

Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the lame to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.—Matthew 15:31.

The miracles of earth are laws of heaven, Jean Paul Richter.

**Tight Enforcement Pays**

The spotlight of highway safety will be turned on brighter for the next few days, pointing to the Fourth of July holidays, than at any other time of the year. It is appropriate and timely that attention be focused on highway safety because of the growing casualty list across the nation.

Safety experts have thus far failed to find a solution to the problem other than a careful driver.

We are in accord with the recent editorial of the Christian Science Monitor captioned "Tight Enforcement Pays," as they dealt with the approaching holiday and how the Governor of Connecticut has successfully staged a campaign to combat speeding. The editorial reads as follows:

"July 4 this year comes on a Wednesday. The holiday, therefore, does not bring about automatically a long weekend for almost everybody. But somebodies—doubtless a good many of them—will 'take off' Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday and fabricate a very long weekend. They and the multiple millions for whom Independence Day is a holiday 'by right' will likely swarm along the highways.

"The National Safety Council and the International Association of Chiefs of Police join in emphasizing that appeals to drivers must be coupled with strict enforcement of the laws to curb accidents on the nation's roads. In fact, they say that only an intensive 'crack-down' can meet an oncoming emergency such as a current summer holiday presents.

"To continue such an effort throughout the year would place a considerable strain on manpower and public treasuries. But it can be continued at least in degree. Connecticut's experience is cheering. In the three months since Governor Ribicoff instituted a campaign against speeding and reckless driving the state has been able to report not only a 15 per cent decrease in highway fatalities but also that it was necessary to arrest 765 fewer speeders.

"Thus firm enforcement both cut the toll of bad driving and eliminated quite a little of the bad driving itself."

**Haywood Entwined With Telephone Lines**

It was only a few years ago that telephone service in Haywood County was confined largely to Waynesville, Hazelwood, Canton, Clyde and those citizens along the main highway connecting the four incorporated towns. To place a call from Canton to Waynesville necessitated getting long distance, plus the added charge for the toll at the end of the month.

Today workmen are stringing wires into the last community in Haywood County at present without phone service—White Oak. This project, costing almost \$8,000, is scheduled to be completed within a few weeks and will come shortly on the heels of the \$25,000 program of tying the Balsam area into our telephone system here.

Now it is possible for a person in any part of Haywood County from Max Patch to Balsam, Cove Creek to Cecil, Morning Star to Socco Gap, to talk by phone just by the simple dialing of a number.

It is true that there are some sections that are served by party lines that present a problem at times, but the fact remains that every area in Haywood County is connected by phone, and the attitude of the company is to consistently improve the service in every way possible.

This phase of progress in Haywood County has come about so gradually that many of us have taken it for granted, but it should be remembered it is one of our major and essential conveniences.

**Views of Other Editors**

**Cold Feet**

Everybody, Philco Corporation says, has cold

**Bradley Qualified To Head Recreation Commission**

The Mountaineer is happy that Richard Bradley has assumed the chairmanship of the Recreation Development Commission for this community, and has working with him such an excellent and energetic Board of Directors.

Bradley is an efficient young businessman who has given freely of his time and energy as President of the Chamber of Commerce for the past 18 months. It can be assumed that he will be just as energetic in administering the affairs of the Recreation Commission and seeing that the program is expedited as fast as possible just as he has the Chamber of Commerce and other civic projects.

Bradley and his Board of Directors are well aware that they have a big job on their hands but they delight in the fact that it is a job that needs to be done and done immediately, and one that is long overdue. They also have the assurance that this community is solidly behind them in their endeavors to create a modern recreation center.

The election of Bradley and the Board of Directors is another definite step forward in our recreation program.

**Haywood Dairymen Stay Modern**

Haywood dairymen launched the initial Community Development Program in Haywood County a number of years ago when they joined wholeheartedly in a modernization program and created for themselves Grade A dairies with all modern facilities. The records and achievements of Haywood dairymen are well known and have been cited time and time again throughout the state and the South.

Now comes the news that Haywood dairymen are again launching another progressive program as they go into the bulk milk tank project. This project, although expensive, will be the first in this area of its kind—showing the progressive outlook and leadership of Haywood dairymen.

