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TEXT FOR TODAY

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."—Hebrews, iv., 16.

THANK YOU, MAYOR HARRIS

Mayor A. H. Harris, of Brevard, paid a fine compliment to this community last Thursday, while attending the Parkway meeting here, when he said: "Waynesville has a wide-awake Chamber of Commerce, and the people certainly know how to be nice to visitors."

NOT CONSISTENT

Have you ever stopped to think what queer things we do?

For instance, we advertise that we have the most bracing air in the world, and yet when we meet for a Chamber of Commerce or civic meeting to re-tell ourselves of this bracing air, we usually do so in a room so filled with tobacco smoke that even a whiff of foul air from a city slum would be welcomed by our aching lungs.

—but that is similar to the activities of the world—just not consistent.

\$400 IN DEBT

The average person, if our observations are correct, gives but little thought to the cost of our government—whether it be town, county, state or national. Some, of course, complain when paying taxes, but other than then, we pass the matter up with little or no concern.

The past week, the statement was given out in Washington that the national debt is now over thirty-five billion dollars. That figure means absolutely nothing to the average person who talks and deals in terms of a few dollars.

If the federal government should suddenly decide, however, that each person in this country had to pay their proportionate part of this debt, we could then better understand why we should be concerned. Each man, woman and child in this country would have to pay about \$400 each to pay off the national debt.

LIQUOR HABIT—DEATH

Liquor stores in Eastern North Carolina have sold more than five and a half million dollars worth of liquor since they were established in the summer of 1935. It seems that might have quenched a lot of thirsts, doesn't it? But it didn't. People of the state are apparently thirstier than ever. More liquor stores will be opened this summer, and bootleggers are also said to be doing well. Drinking grows on people. The more they drink the more they want to drink. Liquor stores don't cure them of the habit. Bootleggers don't cure them of the habit. Death is usually the one who does the trick.—Reidsville Review.

ENFORCING TRAFFIC LAWS

It is interesting to note that the town of Marion has given motorists due notice that all city ordinances regulating parking and traffic will be strictly enforced.

The Marion officials explain further that parking on Main Street will be permitted for one hour only from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Double parking will not be permitted at any time on any streets, neither will trucks be allowed on Main Street. All deliveries must be made to rear entrances.

With such ordinances strictly enforced, Marion, or any other town, should enjoy freedom from the menace of undue traffic violations.

The citizens of Waynesville do as they please about observing traffic laws. The general feeling in Waynesville seems to be that as long as no one is run over and killed, and no more damage done than fenders bent that the law is followed closely enough.

THE PARKWAY

The history and development of the Blue Ridge Parkway will probably go down in history as one of the most uncertain of all projects which grew out of a program devised by Mr. Roosevelt back in 1933, when he sought to put unemployed men to work on worthwhile improvement jobs.

The proposed Blue Ridge Parkway, is a park 1,000 feet wide, connecting the Shenandoah National Park and The Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It has a wide road down the center, and will be used exclusively as a scenic road with only passenger cars using it.

The adoption of the Parkway plan immediately brought forth a discussion as to the routing between the two parks. The official order was that the Parkway should traverse the most scenic country between the two Parks. Much discussion was entered into between this state and Tennessee. Hearings were set, and 500 delegates from the two states went to Washington in September, 1934, to present to Secretary of Interior Ickes their claims. Several weeks later the decision was rendered favoring the North Carolina route.

Appropriations were made, surveys started, and in due time actual construction began. Work was started in Virginia and also this state. The country in Virginia is not as rugged as that of this state and enabled faster progress. The plan of building the same mileage in both states, regardless of rugged country, still holds.

In asking that the route traverse North Carolina, one outstanding point stressed was that the entire state was behind the one route, and no alternate route within the state was considered.

The route adopted by the State entered the state near Blowing Rock, came south to Mt. Mitchell, through the Craggies, over the French Broad to the Pisgah Ridge, then to the Balsams and into the Park.

North Carolina agreed to furnish the right-of-ways for the Parkway, and to make the original surveys. This was done as fast as the federal bureau of roads needed the right-of-ways.

The state highway commission surveyed the entire route. The federal engineers surveyed the route as far south as Asheville, but surveyors have not been on the ground west of Asheville.

Construction on the sections near Blowing Rock, and Mt. Mitchell, and a bill now pending in congress—if passed—would provide five millions for further construction in 1937-38 in that same area. Not one cent of the five million would be used on the route west of Asheville.

The construction of the Parkway along the route as adopted west of Asheville will cost more money per mile than in any other section of the entire route, but at the same time, this area would afford the best scenic beauty of the entire route. The federal engineers sur the Parkway after leaving the French Broad River would be about 5,000 feet.

