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What Is The Matter?

Every profession and field of work has its own peculiar problems. Take the trials of Patrolman Roberts and Jones. They are honestly trying to make the Haywood highways safe for us to travel...

As Mr. Roberts expresses it, why people had rather pay a fine of from \$10 to \$15 than put out from 50 cents to two dollars on repairs is beyond him.

Perhaps after a good number of Haywood drivers are hauled into court on violation of traffic laws, we will begin to have more respect for the law.

Only 2,000 Left

We read in a recent copy of the Chapel Hill Weekly that of the 40,000 tickets offered for sale for the Carolina-Duke game, only 2,000 remain for sale with 38,000 already sold...

There is no greater proof of the fact that Tar Heels are sports minded or of the keen interest in this classic athletic event, engaging the teams of two of our great universities...

When competition is carried on in good sportsmanship it is a stimulating influence for both contestants and the rivalry between Duke and the University is good for both institutions.

If only 2,000 tickets are left in July, there are going to be a lot of disappointed folks by the time the leaves change their color in the fall.

Trial And Error

Included in the future highway plans for this district, is a straighter and wider road into Asheville.

We have no objection to better roads. In fact, we need some new highways built in Haywood far more than we need a straighter road to Asheville.

Right along this line of thought, The Charlotte Observer in a recent editorial, pointed out a concrete illustration of what we mean by "straighter highways."

The Observer's editorial said: "Road builders learn by trial and error methods. When the old highway between Gastonia and Kings Mountain was succeeded by a new, uphill and down, straightaway route it was hailed as a time saver and life saver."

"The designers reckoned without the huge freight trucks that would crowd it, along with the automobiles filled with people trying desperately to save another few minutes. The latest accident, while fortunately not fatal to those involved, is an example—a truck between two automobiles reportedly stopping suddenly on a hill to avoid striking a car in front, spinning around and colliding with another car."

"This stretch of highway is earning a bad name as a killer road. Some drivers, rather nervous over the prospect of just such an accident as occurred, take the old road in preference. It may require a little longer but that is considered better than having to take time out for hospitalization."

"The long, straight road seems ideal but when it is uphill and down and crowded with fast cars and heavy trucks it may become a death trap."

Marking The Streets

All over Waynesville, workmen are painting oblong places on corner curbs in preparation for sign painters to letter the names of the streets. This is a project that will enable citizens and visitors to find their way around.

The worst feature of the names being painted on the curbs, are careless motorists running into the gutter and rubbing the signs with the sides of their tires. Such motorists who deliberately do this should have to pay the full penalty of the law.

Hazelwood streets need marking just as badly as Waynesville, and this newspaper looks forward to seeing similar action taken by the Hazelwood board at an early date.

Sounds Like Too Much Midway

We note the pre-war Western North Carolina Fair will be revived this October in Hendersonville, with promise of "a bigger and better fair than ever."

The dates conflict with the annual Haywood Livestock and Home Arts Show. This is unfortunate for both groups.

The first publicity to come out about the Western North Carolina Fair seemed to play up the carnival midway, and grandstand races, with little emphasis on exhibits.

Haywood County has had sad experience in the past in trying to have a big carnival and a "little" fair. This county has learned the lesson, and for that reason the Livestock and Home Arts Show are staged without carnival or midway. In fact the record crowds attend on the merits of the exhibits and not for any other reason.

Our Bloodiest Battle

What was the bloodiest battle in American history? Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy in the first world war, who has just published his reminiscences of those days, has a surprising answer. Not Iwo Jima, he says, as many would suppose, nor Gettysburg, but Belleau Wood. There in June and July, 1918, General Harbord's Marines lost 52 per cent in killed and wounded. At Iwo Jima the losses were 39 per cent. The Confederates lost 40 per cent of their men at Gettysburg, and the Federals 25.