The investment, we are told, will average about \$1700 per dairyman, but will give them additional facilities that will help them meet the rising cost of production and also turn out a higher quality of milk.

Part of the program includes inauguration of bulk tank transport trucks to pick up the milk from farms out of the dairymen's bulk tank and haul it direct to the processing plants.

This program will mean less handling of the milk, doing the job quicker, more efficiently, and we believe, more profitably for the dairymen.

**Assembly Bringing Outstanding Programs**

Every year the program at Lake Junaluska Assembly brings many of the outstanding speakers of the nation to its platform. This weekend and for the remainder of this week—in fact for the remainder of the season, the platform will be occupied by noted speakers.

Yesterday and through Wednesday, both morning and evening, the platform is being shared by Dr. Conway Boatman and Bishop John Branscomb. One only has to hear either of these speakers once to want to hear him often. We in this community are indeed fortunate in having come to us such programs as are afforded by Lake Junaluska.

feet. Tests show that people's feet are some seven degrees colder than the rest of the body. The rule applies equally to Arthur Murray, ladies with fashionable shoes and policemen on the beat.

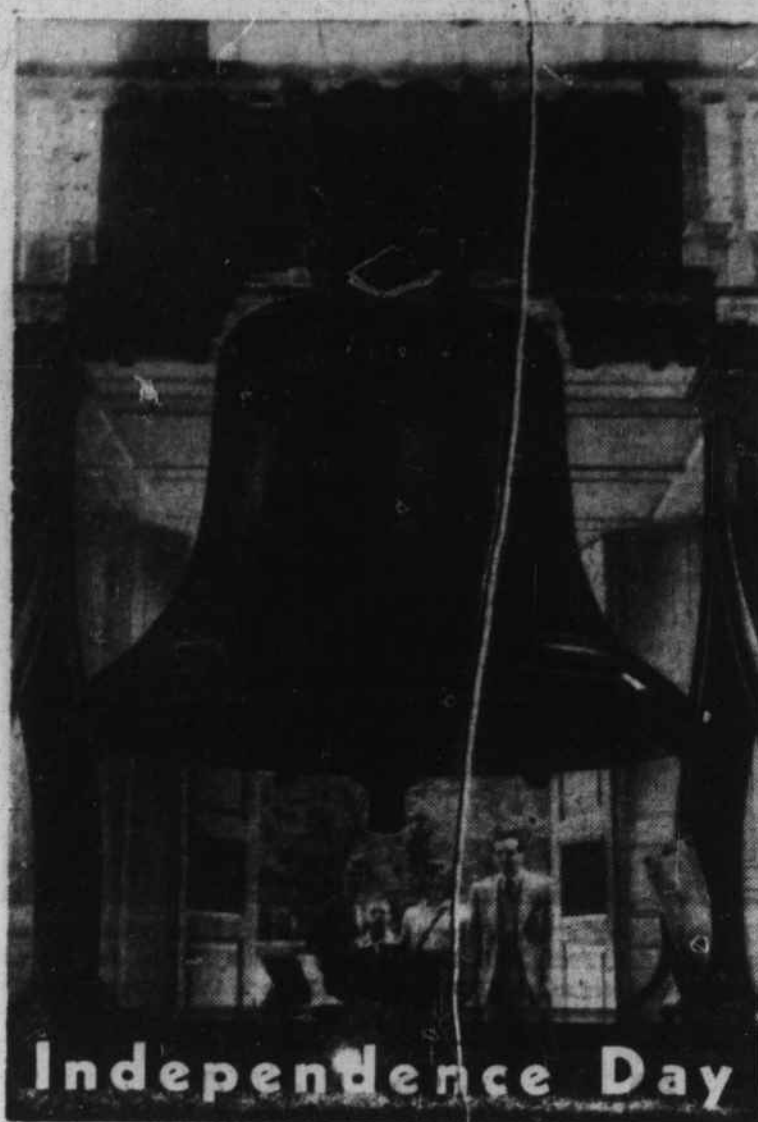
Just why this should be is hard to say. Physiologists think it's because the feet are so far from the heart. Moralists say it's because men have feet of clay. A sensible man can spend all his life with his feet on the ground, an ambitious one with his best foot forward and a politician putting his foot in it; it doesn't matter. They're all equally cold. Especially at night in bed.

