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Great Smokies Museum

Of the many projects which are being undertaken in connection with the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, one of the foremost from the standpoint of public interest, is almost a reality.

We refer to the museum which is designed to present the history and customs of the early white settlers of the region.

According to information given out at Gatlinburg, the establishment of the museum follows many years of hard work on the part of historians and other interested persons in both Tennessee and North Carolina, and support of a number of National Park Service officials who always had more enthusiasm than money with which to help the cause along.

A section of the Oconaluftee ranger station near Cherokee is being converted for the project, which is expected to be thrown open to the public by April 1, according to Superintendent Blair A. Ross.

Four cases of relics are already on display in the lobby of the station and still other cases and table displays will be arranged soon. Recently moved to the building from park headquarters at Gatlinburg was a large number of articles.

Still other articles which have been collected for the museum are stored at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee.

Establishment of a natural history museum in the park headquarters will be one of the next steps in the playground's educational program.—Hickory Daily Record.



Rambling 'Round

—Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members—
 —Of The Mountaineer Staff—

In the course of our life, we have met many vicissitudes and have always found friends to help us over the rough spaces in the road.

In the past two weeks, we have had two friends that have stood by us and have more than helped us over the rough places. They have accompanied us wherever we went and without them we would have found the going mighty hard. They will soon leave us (we hope) and we may not see them again until next winter.

They have stuck to us through thick and thin (thick snow and thin ice) for these two friends are our galoshes.

She had come fully equipped for whatever weather might descend upon her. Her raincoat was the latest style, her boots of modern trend and her umbrella had the spiffiest handle you ever

saw. And that was all you saw for when she came sweeping in, the handle hung by its silk cord from her wrist... but the umbrella had become loosened and had disappeared. She had no idea when it had left her possession. Imagine her embarrassment if it had started to rain while she was out.

Conversation has a peculiar way of becoming a bit strained between Christmas and the opening of the annual pre-tourist-season chit-chat, so the current weather has provided an open sesame when friends gather. "Isn't it awful?" "What is it doing now?" "What does the thermometer read?" have been the most popular greetings for the past two weeks... or more. (It seems like much longer!)

"Blow, winds, blow!" This (Continued on Page Three)

Washington Letter

CONSERVATORY OF ORATORY
 BY JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Most members of Congress like to make speeches.

Minority leader Alben Barkley is one of the best wits in the Senate, according to Capital correspondents. The solon's stories are quite famous.

Here's one Barkley tells on himself.

When he was just a young whippersnapper, and a beamer in the game, he was invited to

make a banquet speech. He wanted very much to make a good impression.

He worked all night outlining the talk and rehearsed it aloud several times. The applause was tiredly polite. When the affair broke up, he elbowed his way to the chairman, asked him how he liked the speech.

"Well," said the chairman dryly, "I have three criticisms. In the first place, you read the speech in the second place, you read it badly. In the third place, it wasn't worth reading in the first place." (Continued on Page Three)

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can too rapid school promotion harm a child?

Answer: It may in some cases, reports Dr. Philip Ash in the Journal of Applied Psychology, after testing 85 white male delinquents from 16 to 22 years old. The boys' average ability and information rated two years lower than the school grades they said they had finished, showing that they had been "pushed ahead" faster than they were capable of going. And while this alone did not make them delinquent, any youngster of whom more is demanded than he can give will grow more discouraged and rebellious.



Do men who kill women hate themselves?

Answer: That is the conclusion reached by three psychiatrists of the U. S. Marine Hospital, Ellis Island, N. Y., after analyzing ten typical cases. Although only half the men were technically insane, all ten "hated" themselves. They were unable to control their anger, and they were unable to control their impulses. They were unable to control their impulses. They were unable to control their impulses.

By LAWRENCE



Can neurosis and distinguish

Answer: They may be alike to confuse the server, but they are different mental conditions. Neurotic's trouble is in the mind, which he cannot control but which he cannot generate and ungenerate. The case of the psychotic is sane, whereas the neurotic's intelligence is affected. Sees, hears, or believes which are not "his" people's standpoint. Dr. Zilboorg defines a psychotic person who "knows" one else knows.

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The Price Of Beauty

It is greatly to be hoped that some influential members of the North Carolina delegation to Congress will join the Virginians who are now making a fight on the plan of the Department of the Interior to make the Blue Ridge Parkway a toll road.

The Department of the Interior, no doubt, justifies its plan on the ground that the Parkway is not a part of the public highway system, but is under the National Park Service as a connecting link between two of the most popular parks in the country.

In some cases tolls and fees are charged for the use of certain facilities in the national parks and also in our own state parks in North Carolina; but we have never looked with favor on the practice, because the parks belong to the public, which has paid for them with taxes. It strikes us as being a form of double taxation to build national parks and facilities with public money and then require the people to pay for the use of them.

Certainly the scenery is free, and the government has no right to preempt it, but some of those wonderful views can be seen only from the Parkway. To make a toll road of the Parkway would require the people to pay a fee just to look at the beauties that God put in that vast and breath-taking panorama, after they have already paid their taxes to build the road.

