

But the Lord said to David my father, forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart.—1 Chron. 17:16.

Our thoughts are heard in heaven. — Young.

Editorial Page of the Mountaineer

Haywood Doubly Blessed By Smoky Park

It's "Happy Birthday" this week to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with Tuesday marking the 30th anniversary of Congressional legislation dedicating the area for park purposes.

However, it would be pointless to invite Haywood Countians to any special celebration since for those thirty years, as the Park has been opening up to a greater and greater extent, we have been enjoying a party with Old Smoky as host.

People are often inclined to measure the Park in terms of a tourist attraction; and it is true that it is the greatest lure of visitors hereabouts. Last year more than two-and-a-half million people visited the Park, and for some years past attendance has been higher than that in any other national park in the entire country.

But Haywood County residents are fortunate in that not only does the Park bring visitors and a consequent influx of dollars, but also it is, so to speak, right in our own back yard where we can enjoy its recreational and educational facilities without having to travel across a continent.

Like to go picnicking? Campgrounds offer fireplaces, pure water and other conveniences to make "roughing it" easy.

Like to fish? Six hundred miles of trout streams tumble through its coves. Like to see black bears? There's plenty, and they're interesting if you keep your distance in order to keep your health.

Like to hike or ride horseback? Another 600 miles of trails give you a choice of easy strolls to work off that picnic lunch or strenuous climb.

Like spotting trees, flowers, birds? The Smokies contain 130 species of native trees, 1300 flowering plants, over 200 kinds of birds.

Like to absorb history? Pioneer buildings are preserved, where history comes to life.

Like to stand atop a mountain and release your petty burdens into the hands of the Creator? The Smokies are waiting for you.

Graduation Time Again

This week, and next, will see many young Haywood students receiving their high school diplomas. This is a joyous occasion, and another milestone along the pathway of life.

Many of them will prepare themselves for a college education, while others will enter the business world or homemaking.

The manner in which they spent their time in grammar and high schools will determine to a great extent their adjustment and success in college or the world.

There are many graduates every year who regret they did not take advantage of more of the opportunities afforded them in school. But that time has passed, and now they can only take advantage of more things that present themselves in the future.

We have noted that with students, and many people in the business world, they do not have the least conception of the value of time. If the graduates learn nothing more, let them remember that time is valuable. Do not waste it, ever.

ONLY TIME CAN TELL

One and all agree that the world is in a ferment. Only time can tell whether the end result will be champagne or vinegar.

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The thousands of miles of smooth-paved roads in this country usually lead to other roads full of cracks and ruts.

VIEWS OF OTHER EDITORS

Flat Acreage Cuts Just Aren't Fair

When an acreage cut is called for, a flat reduction for all seems logical; but is it fair? The man with 100 acres can stand it, but the man with only seven acres is impoverished.

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'Good Deeds Are Hard To Hide'

Jackson County turned out to give "royal welcome" to officials of the Mead Corporation visiting the recently expanded Sylva plant last week. The Sylva Herald editorializes: "The people of Jackson County are proud of Mead, their principal industry. It was a fortunate day for Jackson County when back in 1927 Mead began . . . making paperboard."

The Herald points out that the operation is "a story of continued progress and expansion, with the greater portion of the story of progress appearing in entries of the past 10 years."

Like our industries in Haywood County, the Mead Corporation has expanded far beyond its original operations and at the same time has taken a keen and friendly interest in the welfare of its neighbor communities.

"Mead has proven to be one of the top industries in the nation in its progressive methods, public relations, benefits, and dealings with its employees, and its unselfish and helpful interest in all the civic and progressive movements in the communities in which it operates," the Herald continues. "This means that there is a higher standard of living throughout Jackson County because of this concordant relation."

Haywood County, with its own industries in mind, can echo the Herald's conclusion: "The things that Mead does for the various communities and the people of Jackson County are seldom told, which is as the corporation desires, but good deeds are hard to hide and they live long in the hearts and minds of the people affected."

The Importance Of Voting

Predictions for Saturday's vote was placed at 5,000 here today by political observers.

The light vote is based on the small county ticket, and the general lack of interest in the state ticket, except in a few instances.

This prediction of a light vote is not encouraging. We hasten to say we agree that the prediction is correct, but mean that the lack of interest on the part of voters in naming candidates for office is not for the good of the county and state.

Four years ago, in an "off-year" election, there were 17 candidates on the county ticket, and 6,900 votes were cast. This year there are seven candidates on the county ticket for two offices — that of representative and one place on the school board.

The matter of a light vote is of grave concern to national leaders and already a campaign is under way to get out a heavy vote in the general election in November. You will recall four years ago in the general election when a hard campaign for "Get Out and Vote" was staged, the results were overwhelming.