Only one battle other than Belleau Wood in modern times, according to Daniels, surpasses the bloody record of Iwo Jima. That is Waterloo, where Napoleon lost 54 per cent of his army as compared with a British loss of 14 per cent. No wonder that Waterloo has become a symbol of complete and unalterable defeat—The Reidsville Review.

Admirable Attitude

Jack Messer, county superintendent of education has for the past several weeks played a kind of game of hide and go-seek with his resignations and acceptances of teachers in the Haywood schools.

It has been interesting to interview Mr. Messer on the subject. Even at the lowest tide, when it looked impossible to fill the required places in the schools, when resignations came in as fast as acceptances, he never seemed to lose faith in the fact that he would eventually have the number.

Perhaps one reason has been that he knew that many other sections in the state were far worse off than the Haywood county school system, for the teacher shortage has been not a Haywood county problem, not alone a state problem, but also a national one.

We admire Mr. Messer's attitude through the weeks of suspense, and trust that when the last school opens he will have his teacher supply to meet his enrollments.

These By-Pass Highways

We were interested in a letter written by a "citizen" of Jackson County to the editor of The Sylva Herald, in which the letter writer was concerned about highway travel, and "the threat of the Soco Gap Highway."

Of course, it has been known all the while, that Jackson County never cherished the idea of the Soco Gap highway. Neither did Waynesville look with favor on the present highway that is being built from Lake Junaluska to Dellwood. We realize that any highway that creates a by-pass for a town is bound to hurt that town to some degree.

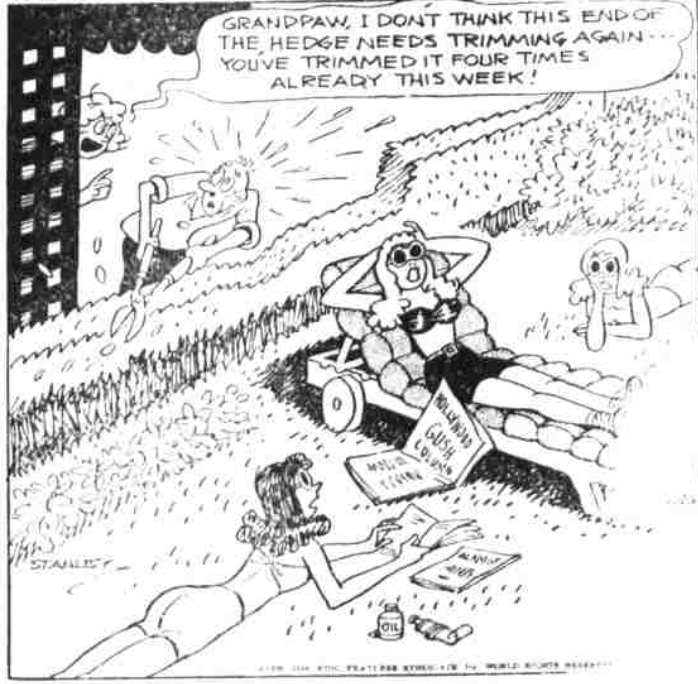
Yet on the other hand, the through traveler, or those who want to skip every town possible, welcomes these by-pass highways. The average such traveler never stops in a town except for red traffic lights.

The by-pass system is something we must take along with progress and our modern highway systems.

Waynesville has its greatest job before her at this time in the matter of making the highway from the Lake to Waynesville so attractive that it will naturally draw travelers this way.

This is no time for fussing about progress. It is time to get our best minds together and step out ahead of progress.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

One of the nicest summer spots we have seen this year is Furry's Lodge just a minute off Love Lane and about eight blocks off Main Street. You can suddenly leave the traffic of the State Highway and Main Street and find yourself out of this world...

last her two years. Ruth leaves today for New York, where she will spend a couple of weeks with her husband's family on Long Island before sailing for Germany where she will join her husband, Capt. Semaschko, now serving as military governor of the town of Esslinger, Germany. Ruth is naturally all excited about seeing her husband, who has served for nearly two years in the European theater...