Right there's where Philco plugs in. The company has invented an electric blanket which snaps around the bed and provides more power to keep the feet warmer than the rest of you. No more pillows on your feet. No more hot water bottles. No more extra sock at night. Well, even though for a quarter century of married life it hasn't been the coldness of our own feet that has bothered us, this is glad news indeed.

So far as it goes. But what's Philco going to do about the unexpected call from the internal revenue bureau? Or the parking ticket under the windshield? Or the call saying you're overdrawn at the bank?

A two-temp blanket is a very fine thing, but it's really only a starter on cold feet.

—The Washington Post.



**A Trip To The Liberty Bell**

By FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER Staff Writer

Every one was talking at the same time, excitement ran rampant and it seemed to the six young people that the train would never get out of the station. Fourth of July had always been a great day for celebrating but this special one would eclipse all the others that had gone before. The mothers were almost as excited as their charges but they managed to hold their enthusiasm in check.

Finally the train gave a convulsive shudder and then slid smoothly out on the polished rails. They were on their way to Philadelphia, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

Realizing fully the importance of the event, the group solemnly entered the portals of Independence Hall the following morning and stood in reverent silence before the bell that, on July 8, 1776, rang out in proclamation of the Declaration of Independence, which had been adopted in its final form of July 4 preceding. The visitors examined the famous crack which had been twice mended but which cracked for the third time, by strange coincidence, on July 8, 1835 as it was tolled when the body of Chief Justice Marshall was being taken from Philadelphia to Virginia, his native state.

The group listened attentively as the director of the tour explained that the huge bell is 12 feet in circumference around the lip; seven feet, six inches around the crown; three feet from lip to crown; two feet, three inches high over the crown; three inches thick at the lip; one and one-fourth inches thick at the crown, and weighs 2080 pounds. They also learned that the bell remained in the tower of the State House (Independence Hall) until September 18, 1777 when it was taken to Allentown, Pa., where it was concealed beneath the floor of a church to prevent its capture by the British. It was returned to Independence Hall June 27, 1778, where it has remained since.

Even after the party was settled on the train for the return trip home, the memory of what they had seen and heard still held them in a silent embrace. The many years since that day when the bell had rung out its glorious news of liberty had perfected a unity that would stand shoulder to shoulder against any aggressor that might come to disrupt the peace that had been won by men and blood; the liberty for which men have gone out and fought, never to return, still gives the freedom of speech, religion and pursuit of happiness. And for this freedom, men may go on and fight but will ride home triumphant and though the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall may not ring out the tidings, other bells will carry the glad news.

So, on this Fourth Day of July, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-six, let us stop for a minute to say a prayer of gratitude for the blessings that liberty has brought to us, and a supplication that the Liberty Bell may always be ready to ring out its deep-toned jubilate of freedom that may be heard around the world, and in which all peoples can join.

Hand over heart, with head held high,  
We greet our flag, Long may it fly,  
Emblem of peace, of faith and pride,  
We stand by you whate'er betide.

**-FEEDING THEM**

Now is the time to start gardening in earnest. After all, the bean beetles and other insects have got to have something to eat.—Elkin Tribune.

Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, retired, head of the wartime atomic project: "Russia's (atomic) stockpile is large enough that nobody in his right mind will start a war with her."

**Looking Back Over The Years**

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Bank deposits show increase of \$141,000 over same period last year.  
Reuben S. Coman celebrates 80th birthday at his home on Newfound Heights, Canton.

Miss Margaret Terrell goes to Columbia University, New York for special summer study.

Miss Betsey Lane Quinlan is hostess at contract party at Prospect Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers leave for vacation in Philadelphia, Atlantic City, and New York.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
J. C. McKinley is named plant manager of Dayton Rubber Co.

Lt. Col. Harry Crawford returns to the States after four years spent in the European Theatre.

The Stubbs Family holds reunion at Lake Junaluska.

Survey shows apple crop is cut 35 per cent by cold weather in June.

Miss Ruth L. Harris, missionary to the Philippine Islands, addresses Adult Department of First Baptist Church.