One often hears that "their vote won't be missed". But the records show that the switch of one vote in every precinct would have changed the outcome in New York State in 1954.

Saturday is the time to start — get out and vote.

IMMORTAL

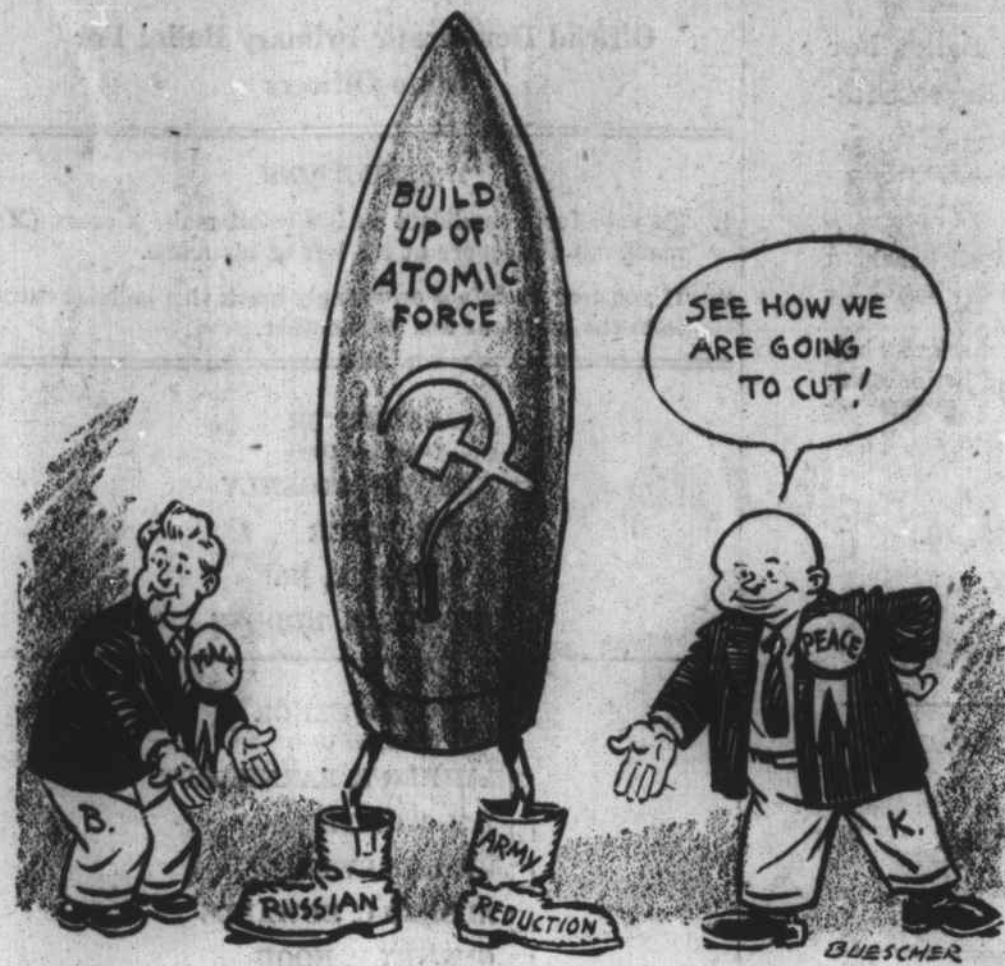
The hen is also an immortal: Her son never sets.—Bainbridge Mainsheet.

BAFFLED

The world's most baffled scholar is the one who has looked through all the books in economics, trying to find a practical solution to the problem of wages and prices.

—Boston Globe.

LOOK WHAT'S STEPPING INTO THE VOID



Folksy Little Book Tells About The 'First' Smathers

THE LAST PIONEER

By Frank Smathers Glade House

Those who knew the glories of The Turnpike Hotel and those to whom it is a legend, will find keen pleasure in reading "The Last Pioneer of Western North Carolina" written by Frank Smathers and published by the Glade House, Coral Gables, Fla.

The book adds personal interest from the fact that Judge Frank Smathers is a well known native of Haywood County and retains his home here where he and his family spend the summers.

All through the book, he pictures the past so realistically that the reader feels he has ridden on that little train and been deposited in the welcome presence of the genial hospitality of Turnpike Hotel. The reader also enjoys the friendliness of "Colonel" John C. Smathers and Mrs. Smathers, the grandparents of the author. The double tiered verandahs facing the railroad and the towering mountains assume a reality that is warmly responsive. The heavily laden tables that provided so generously for the inner man are so firmly established that the odor of frying chickens and roasting of beef is carried on the delightful aroma of the past into the present era.

