade and faster.

March usually isn't anything to get exuberant about but it is thirty-one days in the right direction. At this point, though, our memory flips back to last March, the 19th to be exact, when the apple and peach crop dropped twenty degrees lower than the thermometer. But, even with that, March is beckoning to April.

As we said in the beginning, after we pass the middle of the month mark, we skid merrily the rest of the way.

Adversity is the "A" in life's report card. We make our grade on that.

The sun was warm and the soft air carried promise that Spring might be within "hollerin'" distance. One or two venturesome birds were twittering in their excitement, and the world was a beautiful place. A few brave buds of forsythia showed tiny spots of golden yellow and, by looking very closely, one might see the tiniest tint of green on guarded shrubs.

Everything being what it was, Uncle Mose deposited his huge bulk on the lower step and was sort of thinking that a short nap could be used advantageously. Mammy Jo could be heard humming in the kitchen and the appetizing odor of baking ham mingled with the fragrance of apple pies cooling on the table. Mr. Bossman was in New York and wouldn't be home until evening, so Uncle Mose was taking advantage of the moment. Slowly the sun got in its soothing power and the old colored man drifted off into the realm of sleep . . . and dreams. He found himself walking through a field of lilies and the air was filled with butterflies. He could hear the gentle whir of their wings. He decided he would sit down in this Eden.

Then he jumped up, yelling madly, and grabbed for his nose. This was reality and no idle dream. A passing hornet had the same idea that Spring had arrived and used Uncle Mose's nose for a landing field. As the old man mournfully nursed his fast swelling proboscis, he sadly went to Mammy Jo for comfort. But all he got was a hearty laugh and a sarcastic: "You'd better be glad you didn't get stung on the lower step!"

He who laughs last is the one who has the joke on himself.

PHONE DIFFERENTIAL advertisement showing a bar chart comparing telephone usage in 38% FARM and 82% URBAN areas. Includes source: CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

CROSSWORD puzzle with clues and a grid. Clues include: 1. Enormous, 2. Smooth and glossy, 3. Expression of sorrow, etc.