**Letters To Editor**

Editor, The Mountaineer:

In view of the fact that this swimming pool project is a community development proposition, I submit the following to you:

I will be glad to furnish and install any fixtures required in the rest rooms at the proposed swimming pool on the following basis:

I will be glad to furnish and install all fixtures, including supplies and drain, at exact cost plus 10 per cent. The 10 per cent will cover the use of the truck and tools. I will also be glad to give you an estimate of what the job will cost prior to installation.

I will be glad to submit all invoices so that you or anyone responsible may see exactly what we are doing. I will also furnish bond at my expense.

Very truly yours,  
Hyatt Plumbing Company  
C. David Hyatt.

**A SURE TOURIST ATTRACTION**

Editor, The Mountaineer:

This letter is intended for Curtis Russ, Jonathan Woody, and all other newspaper editors and civic minded people of the Western Carolina mountains area. I think that the suggestion I make here should be of vital interest to all of Western North Carolina, and possibly some part of Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky, and of real interest to all of the United States.

I suggest the establishment some where in Haywood County—and preferably in Maggie Valley, where it naturally belongs—of what I will call a Panoramic Mountain Museum, depicting life in the raw in this mountain country, at least as far back as the beginning of the 18th century; a full 200 years would be better. The idea is not to establish a two-bits nonprofit museum to be operated by some local club, or clubs.

The idea is the formation of a stock company that could really do something big, and realize substantial revenue from the venture. The initial setup should be planned to cover an area of at least ten acres, and expand to 30 or more acres, which is nowhere near the size of the scope of the idea. Such a museum would be of great historical and educational value, and preserve the frontier for posterity. It could have the pulling power of both the National Park and the Indian Reservation, since it would operate the year round.

If this tourist-conscious community really wants something close at hand to attract tourists and make money at the same time, this could be it. It could soon become a must on the itinerary of all people entering the area at any time of year, for any reason.

An amusement stock company—I've met and talked with four of its members, those in charge of the work at Cherokee—have leased from O. B. Saunooke, several acres just below Saunooke's place at the upper end of Cherokee, across the river from the highway, for what was described as: "A million dollar Panorama of the Cherokees. (This was the germ of the idea presented here.) Although it will, in fact, be historical and educational, its main purpose is to furnish amusement and entertainment. It will be along the lines of Madam Tussaud's Wax Works in London.

The Cherokee Panorama will not be called a museum. Parking for the Panorama will be adjacent the highway, and access to it will be two swinging foot bridges across the river, one way traffic. Admission is to be \$1 for adults and 25c for children 6 to 12 years.

If a thing of this kind can be worth \$1,000,000 at Cherokee, and I was assured that it will represent a \$1,000,000 investment and pay for itself in five years. The Panoramic Mountain Museum which I suggest could eventually be worth \$10,000,000. It would, of necessity, have to start compar-

**5 YEARS AGO**  
Thirty-four 4-H Club members leave for Denton, Tex.

William L. Howell returns to Highland Park, Mich., after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell.

Miss Edna Callahan is bride of Lt. Robert H. Gibson, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Way and their son of Richmond, Va., arrive for visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Way.

Ralph Prevost is installed as president of the Rotary Club.

**Rambling 'Round**

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

**FOURTH OF JULY.** A wave of memories comes sweeping down from bygone days! Up at daybreak and with a dozen or more bunches of firecrackers and a lighted "punk," out to join the gang in our big back yard. We can't remember that we had giant crackers, perhaps we weren't allowed to have them! Only the little finger length red ones. We remember we would the two or three of these little fellows together, put them under a can, lift the can and cautiously light one, drop the can and run like the mischief to a safe distance.

About ten o'clock we might join a huge crowd and get on the excursion boat that made a trip down the St. Johns River to Mayport. The men and boys usually went off to the jetties to fish while the rest of us stayed on deck, sang patriotic songs, played games and watched the white-crested surf roll in just beyond the jetties. Then there were other Fourth's when we spent the afternoon of the festive day on a momentous 18-mile train trip to Pablo Beach. The first thirty minutes after arriving was used to get cinders out of our hair, eyes and down our necks.

With the advent of the Model T, our plans extended to a day's trip across the river on the ferry to Arlington and then on down the shore of Trout's Creek, where we would spread our big tablecloth under giant oak trees hanging heavy with Spanish moss. Invariably just as everything was ready for the picnic dinner, a tropical storm would break in all its fury, scare the wits out of us and send us all scurrying to the flivver.

