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TAKE A BOW! Of interest to the people of Boone, where the business of making school teachers is the big industry, is the discovery that school teachers are considered the most useful citizens of the community.

Elmo Roper, in a nationwide survey, came to this conclusion, and in his poll found that only ten per cent voted for lawyers as the most important people in a community; 13 per cent for the merchant; 20 per cent for the Mayor or some other top public official, and 27 per cent for the clergy.

SHOULD HONOR ICKES A number of newspapers have noted the part the late Harold L. Ickes played in the establishment of the Blue Ridge Parkway along the route as we now know it, and their suggestion that some peak along the route be named for the former Secretary of the Interior, is timely.

THE SELF-STYLED "CURMUDGEON," staunch friend of the New Deal, and relentless foe of its enemies, made a magnificent contribution to the welfare and progress of North Carolina, when he decided the Parkway routing in favor of this State.

SINCE WHEN? There seems to be a considerable demand over the country for the adoption of the Hoover report in the interest of a more smoothly functioning Federal government.

"THE KING IS DEAD..." King George VI, the shy, stammering British monarch, the lad who didn't want to be king at all, but whose love for England was greater than his desire for freedom, died the other night, and now the mother country is in the midst of the intricate proceedings, which have through the ages characterized the funerals of her kings, and the crowds gather about the several palaces, and weep openly for the head of the Government.

And in this country there's a good deal of interest in this story of the death of a good man who took on an unwanted burden many years ago, and who carried through in the best traditions of the royal family. We marvel at the respect the people of England have for their government, for the love they have for the land it rules, and their mass obedience to authority, and to the seemingly pointless pageantry which has been handed down from the remote centuries.

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have been so magnificently blessed. At any rate Queen Elizabeth ascends the English throne, 350 years after Elizabeth the First ruled. And the young, beautiful and talented daughter of George VI, trained through the years for her ruling role, ascends the ancient throne, which curiously enough governs a country which is now about as shaky as was England when the steady hand of the Good Queen Bess brought the empire to new eras of greatness.

BORROWED COMMENT

MARRIAGE BOOM IS OVER (Salt Lake Tribune) The marriage boom appears to be over. The Statistical Bulletin estimates that there were 1,580,000 marriages in 1951, a decrease of about 5 per cent from the preceding year.

There are two good reasons to expect the decline to continue for some time. First, the number of single persons has been reduced by the spurt of marriages following World War II. Second, fewer young people will come of age in the next few years as a result of the low birth rate during the 1930s.

W.N.C. SHOULD HONOR MEMORY OF MR. ICKES

(Waynesville Mountaineer) One of the best friends Western North Carolina had in the cabinet in the past quarter of a century was Harold L. Ickes.

The former secretary of the Interior, which placed him at the head of the Park and Parkway, proved time and time again that he was a friend of this area. It was Mr. Ickes who gave the decision for the 450-mile route of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Virginia to the Great Smokies.

A special committee of engineers made a trip through here inspecting the route, and the day they were in Waynesville the rain fell steady, and the clouds hung low over the towering mountain peaks. Many a civic leader felt that the chances of getting the route into North Carolina was over. But Secretary Ickes held steadfastly to the fact that the Parkway was designed to be a scenic road, and he ruled on the route as we know it today.

THEY SAY...

- DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, General of the Army, Supreme Allied Commander: "We are going to stick together because we believe in freedom; because we believe that man was not born to be a regimented slave or merely a trained mule."
ROBERT A. TAFT, U. S. Senator from Ohio: "A 'me-too' campaign kills interest."
PRAVDA, Russian newspaper, official organ of the Soviet Communist Party: "Nowhere in the world is there a larger and freer press than in the Soviet Union."
HARRY F. BYRD, U. S. Senator from Virginia: "Fiscal preparedness is the first step toward military preparedness."
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION report: "Fissionable material costs many times as much as gold."
STANTON GRIFFIS, former U. S. Ambassador to Spain: "An American investment in Spain is the best bet in Europe today."
HAROLD R. MEDINA, N. Y. Federal judge: "Justice is 100 per cent; if it's only 99 per cent, it isn't justice."
MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, in Paris: "It is very difficult to clap hands through barbed wire."
BILLY GRAHAM, noted evangelist: "There is a hunger for God today."
DONALD B. WILSON, National Commander, American Legion, speaking at Chapel of the Four Chaplains: "As the family, so the nation, that prays together stays together."
CHARLES SAWYER, Secretary of Commerce: "The only way to keep Government expenses down is to forego new functions and agencies or to eliminate some which now exist."
JAMES F. BYRNES, Governor of South Carolina, former Secretary of State: "The time has come when political labels should mean little to us but political principles should mean much to us."