John Charles Smathers was born near Canton in 1826, and died at Turnpike July 21, 1918, after a full life of energetic work and warm consideration for others. Truly, he was "The Last Pioneer of Western North Carolina," a title bestowed upon him by Wilma Dykeman in her book, "The French Broad". This book contained this paragraph which so aptly puts into words the character of Mr. Smathers: "Sixteen miles west of Asheville, at the head of Hoviny Creek, lived a man named John C. Smathers who impressed travelers from other parts of the country with the fine versatility of his office and accomplishments."

The glories of Turnpike Hotel have gone into the mists of yesterdays, but the memory of John Charles Smathers, "The Last Pioneer of Western North Carolina" will continue on throughout the years.

Judge Smathers has given a truly realistic "flash-back" of those early days when life was what one made it by hard work and earnest endeavor. The results show in the splendid characters of those who followed in the footsteps of the hardy pioneers of that generation.

Frances Gilbert Frazier.

Editor's Note.—The following review was written by Howard Van Smith and published in the Miami Daily News.

Not all Miamians know it but Judge Frank Smathers, who incidentally is the father of the U. S. Senator, is something of a writer. One of his stories in the past appeared in Readers Digest. Now he has written in short book form the story of one of those really rugged and able Americans we like to think of as Americans back before the century's turn.

Of course they didn't entirely, although it does seem that in instances such as this we reared a rare and powerful breed of man

who morally was as strong as he was financially and otherwise. Such a man certainly was John C. Smathers of Turnpike, N. C., the forebear of many Smathers who have attained fame since his time. Most of this book deals with his two-day 50th wedding anniversary party. In the background it also deals with the man, and by the time you are through there is no doubt.

Judge Smathers (and this time we mean the writer and not his forebear, has a very "folksy" style. In fact, he makes you wonder what he could do with fiction, for he can delineate character with the smallest (but perfectly chosen) anecdote. He also has a great penetration and appreciation of the human machine.

But let's admit he had a remarkable man to work with. On page 15, or starting thereon, we quote some of the occupations of John C. Smathers. And this incidentally is a quote from another source, "John C. Smathers," it reads, "was a good rock and brick mason, carpenter, shoemaker, tinner, painter, blacksmith, plumber, harness and saddle maker, candle maker, farmer, hunter, storekeeper, bee raiser, glazier, burcher, fruit grower, hotelkeeper, merchant, physician, punter, lawyer, Bible scholar and stable man."

That "stable man" is probably the understatement of the year in which it was made. "This kind of guy," you are apt to say when finishing this book, "they just don't grow anymore." He's Americana—the kind of America we like to think we had—and, come to think of it, if there were men like him around, I guess we did.

Letter To Editor

GREAT BRITAIN INDICTED

Editor, The Mountaineer:

The following editorial from the Atlantis, a Greek newspaper published in New York, will, I am sure, be of unusual interest to readers of The Mountaineer.

C. A. George.

Greece has indicted Great Britain last week for crimes against humanity. The attention of the United Nations and the Council of Europe was drawn on the atrocities and cruelties committed by the British forces and authorities against the civil population of Cyprus.

In enforcing their repressive policies and measures, the British Colonial Office and the British government are responsible for very serious crimes such as the German Nazis and the Japanese imperialists perpetrated during the last World War. The institution of the rule of "collective responsibility" is one of these major crimes. . . . The civil population is being held responsible for actions of a local resistance movement generated by British domination forcibly imposed against the will of the overwhelming majority of the people.

"Collective responsibility" is not only contrary to elementary standards of morality and human decency, but it also represents in terms of international law a punishable crime. Having been practised by the "Nazis" and the "Fascists," its abolishment was

Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Miss Susie Fisher becomes bride of Robert Trammell.

Mrs. B. J. Sloan entertains DAR Chapter at Blink Boonie.

Master Noble Garrett, Jr. spends several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody.

Martin Electric Co. is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Miss Queen Justice, Miss Frances Rose, Norman Plot, and Richard Queen are graduated from Brevard College.

10 YEARS AGO

D. F. Whitman is new commander of the American Legion Post.

Miss Patsy Gwyn is a member of the May Court at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Lt. Jack Richeson is home on 10-day leave after 17 months overseas.

Dorothy Martel is named editor of St. John's School yearbook, "Mountain Echoes".

Cpl. Charles Way is promoted to Technician/4 while serving in the Philippines.

5 YEARS AGO

Miss Fannie Howell is bride of Furman Stinnett.

Miss Edna Leigh Callahan is engaged to Robert H. Gibson, Jr.

