

Miss Smith Is Teaching Children Of American Servicemen In Korea

A young woman who has her roots and sentiments deep in Macon County is now teaching in far-flung corners of the earth, and enjoying every minute of it, as her letters to home folks amply testify.

Miss Rebecca Smith, daughter of the late L. J. Smith and Mrs. Gertrude West Smith, now of Cullowhee, is the niece of Miss Vonnice West, Clyde West, Dr. J. L. West, and Miss Clare Owens, all of the West Mills section of Macon County. She is now teaching for the American Department of Elementary Schools in Seoul, Korea.

Miss Smith has been with the American Department, which maintains schools for American dependents of service men stationed in areas outside of the United States and on bases located within the United States, for five years. Her first assignment was Germany. Then she taught at Paris Island, S. C., and then went to Japan for a couple of years — her last assignment before Korea. Incidentally this is the first time the American government has maintained schools in Korea. Miss Smith teaches a first grade

of 20 children from "all over the world." She finds Korea beautiful, "regardless of what you might have heard," and the Korean people "very intelligent, but hard-headed." Miss Smith writes "I am sure this is going to be a grand year for me."

A graduate of Western Carolina College, where she received her B. S. degree in education, Miss Smith lived for several years in the West Mills section.

Rollman Resigns 'Bootstrap'

Announces Arrival Of Traveling Trailer

Heinz Rollman, founder and president of the Western North Carolina Industrial Development Corporation, has submitted his resignation to the directors of the corporation.

Mr. Rollman, in a detailed statement, explains that he feels that his resignation from the non-profit organization will be in the best interests of the organization so that under no circumstances the activities of this corporation could be labeled as political. He recently announced plans for again running for Congress.

Mr. Rollman explained that "Bootstrap", which was born a little over a year and a half ago for the purpose of attracting more industries to settle in Western North Carolina, has by no means achieved its goal, but has made good beginning. The nickels, dimes, and 33-cents from the people have enabled the corporation to buy a beautiful custom-built trailer, which has been delivered to the directors.

The resigning president said that he is convinced that with the continued interest of all the people in the western counties, sufficient money will be collected so that the corporation can soon also buy the truck, which has to pull the trailer, and further funds will be needed to furnish the trailer completely on the inside.

He said the people in Western North Carolina will get just the mileage out of this traveling exhibit that they are willing to put dollars behind it, and the more dollars we put behind it, the more industry we will find to attract to what certainly can be considered the "industrial paradise, U.S.A."

The directors are now considering a successor for Mr. Rollman.

Mr. Rollman concluded by saying "Of all the work which I have done in the last 32 years, I have enjoyed nothing better than to be privileged to be a part of getting Operation Bootstrap going and a little bit off the ground. It will be a great day for everyone living in Western North Carolina when our beautiful traveling exhibit will take off for the far corners of these United States."

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Despite the Far East's worst typhoon season in history, the Black, a unit of Destroyer Division 92,

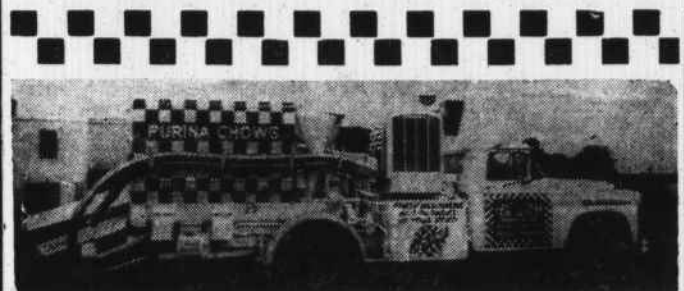
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