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THE SOCO GAP-CHEROKEE ROAD

Present indications are that the bill which has been introduced in Congress, relative to a transfer of land between the Indian Service and the Park Service, will be approved and passed, thus giving a right-of-way for the Blue Ridge Parkway from Soco Gap to Cherokee.

For the past four years, Highway No. 293, from Dellwood to Soco Gap, has been a "dead-end" road. The road is now to the edge of the Indian lands, and there it has had to stop. The Indians do not feel obligated or justified in giving outright, enough land for the required right-of-way for the Parkway from Soco Gap to Cherokee. They feel that they have given to the white man until they cannot afford to give more.

Their position is clear, and respected, and for that reason, the Park Service has offered to give the Indians an equal amount of land along the rich river bottoms, within the Park, in exchange for the rugged, hilly land over which the road would pass between the gap and Cherokee. This proposition is unquestionably more than fair to the Indians, since it will give them additional lands which they can cultivate, in exchange for lands that are now practically worthless to them. The Indian chief, Jarret Blythe, has expressed himself on the proposal, saying that the proposition was sound and fair. The building of the road from the gap to Cherokee would also afford the Indians a nearer route to the east.

The transfer of the land, and the building of the road, would put Waynesville 40 miles nearer the Park, and give a scenic loop that would be second to none in this entire area.

Congressman Zebulon Weaver said recently he was keeping in close touch with the bill, and was urging its passage. The citizens of Western North Carolina should get behind this bill immediately and let it be known that this section will suffer until the road from Soco Gap to Cherokee is built.

A FIRE OVER 100 YEARS OLD

Harry M. Hall has hit upon a plan of trying to create interest among some patriotic organization, or possibly Henry Ford, to take over at the death of William Morris, now 76, the century-old fire which has been burning in the Morris cabin, near Saluda, since his parents settled in the valley soon after the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Morris' great grand-father played an important part in the Revolutionary War, and for that reason it would seem most fitting that the D. A. R. make a shrine of the place, and make plans to keep the fire burning. The fire was started over 100 years ago, it has never been out. Mr. Morris' parents carefully guarded it, and for the past 16 years he has guarded the blaze alone, in his two-room cabin.

CHILD MARRIAGES

What is to be done about America's child marriages? It has just come to light that there is a bride of only nine years of age in Tennessee, and another aged 12 in New York. With these startling facts, a number of states have started to give serious attention to the question.

Thirty-nine states in the union have minimum marriage age laws, the minimum varies from 14 years to 20. In this state, the minimum marriage law is 16 for boys and 14 for girls. That is in cases where the parents give their consent. Both the girl and the boy must be 18 before they can marry without getting the consent of the parents.

We feel that the sooner a ban is placed on child marriage, the better off this nation will be.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY

Once again the Great Smoky Mountains National Park breaks into national publicity limelight. This time, the story titled: "The Land of The Cherokee," by Herbert Ravenel Suss, consumes six pages in the current issue of Collier's magazine.

Not only is the story of historical value, and written almost like fiction, intermingled with the best of "advertising copy" for the park, but there are five large pictures accompanying the article, which portray at a glance some of the scenic beauties of the Park country.

Occupying the center of the magazine, is a large picture of a Park stream, in moonlight, with the high peak of the Park in the background.

As a foreword to the article, the editors of Collier's had to say:

"The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, within 24 hours' travel of half of us, is being spruced up for your vacation trip. Its roads will be open all year so you may visit its snow-capped mountain peaks, and its hundreds of miles of clear, swift trout streams. Here is the last remnant of Eastern wilderness."

That is what a national magazine thinks of the Park. They think enough of it to spend thousands of dollars in telling the story to their millions of readers.

"DEATH TRAPS ON WHEELS"

"School buses now in use in Haywood County are in a dilapidated condition, some beyond repair, and 90% need repairing. All buses are overloaded, with some to double their capacity."

The above paragraph is taken from the Grand Jury's report to the court here.

School patrons of this county should offer prayers of thanks, that there have not been scores of deaths among the children that have to depend on these "death traps" to transport them to and from school.

We do not feel that the use of the phrase "death trap" is out of place at this time, and if every one of the "dilapidated buses" should wreck, or catch on fire, we are sure it would be a certain "death trap."

