

Boy Writes Essay On Waynesville State-Wide Contest

Griffin, Jr. of Griffin, the state-wide essay contest, sponsored by the Power Company, on "Better Home Towns." Griffin's prize-winning essay was used here in this issue.

Griffin is a 17-year-old boy from the high school and lives in Waynesville. He and Mrs. R. E. Griffin, his mother, live in the town area.

Griffin's prize-winning essay is a modern high school town in Waynesville, North Carolina. The citizens of the community were given the opportunity to improve their city as "The Mountain State." Griffin's essay is a description of a modern high school town in Waynesville, North Carolina. The citizens of the community were given the opportunity to improve their city as "The Mountain State." Griffin's essay is a description of a modern high school town in Waynesville, North Carolina. The citizens of the community were given the opportunity to improve their city as "The Mountain State."

Clean Up City

The first step in our community must be to clean up and beautify our city. No tourist is going to stop in a city of dirty streets, poorly painted houses, and dirty public buildings. Though Griffin is cleaner than most cities, she has a long way to go before anyone will remark about her cleanliness. The entrances to Griffin would be more attractive if more flowering shrubs and small trees were planted along them. When a tired tourist enters an attractive town, he automatically thinks, "this looks like a good place to stop." When the traveler stops, he looks for good service with courtesy. If the clerks in our stores, hotels, and filling stations are courteous, the tourist will be much more likely to spend the night than if they anger him. It is a recognized fact that Griffin is not too cordial to outsiders. If she is to have any tourist trade, she must be friendly. Hadn't you rather spend the night or a few days in a city where the people are courteous and cordial rather than in a city where the citizens ignore you?

Beauty and courtesy alone are not enough to insure tourist trade. All good impressions that they build may be utterly destroyed by poor accommodations, sleeping and otherwise. Griffin has four modern hotels. A check reveals that it is usually impossible to secure a room in any of these hotels after 10 p. m. If we are to accommodate a large number of tourists, we should encourage the establishing of modern, sanitary tourist homes. To insure first rate accommodations it would be wise to adopt the Washington, D. C., law requiring that all tourist homes be inspected by the police department each month. As many travelers prefer tourist camps, Griffin would do well to encourage veterans to build such establishments on the city's outskirts. Tourists would be favorably impressed by an overnight laundry service. Our two laundries could take weekly turns in working a small night force to provide this service. After a good night's sleep a tourist desires a good meal. It must be admitted that Griffin falls far short in providing eating accommodations. The slow service, uncertainty of good food, and lack of cleanliness should be called to our restaurant owner's attention. At least one garage should remain open to accommodate late travelers. Our stores would make a good impression by selling boxed lunches and sending free postal cards for the tourists. Gift shops would provide souvenirs.