NOT JUSTIFIED Just because you keep your chin up is no reason you have to look down your nose.—Lloyd Burns in the Toledo (Iowa) Chronicle.

Garden Time

Vegetables are generally grouped or classified in one of three ways: 1—according to botanical families, such as the lily family which includes onions, garlic, leek and chives. 2—according to the plant used for food, such as beets, carrots and parsnips which are root crops. And, 3—according to the vegetable's ability to withstand low temperature.

This last grouping is probably of greatest importance to the average gardener because it concerns the survival and success of his crops. According to their ability to withstand low temperatures, vegetables are classified as hardy, half-hardy and tender.

The hardy vegetables are those that will not be damaged by moderate to hard frost after they have been planted. This group includes turnips, spinach, garden peas, mustard, radishes, lettuce, cabbage, kale, onions and endive.

The half-hardy vegetables are those which thrive in cool weather but are often severely damaged by moderate frosts or even light frosts after they are up. This group includes beets, chard, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli and celery.

The tender vegetables are those that will not withstand any frost and will not grow at their best until the weather gets quite warm. This group includes, snap beans, lima beans, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, melons, squash, okra, New Zealand spinach and corn.

There is some variation in hardness within the groups and even between varieties of the same crop. The black valentine variety of snap bean is more hardy to cool temperatures than others, smooth seeded garden peas may be planted earlier than wrinkled seeded varieties. Cucumbers will withstand cooler temperatures than melons. Snap beans will withstand cooler soil temperatures than lima beans and, therefore, may be planted earlier.

REMOVES HIS "WORRY"

Brussels—When Mr. Desmet awoke early, he found that his wife had locked herself in the kitchen. When she finally let him in, his saving of 10,000 francs (\$2,000) were only ashes in the stove. "We won't have to bother about that money any more," she assured him. Now, Mrs. Desmet is in a mental hospital.

West's European air forces raise their hitting power. Mexico bans exports of sugar and rice to thwart price rises. U. S. Rubber official urges Federal lease of synthetic plants.

AT THE MOVIES...

- APPALACHIAN THEATRE "Everybody Likes Boone, N. C."
Thursday Our Valentine Day Special I'LL SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS with Doris Day Danny Thomas
Friday LION HUNTERS with Bomba, The Jungle Boy
Saturday—11 o'Clock COLORADO AMBUSH with Johnny Mack Brown Cartoon - Comedy - Serial
Saturday Night—7 and 9 ABILENE TOWN with Randolph Scott Cartoon - P. Smith
Monday BASKETBALL FIX with John Ireland Marshall Thompson
Tuesday ROOM FOR ONE MORE with Cary Grant Betsy Drake
Wednesday SMUGGLERS ISLAND In Technicolor Jeff Chandler Evelyn Keyes
FRED CHURCH

Relax with a good movie

Negro Farmer Advises Hold On To Timber

C. W. Slade, Negro farmer of Route 2, Robersonville, believes many farmers lose money by rushing to sell their timber as soon as an offer is made. "If it takes me 40 years to get a good growth of timber why shouldn't I take my time selling it?" asks Slade.

According to R. McK. Edwards, Negro farm agent in Martin County for the State College Extension Service, Slade recently decided to sell the timber off 50 or 60 acres of land. The first lumberman to look it over offered him \$5,000 for all the trees 10 or more inches in diameter.

Not knowing much about timber, Slade decided to wait a few days. Through the county agent, he obtained the help of a State College extension forestry specialist who visited the farm and showed him how to estimate the amount of timber he had.

Within a week the same lumberman came back and offered him \$8,500 for all trees above 12 inches in diameter. At last report, Slade still hadn't sold—and the bids were still going up.

BRIEF NEWS

- Russia out as Olympic Committee closes Winter Games list. Soviet held increasing its conversion to arms production. Albino sperm whale of "Moby Dick" type harpooned off Brazil. New robot pilot to guide attacking jet bombers over targets. Narcotics addicts' robbing of the mails is reported increasing. Preacher Roe signs for estimated \$30,000 Dodge salary. Rusk tells Japan troops will stay there for peace. British reinforce Gibraltar as a citadel of the West. Soviet charges in U. N. that all U. S. reporters are spies. Enlistment rise and drop in casualties to cut draft quotas. Heilmann and Paul Waner elected to baseball Hall of Fame. Initiating of European Army draft treaty expected Feb. 16. U. S. tie with Franco Spain viewed as prickly question. Lewis urges Federal power to close unsafe mines.

