

# Wheels Brought Progress To Western North Carolina

By W. C. MEDFORD

The child before he can speak makes known that he wants a wheel. Then all through life the wheel serves him—and even after death!

Through the ages man has been concerned with the wheel — more than with any other one invention of man.

Because the wheel, since it was first pulled into battle has meant power—it carried instruments of war, generals, monarchs and kings!

The wheel with its auxiliaries, the horse, water, steam, electricity, gasoline, etc., has made men and nations. It has also unmade them, because, while it gave power and victory, conversely, it rendered defeat.

So, the wheel has always been the instrument or means (a good symbol we might say) of the growth, progress, achievement, rivalry and power of the peoples and nations of the world.

So much in general. Now, what has it meant to this immediate section of western North Carolina? Here there is no exception.

1. The white man's entrance and settlement here was made chiefly by means or use of the wheel.

2. The country was fed, furnished and stabilized in this way. Look how our forefathers worked to keep the wheels going—the cart and wagon wheels, spinning wheels and mill wheels! If these stopped, most everything stopped — even security and life itself might stop.

3. And lastly, this section was industrialized, mechanized and otherwise improved and cultured through the use or by means of the wheel.

### Wagon Wheels Came First

First came the carts and wagons through the Swannanoa gap and up via Spartanburg and Saluda. And along with these, the spinning wheel, a necessity in every home. Then came the water wheels for powering the grist and saw mills, both of which played such an important part in the subsistence, and development of our western North Carolina section.

The wheelbarrow was also a very necessary implement in those days, it was the fore-runner of horse-drawn scoop-pan and dump cart. Then came the clock, (first with wooden wheels) to replace the crude sun dial notched at the door step.

### 'Spring Wheels' and Mill Wheels

The spinning wheel, for example, in our early days played such an important part in the livelihood of the family, that when the first censuses were taken in North Carolina the enumerators were directed to get the number of 'spring wheels' and looms. (Spinning wheels were then called 'spring wheels').

So, Thomas Love, in his report to the census bureau for Haywood County in 1810 listed 632 spring wheels and 286 looms.

The first wheels to be called a 'carriage of pleasure' was the buggy. They first came into use in Haywood County about 70's. The owner of a 'carriage of pleasure' was taxed two dollars.

So, on it went — as time progressed, the wheel progressed. Wheel Wrights

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# Young Folks Study Plans For Marriage

AP Newsfeatures

Wedding bells still chime merrily for the under-19 group while parents quake at the thought of darling daughters meeting new responsibility.

Marriage is a serious proposition as even golden anniversary celebrants will admit. But happiness may be had by any intelligent young married couple.

The prescription is simple . . . Respect for your spouse is the first ingredient necessary to wedded bliss. That means quarrels belong in the home, if at all. Ditto criticism, and if it is given it should be constructive. No belittling of your man to others within or without his presence.

No one is perfect — good to remember when you become intolerant of one of your help mate's faults. If you can't resist the impulse to let off steam, meditate for just one moment on one of your own faults that might irritate him before you spout off.

Encourage him to family devotion instead of weaning him away from his sisters, brothers or even mother and father. Possessiveness can ruin a marriage.

If he enjoys a religion, different from yours, respect his point of view, rather than trying to get him to conform to yours.

Feed him to the best of your ability. Learn how to cook interestingly. Anybody who can read a cookbook should be able to concoct well-balanced tasty meals without too much hysterics.

Men are not necessarily neat (because their mothers picked up after them as children) so don't heckle him because he leaves his shoes in the living room occasionally.

Keep your home clean, neat and cheerful. If it is as stiff looking as a window display in a furniture

wheel going in these days, that there were wheelwrights. These men—of whom there were not many, were specialists in the making and repairing of mill wheels and mill rocks. They were journeymen and usually made their living by such work. But if they did not get around in time—and the mill rocks became unlevel or dull, or if any wheel needed repairing or replacing with a new wheel, and the owner could not do it himself—the wheelwright was sent for.

What a vast difference, what a wonderful change today! It would be beyond our means and ability to correctly enumerate the wheels of any sizable section of our country or even in some large industrial plants. Because "the wheels," since those days, have become so many in number, so intricate, and at the same time so powerful, that they are still our chief means of employment, subsistence and stabilization.

And, by the standards of the old days, I reckon we could certainly call the automobile of today a "carriage of pleasure".

# REDS IN WEST BERLIN CEREMONY



A DELEGATION of Red Army officers places wreaths on the Soviet war memorial in the British sector of West Berlin, about 400 yards away from the Russian zone, on the 38th anniversary of Red Army Day. This was the only place outside the Iron Curtain where the Communists celebrated the founding of their army. (International)

store, how can your man be comfortable?