Mary Jane Rogers is winner of annual speaking contest sponsored by the Waynesville Woman's Club.

Waynesville Mountaineers end baseball season with victory over Cullowhee.

proclaimed by the Allies during the second World War as representing one of their major purposes.

President Roosevelt in a message on October 25th, 1941, stated this: "Civilized peoples long ago adopted the basic principle that no man should be punished for the deed of another." Now, this "basic principle" is being flagrantly violated every day, every minute by British colonialism operating in Cyprus. Villages and cities are heavily fined, individual and family property of innocent people is heavily damaged or destroyed, long-lasting curfews are imposed on extensive areas, family life and privacy are not respected, mass expulsion of families from their homes is ordered overnight, etc. etc.

Furthermore, the British authorities committed in Cyprus and many crimes against humanity.

The concept of "crimes against humanity" had been formulated in the preamble of the Hague Conventions (1897). Since then it has evolved and was adopted in the Nuremberg Charter. Indo-

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Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The ladies of the Busy Bee sewing circle had looked forward with interest to their next meeting . . . until they learned it had been transferred to Mrs. Abee's because of the illness of the other hostess. A wave of apprehension floated over the group as they gathered but this fear was dispelled when one lady timidly inquired as to Little Mary's whereabouts and learned that she had gone to a movie.

But the ladies evidently didn't know Little Mary. She didn't like the picture, had walked out on it and come home. She circulated among the guests, giving bits of instruction here and bits of destruction there. Finally she stopped in front of Mrs. Ceegee who was regaling the ladies with a recital of her ailments, of which she always had a talkative supply.

"Do you know," Mrs. Ceegee was saying, "my doctor has taken salt completely out of my diet. Not even a tiny little grain." Little Mary, hands clasped behind her back, gazed quizzically at Mrs. Ceegee, then said slowly: "That's funny. Mommie told Mrs. Bebee that everything you salt should be taken with a grain of salt."

Heard in passing: "I don't think I want one of those push-button automobiles. Suppose you lost the button."

We have just finished reading Judge Frank Smathers' book entitled: "The Last Pioneer of Western North Carolina," which gives a splendid characterization study of his grandfather's life. This gentleman was John Charles Smathers, owner and proprietor of the famous Turnpike Hotel.

Turnpike Hotel was, in its day, THE summer resort hotel of the mountains, as well as the stopping place for the touring and traveling public. The train, which obligingly stopped in front of the hotel, would wheeze in relief (as did the passengers) when it finally found the rails on terra firma after having just crossed the trestle which seemingly was held up by faith alone. That trestle, by the way, is still functioning in the same able manner as in those days of competition with ox-carts and covered wagons.

One gets hungrier by the minute while reading the book as he visualizes the tables groaning with fried chicken (by the dozen), ham, roast beef and all the trimmings that went with a hearty meal of that day. It was no place for dieters, we can assure you.

It is a delightful little volume and carries one pleasantly back to those days when the few luxuries were attained the hard way, and life was lived for the sheer pleasure of living.

The more formidable the task looks from the beginning, the more simple it seems when completed.

Blood Means Life

To Accident Victims



Each year accidents run up a huge toll across the nation. More than 90 times as many Americans were injured in accidents during 1952 as were wounded during the 3 years of the Korean war. A large number of accident victims suffer shock, amputations, or other serious injuries, and their survival depends on prompt use of human blood to help them. Often they receive serum albumin before reaching the hospital. It could be you, the child next door, or the neighbor across the street who will need blood this year. Give blood — give an accident victim an extra chance for survival.

Call your Red Cross chapter to learn when and where you can give blood.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1. Tatters, 5. Reality, 9. Send forth, as rays, 10. Genus of the lily, 11. Platforms, 13. Biblical name, 15. Measure (Chin.), 16. Observes, 18. Resort, 19. Fortify, 21. Cooking directions, 23. Skin, 26. Larva of an African worm, 28. Sailor, 29. A woman's garment, 32. Snarers, 35. Devices to determine direction (naut.), 37. Solar deity (Egypt.), 38. Cuckoo, 39. Troubles, 41. Music note, 42. Frison (Eng.), 44. Sounds, 46. Parson birds, 48. Entreaty, 49. Anglo-Saxon serf, 50. Clarity. DOWN: 1. Go to bed, 20. Agreeable to the ear, 22. Man's name, 24. Noisy, 27. On the ocean, 29. Boast, 30. Crescent-shaped, 31. Ireland (var.), 33. A menace (var.), 34. Prosecutes judicially, 36. Spills over, 40. Fodder vat, 43. Lineal (abbr.), 45. Varying weight (Ind.), 47. Southeast (abbr.).