A VALUABLE ORGANIZATION

We believe it would be conservative to say that 1,000 people were thrilled and inspired by the lectures given by Dr. Charles E. Barker here last week, under the auspices of the Waynesville Rotary Club.

We would not attempt to elaborate on the three addresses given by Dr. Barker. Those who did not hear him were the losers, and heavy ones at that.

This contribution of the Rotary Club to the community is just one of the many things that this service club has done in the past. The organization is not just an "eating organization." Those who are familiar with its activities are proud that such a club exists in Waynesville; and the members are equally proud of their organization, and they should be, because this is a better community in which to live because of the club's activities.

DO AS YOU PLEASE ON THE HIGHWAYS

We read about safety campaigns, we hear about them from enthused speakers, and sometimes when an individual almost gets hit or crashed into, other angles are brought up. Sometimes we feel that the American people are immune to all such warnings and advice.

At times our better judgment almost compels us to begin a campaign urging that every one drive as reckless as possible, and as fast as the car will go, ignoring all traffic laws and rules of common sense. Perhaps in that way, the American people will become aware of the fact that it is more practical to practice safety on the highways than to preach it.

The passing of Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, last week, means a great loss to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the state. Perhaps no other single unit of the church organization will miss him more than the Southern Methodist Assembly, at Lake Junaluska. It is comforting to know that he lived to see the debt paid, and plans made for a bigger and a better Assembly. He took a keen interest in the affairs at the Lake, and was a leading figure in keeping the Assembly going during the lean years of 1930-33.

ELECTION HOURS

As we see it, there is no earthly reason for the voting places to open at sunrise and close at sunset. From seven to seven seems long enough. The same work could be done, and in many cases in a more efficient manner. The legislature would do well to make a change in the present election laws as to hours.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Evidently there is some consolation in getting revenge, according to the signs on a trailer which stopped on Main street here last week. The owner of the trailer felt that he had not gotten his money's worth, and when the manufacturer of the trailer refused to make an adjustment, the peeved owner of the house-on-wheels covered it with signs.

He had large arrows pointing to the seams, the leaky roof, the "rotten materials" and almost every part was due for criticism. And around the name-plate, which bore the name of the manufacturer, he had a red circle.

I just wonder if all this "getting even" was actually worth what he thought it was. As for me, such methods failed to make an impression. No doubt, his adjustment requests were unreasonable. While I do not know the man from Adam's house cat, I do know that there are a lot of unreasonable people still alive.

But getting off of grudges, what about the debate staged at State College, on the question: "Mae West has more 'it' than Mrs. Wally Simpson." The judges decided that the debating teams upholding Mae West won. Now what I would like to hear, is a triangle debate on the same subject, but include Sally Rand, less her fans.

The latest thing out in radio equipment, are nickle plated rods that stick up over the ear, serving as a radio whip, according to Tom Rainer.

I doubt if there is anyone who enjoys coffee better than M. C. Green and Theodore McCracken.

Kay Allen appears to be happy every time I see him. And if he has a group of farmers to talk to, or given a chance to discuss county affairs, he is contented. His latest idea is for the county to acquire sufficient land at Clyde for the fair grounds, since Clyde is about the center of the county, and already has cattle sheds there.

And talking about Clyde, I understand that there is no legal beer sold in that town. One of the few such places in the state.

I have never felt so queer in all my life, as I did last week-end. Filling the gas tank on my car three-fourths full, I drove a little over 100 miles. Before starting home I checked the gas supply, and was amazed to find that the gauge registered over half full. I drove 20 miles, watching the gauge, and instead of getting lower, the indicator showed more, and at the end of the 120 miles in all, the gauge registered a full tank, but anyway I bought 10 gallons, and the gauge then registered empty. I'm still puzzled.

IN WASHINGTON



By ROBERT R. REYNOLDS United States Senator

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Veterans' Administration we have grants for state and territorial homes for disabled soldiers and sailors. In the Department of Agriculture we aid agricultural experiment stations, agricultural research, co-operative dairy and livestock experiments, co-operative agricultural extension work, co-operative conservative conservation of agricultural land resources, co-oper-

ative forest fire protection, co-operative distribution of forest planting stock, forest roads and trail and highways.