When the Parkway project was begun years ago, nothing was said about making it a toll road. This incomparable drive along the crest of eastern America was to be a free gift by the government to the people, so that they could see some of the wonders of their wonderful country that would have remained forever hidden from the eyes of all except a few hardy climbers if the Parkway had not brought them within reach of any citizen who can afford the lowest-priced car.

The proposed tolls are very modest—almost nominal, in fact—but the mere act of collecting a toll will rob the Parkway of its greatest allure—the sense of release, combined with a touch of awe and humility, on standing on the crest of a half a continent and looking out over a hundred miles of varicolored mountaintops.

No price, however small, should be set upon that.—The Charlotte Observer.

Traffic And Parking

An automobile age suddenly imposed upon horse-and-buggy planned cities brings traffic jams, parking problems. Traffic experts, members of the American Highway Association meeting in Chicago, expressed the conviction that the number one problem for American cities today is traffic.

There were as many horse-and-buggies as there are automobiles. It was more inconvenient to keep a horse, and it took more space. Also fewer people were in that margin of prosperity in the old days where they could afford private conveyances. Automobiles cost more to buy and operate than did horse-drawn vehicles.

There has been such a change in transportation that cities must do some drastic planning—such as moving buildings and confiscating private lawns to widen streets and razing buildings to make parking spaces. One-way streets, no curb parking and keeping cars out of certain very narrow streets are possible remedies. The situation calls for daring and original city planning.—Reidsville Review.

Divorces Fall Off

A sharp decline in the national divorce rate during 1947 should be reassuring to many thoughtful people who have been concerned in recent years with this problem of society and have found little for consolation in the trend.

While over-all figures are not yet available, a United Press survey has gathered figures from a number of localities which show a very definite drop in the number of divorces or annulments and on which basis we can be certain that statistics will reveal a general improvement in the marital situation over the country.

A year ago, religious leaders and others who feel responsibility for the nation's moral outlook and social propriety were genuinely alarmed at the tremendous increase in broken homes and shocked by the seeming indifference of many to the meaning of marriage vows and the accompanying obligations to society.

They were stirred to increased activity in many instances in an attempt to reawaken a sense of understanding and responsibility which would serve to prevent as many further breakdowns as possible. Evidently there has been some success for them in this commendable move.

We can also attribute the falling off in divorces to the fact that with the war over we have returned to more stable times and this attitude toward marriage and the dependence of those making a home on each other.

Whatever the reasons, the reduction in divorces as recorded during 1947 is a welcome development in our social scheme.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Most Pained Expression

At a dinner recently we noticed a man at the speaker's table with the most pained expression on his face we have ever seen. It was a familiar expression, too, one we had seen many times, but we couldn't quite place it. Whether he was dying of disease or boredom seemed questionable, but it was certain that he was not amused by the remarks of the speaker standing near him and expatiating at considerable length.

Then the light dawned on us. Our mystery man of the weebegone countenance was the next speaker. Of course, he was concentrating on his listening to the first speaker, on thinking what he would say himself, and on wondering whether the jackass who had the floor would leave him enough time in which to say it.

Men have approached gallows and guillotine with far happier faces. And here is a tip to news photographers: When they want a really harrowing picture, let them turn from accident victims and concentrate on the countenance of the Next Speaker.—Greensboro Daily News.

Sooner Or Later For All

Chowan county has just voted \$400,000 in bonds for a school expansion program. Other counties in the state, including Haywood, are faced with crowded and inadequate school facilities. There is only one way to face the problem, and that is to do as Chowan has done.

The population is increasing everywhere, and with schools already overcrowded, there is not a chance of the situation becoming better until additional schools are erected.

Looking Back Over The Years

5 YEARS AGO	10 YEARS AGO	15 YEARS AGO
January War Bond sales exceed \$111,500 in Haywood.	Hazelwood aldermen adopt \$35,000 paving program.	Haywood Masons meet for oyster supper at Masonic Temple.
Waynesville and Hazelwood merchants will close their store at 1 o'clock on Wednesdays.	Fire destroys Smoky Mountain Industries, near depot.	Survey of Soco Gap Road extension is being pushed.
Miss Elizabeth Leatherwood is named manager of Eagle Five and Ten Cent Store.	Three farms are sold at auction. Mrs. J. Wilford Ray entertains in honor of her mother, Mrs. Felix Alley, on the birthday anniversary of the latter.	Four murder cases tried in criminal court.
Over six hundred books are given to Victory Book Drive.	Large group from Waynesville attends President's Ball in Canton.	Two large bucks battle to death near Pisgah Forest.
Harriet Cutler Coburn, of Asheville weds Dr. Thomas Stringfield, II.	Gordon Hendricks leaves for Richmond, Va., where he will report for duty with the U. S. Navy.	District P.T.A. president urges no further cut in appropriations for educational work in state.
Norman Pless to be called for active duty soon.		Hero of Egypt constructed a steam turbine more than 2,000 years ago.

They'll Do It Every Time