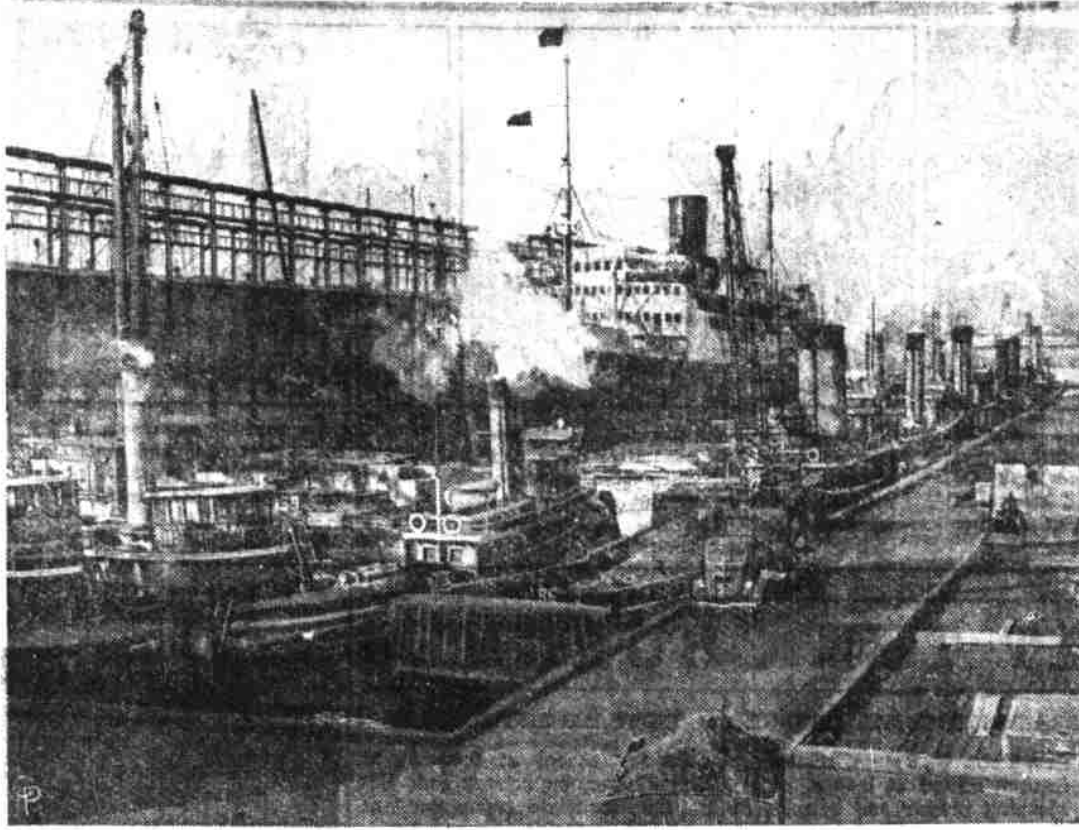
Erect Markers

If we are to expect tourists to remain here, we must provide them with something to do. Griffin is blessed with historical sites, industries, and beautiful homes. We should post markers directing people to our historical sites.

Urges Publicity

One of the most vital parts of such a campaign is publicity and plenty of it. The Chamber of Commerce should publish publicity bulletins and send them to other cities.

STRIKE TIES UP TUGBOATS IN NEW YORK HARBOR



NEW YORK PORT—WORLD'S LARGEST AND BUSIEST—was almost completely swept clear of moving tugboats as some 3,500 crewmen walked out on strike. Here is a view of one of the piers with tug boats tied up and idle. Affecting about 400 tugs and fuel barges, the strike was based on a demand for a 40-hour week at the prevailing 48-hour wage. With tugs idle, virtually every commodity usually brought to New York by ship, from Sandy Hook to New Haven, Conn., was being held up at points of origin. (International)

Traffic Accidents Took 28,000 Lives In States In 1945

CHICAGO—The National Safety Council has made its annual report and, all in all, it's not happy reading.

According to the council figures, traffic deaths took more than 28,000 lives during 1945, and the rate of those fatalities jumped 36 per cent after V-J day. Part of the report reads: "Figures show the nation celebrated V-J day by going on a prolonged traffic spree that hasn't ended yet."

The toll from all types of accidents last year, according to the council, was 96,000 killed, 10,300,000 injured. Motor vehicle deaths alone, says the council, caused 17 per cent more deaths in 1945 than in 1944.

and travel bureaus for distribution. If we can get the name of Griffin along with what she offers before a tourist before he starts his journey, there is a good chance that he will plan to stop here. It would be money well spent to have sight-seeing maps of Griffin printed and placed at convenient points for free distribution. This would favorably impress any traveler and at the same time put our points of interest before them.

In short, if Griffin is to have tourist trade, which would increase her income, bring new stores, and give us more outside contact, she must beautify herself, provide satisfactory accommodations, and use her natural assets—historical sites, industries, and experiment station—to provide entertainment. If Griffin is ever to become a tourist center, the time is now. Are we going to wake up and cut our share of the cake or remain asleep and let the uncut cake pass on to some more progressive community?

Robert Davis, One Of Seven Brothers In Service, Discharged

Robert Davis, FACEM, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. T. V. Davis, of Hazelwood, one of seven brothers who have been in the armed forces during World War II, was discharged during the week at Camp Shelton, Va.

He entered the service in May, 1944, and took his boot training at Camp Peary, Va., and from there was sent to Perdue University and later given training at the Consolidated Edison, New York. At the time of his discharge he was stationed at Norfolk, Va. When he entered the service was employed at Martin Electric Company here.