KING STREET

Continued from page one: HEARTS AND VERSES St. Valentine's Day approaches and the heart shaped greetings, with the romantic verses are to be seen about the shops and there is the usual mild controversy about the origin of the mid-winter day over which Dan Cupid is supposed to rule and when the sentimental lines are exchanged. . . . This year however, so says the Association of Greeting Card Publishers, February 14 actually marks the day. . . . the traditional per hour on which the Leap Year manhunt begins, and determined damsels can, at that time, with impunity, cast a lasso around the neck of an eligible male, if he gets in range. . . . At any rate the Valentines have survived the centuries, and while they doubtless have grown more colorful, the little verses stay about the same. . . . Maybe sharpening the romantic impulses to a degree. . . . But we never could see why sometime down through the ages, St. Valentine's day wasn't changed to the springtime. . . . To the balmy days of the tender green foliage and the return of the robin, and the daffodils, when folks throw their shoulders back, and walk again in the sun!

More than 600 of the special plant introductions of the USDA during 1951 offer promise as sources for Cortison, the drug used in treating arthritis and other ills.

DON'T COUGH Your Head Off! Ask for Mentho-Mulsion If it fails to stop your cough due to colds, ask for your money back. BOONE DRUG CO. The REXALL Store

WILSON'S FEED STORE 107 EAST HOWARD STREET NEW HAMPSHIRE REDS POLLORIUM CLEAN First Hatching Ready Monday February 18 We will have chicks throughout the winter. Place your orders early to insure prompt delivery. We handle Purina Feeds and Poultry Supplies

WOOD'S PERMANENT PASTURE MIXTURES FURNISH MORE GRAZING! They are more economical, productive, nutritious and palatable than Ladino Clover with Orchard Grass or Tall Fescue alone. Improved by many years of experience, they grow off faster, flourish in dry summers, crowd out weeds and bear abundantly for many years. With Ladino, Orchard and Tall Fescue as a base, they contain 6 legumes and 9 grasses which make their maximum growth at different times throughout the year for prolonged grazing and furnish a balanced diet which will not cause bloat.

DOCTOR-LAWYER-MERCHANT-TEACHER-CLERK-MECHANIC-PAINTER-CARPENTER-FARMER OR JUST PLAIN WORKING MAN MARRIED or SINGLE WE WILL GUARANTEE YOUR COMPLETE SATISFACTION 1- Add a room - porches - stairways - closets - bath room - clothes drying room - sewerage systems - water systems - entrances - stoops - store fronts - finish attics. 2- Paint inside or out - resurface floors - tile floors or walls - apply asbestos siding - perma-stofe or metal - paper inside, plaster or put up wallboard. 3- Repair or reroof all types including built up roofs - put on guttering and down spouts - add skylights, etc. 4- Dig a well - install complete pressure water systems to home - dairy and barns. Repair or install septic tanks. 5- Make heating installations and repairs, including furnaces, boilers, duct work, excavations, pipes and radiators, oil burners, stokers, tanks and water heaters. 6- Electrical systems installed and repaired - home, farm, garage or business. 7- Build walks - driveways - landscape home, farm, or business. 8- NEW STRUCTURES - BUILD GARAGE - SILO - BARN - SERVICE BUILDINGS. 9- Storm Windows - Insulation - Weatherstrip and MANY OTHER SERVICES NOT LISTED We will contract for any of the above services - furnish everything. Complete each job without delay. Guarantee every detail of work to your full satisfaction and arrange a loan to pay the bill. Interest rates are much below standard. No carrying charge or special loan fee is charged. No mortgage or lien is taken on anything you own. Payments are moderate and extended for a period of several years. SPECIAL - SEASONAL PAYMENTS FOR FARMERS ONLY WRITE US A CARD OR LETTER, STATE HOW WE CAN LOCATE YOU AND WE WILL COME TO YOU AND HELP FORMULATE THE PLAN YOU DESIRE. Serving Ashe - Avery - Caldwell - Watauga Counties HOME SERVICE CO. BOX 403 BOONE, N. C.