Be a good hostess. Even a blase man likes to brag that his wife is a good cook and homemaker. Encourage him to bring his friends and business associates to the home.

Your good appearance is more important in holding your man than getting him in the first place. Make a regular routine of your beauty (without overdoing it) and no man should object to the time you spend at it.

Be interested in his work — whatever it is. Help him to surmount obstacles so that he might get ahead in whatever he wants to do.

When things go wrong offer sympathetic understanding instead of siding with his critics.

Jealousy can't exist in a happy home. Be mature and curb your tendency to be suspicious of his roving glance or of someone else's in his direction.

Cooperate on money problems. Keep within the budget you've set and help him to buy a new suit or shoes when he needs them even if you must scrimp.

Be selfless. You'll find it one of the keys to happiness, married or not—a better example to set for a selfish mate than heckling him because of neglect, inconsiderateness, unthoughtfulness.

Don't be one of those wives who sits waiting to see if her man is going to forget a birthday or anniversary. Rather, give a gentle hint a couple of days before, and save yourself the despair. You'll never know then whether he might have forgotten it and you can give him the benefit of the doubt.

A good memory never has been an indication of greater love anyway. Some people are more prone to sentimental gestures than others—that's all.

# Pvt. Parker To Leave For Duty In Germany

Pvt. Wayne E. Parker, 18, son of W. F. Parker, Route 3, Canton, is scheduled to leave the U. S. for Germany late in March as part of Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan.

His unit, the 25th Signal Battalion, now stationed at Fort Devens, Mass., is replacing the 40th Signal Battalion in Europe.

Pvt. Parker, a lineman in the 25th's Company C, entered the Army last October and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

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# Army Offering Three Options For Enlistees

Sgt. John D. Klutz, U. S. Army recruiting representative for Haywood County, said this week that three special options are temporarily available to men enlisting and reenlisting in the Regular Army. Men desiring overseas service with its excellent travel opportunities may elect direct assignment to the 8th Division which will depart for Europe in the near future. For those who prefer duty within the United States, the Army Anti-Aircraft Command is ideal. Men selecting the AAA not only have a choice of serving within a specific state, but may even name the city in which they will serve.

Prior service men enlisting or reenlisting within 90 days may select service at any post within the Third Army area. Acceptance for these assignments is guaranteed before you enlist. Men desiring further information may contact Sgt. Klutz each Monday and Thursday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the postoffice here in Waynesville or write for information to PO Box 828 in Asheville.

# Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, Mar. 6

- J. B. James 9:30-9:45
- Matt Davis 10:00-10:15
- C. H. Hill 10:30-10:45
- Troy McCracken 11:00-11:15
- Duckett's Store 11:30-11:45
- Crabtree-I. D. School 12:00-1:15

Friday, March 9

- WHITE OAK
- Robert Risner 9:40-9:50
- Sam Ledford 10:00-10:15
- Matt Teague 10:30-10:45
- Mrs. Edna Baker 11:00-11:15
- Joe Davis 11:30-12:00
- Norman Duckett 12:15-12:30
- Elbert Phillips 12:45-1:00

Dried cobra skins wrapped around head or throat are believed by the people of Morocco to relieve headaches or sore throat and the skins are rented by the day by medicine shops.

# Special Services To Be Held For A Week In Canton



DR. W. THOMAS SMITH

The Champion Y.M.C.A. Annual Religious Emphasis Week will start Sunday evening, March 11 with a Union Service to be held at Central Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m.

The series will continue twice daily at the Y.M.C.A. Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Special music will be furnished each evening by the choir of one of the local churches.

The speaker selected for the 1956 series of meetings is Dr. W. Thomas Smith, Director of Religious Life, Young Harris College and Pastor of Sharp Memorial Methodist Church, Young Harris, Ga. Dr. Smith attended Maryville College, received the Bachelor of Arts degree at Ohio Wesleyan University, Bachelor of Divinity at Emory University, and Doctor of Philosophy at Boston University.

Dr. Smith should be of particular interest to the young people because of his wide and varied experience in youth work. He has worked in this field in Maryville, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga.; Jerome, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; Alexandria, Va.; and Milton, Mass.

The Religious Emphasis week is held through arrangement with the Canton Ministerial Association and has the full sanction of this

# Carroll Bumgarner Is Aboard Carrier

Carroll L. Bumgarner, radioman seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dexter L. Bumgarner of Waynesville, Route 1, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga operating with the 8th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The carrier is scheduled to return to the U. S. in June.

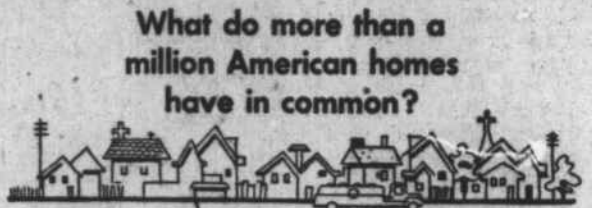
group. It is a Union Service designed for the cooperation of all local churches.