In addition to her clothes she is taking only a few rugs, and a bathrobe and some slippers, and books for her husband. Her house is waiting already for her and a maid engaged—and for the latter's services about the price of a package of cigarettes—with two meals will be her wages. The Germans ask for the two meals, which in a starving country are big pay.

Capt. Semaschko should feel very much at home in Europe, despite the fact that he is a native American, as his father, who now lives on Long Island, was born in Russia. The elder Semaschko met his wife while crossing the Atlantic coming to America, the latter returning home after two years of study in the German universities. Incidentally Ruth and her husband met while she was a student at Woman's College, Greensboro, and he was stationed there.

Most of us think we are doing well when we manage to get enough clothing for a season, but Mrs. Nicholas Semaschko, Jr. (Ruth Turner) has collected enough to

We had a rather funny experience (Continued on Page Three)

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Which foreign country do you think is the most interesting, and why?

VAN C. HAYNES—"The Naga Hill section, between India and Burma. Their civilization is very primitive, not only in farming methods, but in hunting and clothing. The people are small, but carry immense packs with the use of head harness that fits over their forehead."

AL MARSHAL—"The most beautiful visit I ever took was into Wales from England. The land is green and rolling, a little like in our Middle West."

MARGARET JOHNSON—"Russia, I think. Not that I believe I would enjoy visiting there, but we recognize that they are going to be such a world power and we need to study more about Russia."

JAMES V. SMITH—"I would like to see more of Alaska. The plant growth there is interesting, and so are the natives and glaciers."

JOHN WILLIAMS—"Argentina, it's a combination of the East, the Middle West and Far West and Mexico, all in one. You have a sophisticated East, and in the West the wild Gaucho country. Then in the South are the Indians, who still are very primitive."

DAVID ROGERS—"If I could travel I'd like to go to Paris."

Letters To Editor

CLARENCE W. MILLER Editor The Mountaineer:

It is no small pleasure to read in the home paper that the children of Mr. Miller have given to the Methodist Church a set of collection plates as a memorial to their father in this one of his many services to his church during his long life. Shortly after the Civil War, Mr. Miller's father brought his family from at or near Wytheville, Va., to Cashier's Valley in Jackson County. Early in the 1870's, the family moved to Waynesville and occupied a house, on whose site later was built the Hyatt house which was later transformed into the Green Tree Inn between the shoe shop and the Messie Furniture Store. Grandfather Miller died early but I remember "Grandma Miller," as she was called by my father's children, and sometime ago I described in the Mountaineer a small service that a 12-year-old boy, was privileged to do for her in her last days.

Two of the four Miller brothers, (Continued on Page Three)

ALONG BROADWAY

By Walter Winchell

Stage Door: George Arliss made \$640,000 in the U. S. That was his net estate at any rate. Compare him with Wm. S. Hart. Arliss didn't bequeath a peso to any American charity—not even to the Episcopal Actors' Guild, of which he once was president. Phooey. Fred Hillbrand at 52 enters a local school of music. Five years ago, not knowing a note, he composed a Negro Spiritual which was a smash hit. So he decided to write an opera. That explains why he is going to a music school in a class with kids. The reason author Michael Strahan (pen name of an ex-Mrs. John Barrymore) isn't listed in the Social Register as Barrymore's this: Stage names are not listed. Barrymore's real name is Bl... (Continued on Page Three)

Two Little Girls in Blue: The lovely, blonde, middle-aged lady dispensing sodas at Nicholas' in Grand Central terminal was once one of Ziegfeld's most celebrated beauties. Her name is Doris Carlson. Another beauty in the same Ziegfeld show department recently purchased 114 E. 40th street (near G. I. Terminal) for \$200,000. Her name: Polly Lux.

The Washington - waggers, Washington still has \$3000 dollar...