For some reason, and started by some group at present unknown—but suspicioned—four alternate routes from Asheville to the Park have been suggested and even ordered surveyed by federal engineers. No immediate plans have been made for the federal engineers to survey the original route. And to ask why does not bring forth a satisfactory answer—in fact, no answer at all.

That, in brief, is the story of the Parkway, from the time of its conception to the present date—in so far as this community is concerned.

Sensing the uncalled-for changes, a group of civic leaders from eight counties met here last Thursday and definitely opposed any route but the original route as approved by Secretary Ickes.

Resolutions were passed, asking that the bill in Congress be changed to allocate ten millions for Parkway construction instead of five millions. It is believed that if ten millions were available, that five millions could be secured for starting work on the route west of Asheville, preferably at Wagon Road Gap to Balsam. This 15-mile section would go through some of the best scenery in Eastern America.

If this extra money is made available, this section will look forward to immediate construction on this end of the Parkway. If President Roosevelt's economy wave holds sway in Washington, it will be several years, maybe never, as far as this section of the Parkway is concerned.

All the state is interested. The state highway department is interested, as it is the biggest job that the state highway has at this time. In the meantime, it is a matter of hopeful waiting, and keeping a close eye on officials in Washington, for the people in this part of the state.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE EX-HOCKEY PLAYER, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE CENTRAL HOTEL HIRED TO BEAT THE OFFICE CARPET, WAS BENCHED AFTER TEN MINUTES PLAY

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

My
Wife
Presented
Me
With
A
Seven-
Daughter
Early
Wednesday
Morning,
Therefore
My
Mind
Is
Not
On
Writing
A
Column

(Mr. Linotype Operator Set This In Type To Fill My Column)

The Force Certainly Did Appreciate Those Nice Cigars That Were Passed Out By The Editor.

The Linotype Operator.

The heart of normal adult pumps about one gallons of blood a minute.

Timber wolves sometimes have been broken and trained to draw sleds.

Sir Walter Raleigh first introduced the potato into Europe in 1585.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

America's first globe map factory was founded by James Wilson at Bradford, Vt., in 1813.

The star Alpha Orionis sends more heat to the earth than any other star.

French critics regard Edgar Allan Poe as the father of the short story.

Approximately 5,500,000 pennies are in circulation in the United States.

Raindrops sometimes require an hour to reach the earth.

The unluckiest card in a pack of playing cards is the eight of spades, according to superstition. Napoleon Bonaparte ascribed his defeats to its influence.

Fishermen cut off the heads of porpoise before bringing them to port, because their human-like faces makes them hard to sell.

Mortality among cutlerly grinders is 330 per cent greater than that in the average occupation, due to inhalation of silica dust.

Forty per cent of our daily airplane mileage is traveled at night. The United States has 90 per cent of the Spirits distilled from rubber are being tested as a motor fuel in British Malaya.

The first American almanac was published by William Pierce, of Cambridge, Mass., in 1630.

Smoking does not dull the taste according to the United States Bureau of Plant Industry.

Four-fifths of the conversation among the lower classes in China deals with the subject of food, according to careful observers.

Ohio is the greatest farm sheep center in the United States, while Idaho and Wyoming are the greatest centers for range sheep.

Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec are the provinces of Canada which lead in cheese production.

The State of Wyoming has many great dinosaur cemeteries, where bones of these ancient reptiles are found by the hundreds.

HEADLINE Of The Past

(From the file of May 12, 1937)
Disastrous train wreck near Jackson.
Waynesville Navy League notes.
Ku Klux after...
Heavy rains at...
All ready for the...
wood county pledged to...
Large still brought...
morning by Deputy Sheriff...

(From the files of May 11, 1937)
Livestock field day held at...
Farm.
Large crowds hear R. T. P...
A packing house is needed for...
ern North Carolina...
Golf tournament to get...
at country Club here...
Thomas Price...
Western North Carolina...
Minerologists report show...
vlein rich.

(From the files of May 11, 1937)
Sandy Graham to speak here...
day afternoon.
Spring flower show will be held...
May 26th.
City streets are getting...
pairs made to them...
County tax rate will not be...
this year.
Re-indexing books in...
ce will be big saving.
Martin Electric Co. celebrating...
anniversary.

It is strange, in view of...
ing stage vogue, that...
yet a breakfast food...
An Arkansas hen...
Maybe those aren't...
aurant omelets, but...
"Trained fleas that...
Boston from England...
wire." In fact, they...
reared on wire-haired...
"The medical name for...
is strabismus," suggesting...
for the fans: "Hey, ump, you...
business out there with...
strabismus."

DO YOU KNOW THE...
OF FIRE ? ?
It is too terrible to...
eyes: but don't shut...
eyes to the fact that...
may strike at any...
Protect yourself with...
FIRE INSURANCE.

The L. N. Davis...
TELEPHONE 77
Loans—Real Estate—Rent...
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