In the Department of Interior we have grants for colleges for agriculture and mechanical arts, co-operative vocational education in agriculture, and in trade, home economics and industrial subjects, co-operative vocational education of teachers and vocational rehabilitation.

The Department of Labor supervises grants for maternal and child welfare, crippled children, child welfare employment service. The Treasury offers grants for public health and education of the blind. The Navy aids state marine schools, and the War Department the National Guard.

We have Federal emergency relief, Federal emergency administration of public works, grants for public works projects, emergency construction of highways, and grade crossings. And we have other activities in the form of grants that are too numerous to mention.

The purpose of this article is not to discount the value of these projects and activities. But simply to cite how far we, as a people, have come in our new conception of the part the Federal Government should have in carrying on public works. Fortunately, we have a program for overhauling the vast machinery of the Federal Government and for planning for the future. The President recommended such a step as not only important but necessary. Our people will be the final arbiter of public works. They are beginning to realize that we cannot have economy, reduction of the public debt and lower taxes and at the same time maintain

"I SMOKE AS MANY CAMELS AS I WANT!"

says SIG BUCHMAYR, skiing wizard



"SKIING TAKES GOOD DIGESTION," this great skiing master (above) explains. "Camels definitely help my digestion. And they don't get on my nerves."

SOCIETY HOSTESS (right), Mrs. N. Griffith Penniman III, says: "I've noticed Camels help digestion." Make it Camels and enjoy a sense of ease.

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YOUR DOCTOR

When illness strikes and you call in your physician, he listens through his stethoscope to the invaluable heart, those important lungs, notes your temperature, makes his diagnosis, writes the prescription. Yet we, without thinking, sometimes allow ourselves to say, "What an easy job he has."

It never occurs to us that years ago, night after night much midnight oil was burned by a young student doctor—the beginning of a painstaking grind that was to last for years—college training—internship—years of practice and struggle and service.

When your doctor examines you, it may only take a short time, but he gives you the benefit of his expert knowledge, gained only through hard laborious years of deep study.

Toll For Things Never To Be Forgotten. When illness threatens you, call your Doctor. IT IS THE ONLY SAFE WAY.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR

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19 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of February 21, 1918) Mrs. Clarence Miller and young daughter have gone to Shelbyville, Ky., to visit her parents for several weeks.

E. L. Withers accompanied his wife and daughter to New York this week to visit her parents. Mr. Withers will return in a few days.

Mr. H. R. Reno, of route one, Clinton, was a pleasant visitor at the office yesterday.

Eat less wheat and less meat. Help win the War.

Be patriotic. Talk patriotism, read about patriotism, and write about patriotism, while awake and dream of it when sleeping.

This is no time for a stingy man. There are calls for hospitals, libraries, navy leagues, Red Cross, and other organizations besides, the government loans and war savings campaign.

The boys basket ball team won here Friday night from the Lenoir boys. The score was 37 to 24.

Ernest Hyatt expects to commence the erection of a handsome 10 room residence on his six acre lot near R. L. Prevost's residence on the old Newwood home place, which will be about two miles from his place of business. It is also said that five or six new homes will be built at Lake Junaluska this summer.

The audience at the Wayneswood Theatre on Friday night shows our people are interested in the home guard. The boys need about \$800 for uniforms which the state cannot furnish. If the aldermen of Waynesville, Clyde and Canton will help and the county commissioners will come across the uniforms will soon be provided. Town and counties are doing this over the state. Why not ours?

Friday night the O'Henry Literary Society held its regular meeting at the school. Several of the numbers were especially interesting and well delivered. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, that Sunday newspapers have a demoralizing influence." On the affirmative were Howard Leatherwood and Ruth A. bright, and the negative, Paul Hyatt and Lura Mae Noland.

and increase public expenditures. This is the situation today.

One of the problems, of course, is the proper allocation of cost. If we had a unit system of government the question of a proper diversion of the cost of public works and public functions would not arise. But under our Federal system, the powers, functions and responsibilities are scattered among a variety of units. When activities affecting more than one unit are undertaken by a central government, or when several units jointly undertake activities to satisfy collective needs, the question of cost comes up. Should they be divided among the units affected? Shall they be met by one government? The answer to these questions must be found