Brothers also discharged include: Sergeant Joe Davis, who served in the European theater and Corporal Charles Davis, who also was on duty in the ETO. Another brother, Edward Davis, W.T. third class, is now home on leave.

Brothers in the service include: Pfc. Kenneth Davis, on Okinawa, and T. V. Davis, Jr., F. second class, now in the Pacific theater, and John Davis, who is serving in the medical corps in the Pacific.

Father Of 10 Is Back In Army For \$318 Per Month

INDIANAPOLIS—Frank James of Logansport knows a good thing when he sees it.

He's one father who sees no point in getting out of the army. The 32-year-old father of ten children has re-enlisted in the army as a private. His monthly pay as a private is \$318, almost double his civilian wages at the Logansport Machine company. An expected eleventh child will boost his pay to \$338.

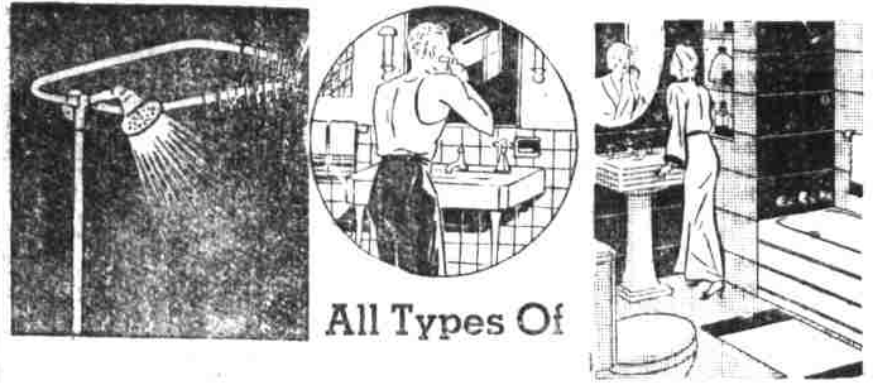
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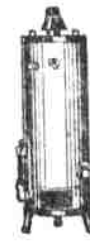
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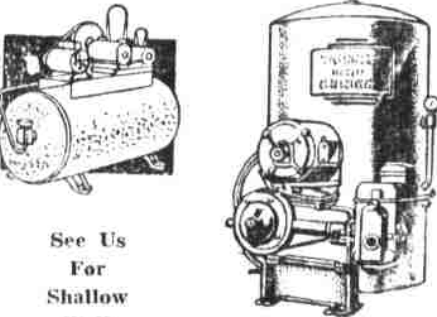


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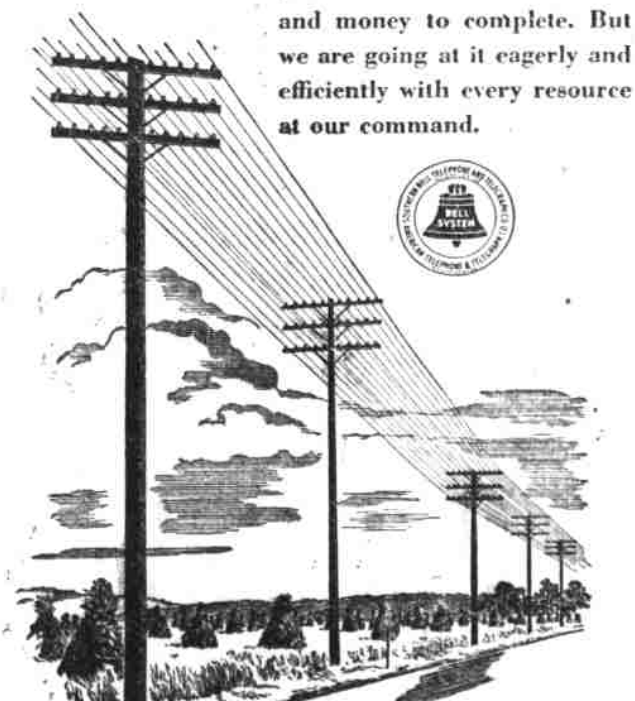
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