This program is under the direction of the Y.M.C.A. Religious Work Committee composed of: Mrs. J. R. Westmoreland, Dr. V. H. Duckett, Clay Pegram, Edwin Haynes, G. C. Suttles, and George Howard Trostel, chairman.

# EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executors of the estate of Eugene Willis Gudger, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before the 5th day of March, 1957 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 5th day of March, 1956. Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and Elizabeth Quinlan, Executors of the Estate of Eugene Willis Gudger, deceased. 2621—M 5-12-19-26 A 2-9



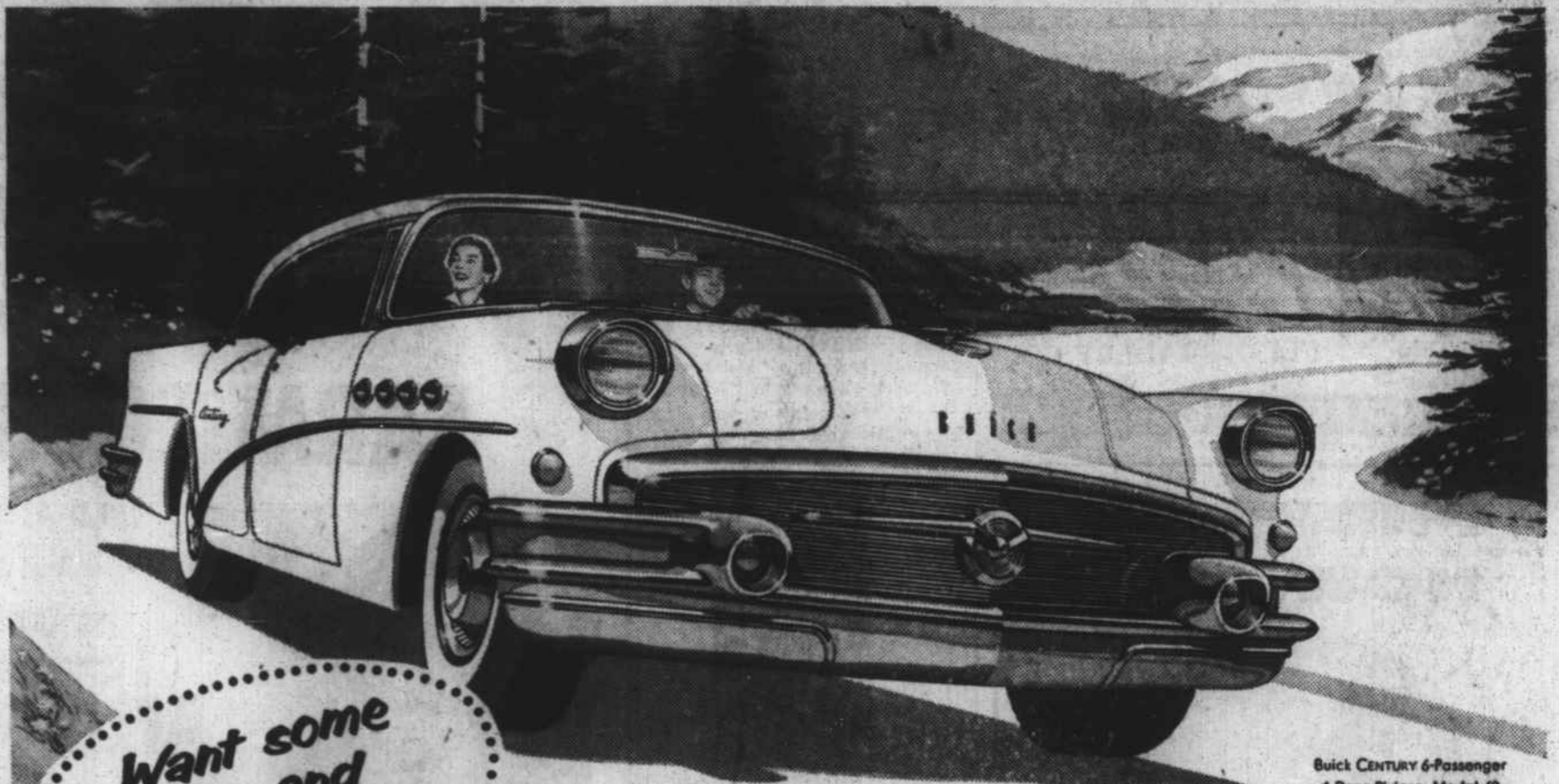
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