Somewhere in the transit of the years, the Fourth of July has lost its glory. Picnics have given way to supper clubs and rock 'n' roll parties. Parades have been pushed off the map by fanatic, alcohol-fueled manias who have turned the highways into speedways of death and destruction. Sane and wise people seek the peace and safety of their own backyards.

Political speeches have out-talked the patriotic outbursts of yesteryears, and not one out of ten people can sing one verse of "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Sky rockets, pinwheels, and all the other fireworks display that delighted the young and old alike has been shortened to only a few minutes of Oh's and Ah's and O's.

The changing of the years can work wonders in progress, but sometimes we would give a lot to feel the friendliness and good times of those good old days.

Wishing all of you the happiest and safest Fourth of July you've ever had,  
Walk and drive carefully so that we can all be together again on Thursday.

tively small, and expand. But in ten years it should be something really big, and internationally known. It may never reach the proportions which I envisage, but only lack of interest and good management would prevent it. I am not endowed with sufficient rhetoric to enable me to outline this idea as I see it. But Curtis Russ, and many others are so endowed, and if they allow their imagination to reach out and encompass the actual scope of the possibilities, I'm sure they can present it much more forcefully than I can.

If the Panoramic Mountain Museum were initially proposed editorially by The Mountaineer, and pushed by The Mountaineer, this would nail it down as a project belonging to this community. Of course if, after being proposed, it were allowed to lag, some other community could feel justified in taking it up. It could be an important development for any community. But it belongs in Maggie Valley, where the idea originated, as a local undertaking, by local people who have the inherent "feel" that would make it 100 per cent typical of the mountains, therefore authentic.

R. C. Stanley

**Inside WASHINGTON**  
MARCH OF EVENTS

Test of Atom Airplane By United States Near? | Wagner's Political Star May Eclipse Harriman's  
Special to Central Press Association

**WASHINGTON**—President Eisenhower's new request for funds for new "military propulsion reactors" increases speculation that the United States will test an atomic airplane in 1958 or early 1959.

While Mr. Eisenhower's request for an additional \$82.5 million was cloaked in secrecy by the White House, it is believed that the money will go mostly toward development of atomic-powered planes. Vital breakthroughs proving the feasibility of nuclear-powered aircraft have been achieved recently by United States Defense department scientists.

The Atomic Energy commission is placing major emphasis on developing atomic engines for planes. More than \$75 million was earmarked for nuclear aircraft in the atomic budget even before the President made his new request.

● **DARK HORSE**—Political observers are convinced that New York City's Mayor Robert F. Wagner rather than Gov. Averell Harriman has the brightest political future among New Yorkers.

They concede that Harriman is in the spotlight this year because of his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, but they believe that by 1960 Wagner would be the most powerful political figure in the state.

Wagner, the son of the late, famed senator, is considered to have made an impressive record as mayor of the nation's largest city and probably will be able to win a Senate seat or the governorship whenever he wants to move up the ladder.

There is even a possibility that Wagner could wind up being the Democratic vice president nominee this year provided Harriman does not head the ticket.

● **VEEP PROSPECTS**—Incidentally, political experts are keeping a closer than usual watch this year on vice presidential prospects. Development of an outstanding No. 2 man could give a tip-off on the choice for President.

Usually, the presidential nominee hand-picks his running mate on the basis of geography and other considerations. However, this year, the situation may be quite different for the Democrats.

The vice presidential possibility with the widest popular support could have a strong voice in determining who will head the ticket. The Democrats are seeking a big vote-getter for vice president to strengthen their ticket.

Since you can't have the two nominees from the same state, development of Tennessee's Gov. Frank Clement, for example, might affect the presidential ambitions of Tennessee's Senator Estes Kefauver adversely. The same, of course, goes for Wagner and Harriman in New York.

● **BRANNAN AND BENSON**—The decision of former Agriculture Secretary Charles F. Brannan to run for the Senate from Colorado promises to throw the present secretary, Ezra Taft Benson, even deeper into the political wars.

Benson probably will do a lot of active campaigning against Brannan as the Republicans seek to stem Democratic efforts to win the crucial farm vote. The two men often have been at odds over what they believe is best for American agriculture and you can look for their differences to become more violent between now and November.

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