Capital Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

POTATOES—Thousands of bushels of Irish potatoes are rotting in the woods in Pasquotank and surrounding counties, and the growers were paid for these potatoes at a rate of about \$1.50 per hundred pounds. Due to the shortages of cars and strikes in distilling plants, which took the majority of Government purchases of this year's early commercial potato crop, they could not be delivered. But they were bought, because in the early days of the war Congress passed a law guaranteeing the farmer 90 per cent of parity on various crops. The Steagall amendment is what kept potato producers from losing their pants this year.

Now, with all the millions of people starving in Europe, why weren't these potatoes fed to Europe, rather than to be permitted to rot? This is the reason: most of these potatoes, harvested near the middle of the season, could hardly withstand a trip to New York, let alone to Europe, and then to all parts of Europe. The government in June of 1915 tried, as an experiment, to trans- (Continued on Page Three)

Inside WASHINGTON

Bilbo Probably Will Remain As National Capital "Mayor" House Lags Behind in Work, May Long Delay Adjournment

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Despite the vigorous campaign in the northern press against him, Senator Bilbo—"The Man"—is coming back to Washington and the politically wise do not place much faith in reports that a move will be made to unseat him.

Senator Johnson (D) of Colorado, chairman of the privileges and elections committee, has already announced that his committee will take no immediate action on charges that Bilbo, by raising the "race hatred" issue, violated the law. Johnson notes that neither the candidates who lost to Bilbo nor the Mississippi electorate have filed a complaint.

A Washington newspaper has started a campaign to have Bilbo replaced as chairman of the District of Columbia committee of the Senate, a post generally designated as that of "Mayor" of voteless Washington. But observers don't think this will happen—unless by some political upheaval, the Republicans should capture the Senate this fall.

Incidentally, some realistic southern politicians believe that the campaign of certain columnists to oust Bilbo by the ballot did much to elect him. It is known that one candidate personally appealed to these writers to "lay off" Bilbo. He argued that their attacks only fueled Bilbo's state where outside interference is resented.

CAPITOL HILL OBSERVERS see little chance of adjourning for the summer—and the coming campaigns—until long after the proposed adjournment date of July 15. Breaking a long-time precedent, the delay will come in the House instead of the Senate.

The Senate is usually the chamber which finds it most difficult to tie up the loose ends and to stop talking. Now the House, already long delayed in action on the British loan, still has several other important bits of legislation to deal with.

Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley had been hopeful of adjournment by July 20. He plans to keep the Senate in session with a series of three-day recesses until the House concludes. House leaders, though, are now talking in terms of an August adjournment. More pessimistic members speak of September and Chairman Sabath of the House rules committee dejectedly guesses on October.

ACTION ON LEGISLATION for the control of atomic energy within the United States probably will be delayed for a series of atomic tomorrows.

Political observers see little or no chance that the House will take up the bill reported this week by its military affairs committee. They point out that, even if the House acts, a conference fight looms in the Senate; a fight which may even spend itself in a legislative dead end street with the adjournment of the 79th Congress late in July.

The Senate some time ago passed the McMahon bill, providing for outright civilian control of atomic energy. Then the House military affairs committee came along and shaved and sheared the measure to bits.

The House amended the bill so that the president is required to appoint at least one military official to the atomic energy commission. It made it possible for the chief executive to appoint two such commission members.

Then it rode roughshod over the Senate by empowering the Army and Navy to manufacture atomic weapons at the direction of the president. Authoritative congressional sources are certain that the Senate will not take the House bill. And the House is virtually certain not to take the Senate bill.



Senator Bilbo

campaign fire in

Safe Deposit Boxes....

A safe place for your valuables and even more valuable in a safe place. We have only a limited number of safe deposit boxes for rent from the hundreds we were lucky enough to obtain. It appears that no more will be available soon. We have had several calls for these from people outside the county, but we have been holding them for our customers. If you can use one, it is suggested that you rent your box promptly before the supply is exhausted.

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