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The Smoky Mountain Highway

As a last piece of fine public service while on the State Highway Commission, D. Reeves Noland had the highway from Asheville to the Parkway named the Smoky Mountain Highway.

Naming the section of the highway will set it apart from an ordinary highway, and will give it a title of distinction and one of advertising value to the area and the highway itself.

Our neighboring state of Tennessee has long found the wisdom of naming highways, and especially those in the neighborhood of the Park.

The average person traveling through an area soon forgets the highway number, but a name lingers, and it is easy to tell others when they get home.

This entire section owes Mr. Noland a debt of gratitude for taking this initiative and seeing that this important link of our highway system got a name, and a good one at that.

Catering To Tourists

It appears that the sponsors of the Ramp Convention are going to make the event so attractive that it will appeal to the tourists in early spring.

The group in organizing for the 1950 convention have decided to stage the event three weeks later than usual in order to appeal to a lot of visitors.

According to official records kept of the crowd, it appears that the convention is growing so large that perhaps two days will have to be given to the occasion in order to handle the crowds. Any way, that is a matter that can be determined later.

A Mid-Year Inventory

The Methodists of the Waynesville district have a good business policy which they follow. That is their mid-year conference in which they take stock, and find out just what is going on, where it is going and how.

Such a practice allows churches time to pull themselves together, and get to work and complete a successful year. It gives all other churches an opportunity to see what their neighbor is doing, and they can adjust themselves accordingly.

The practice is a good one, and perhaps would be beneficial to many civic organizations as well as individuals.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are there men who can't believe a woman loves them?

Answer: Yes. There are men who doubt any girl's professions of love from the outset, and others who manage to persuade themselves they trust a girl's devotion but end by becoming jealous and suspicious for no valid reason. A boy who feels he has been "rejected" by his mother, for example, usually comes to the conclusion that it means there's something radically wrong with him so that he does not deserve to be loved. And if you get that idea strongly enough, no woman will ever convince you that she really loves you.



Is it hard to find good foster homes for children?

Answer: Very hard, as social agencies know only too well. In fact, Theodor Alcock, writing in the British Journal of Medical Psychology, says it's so hard to find people who will make good foster parents, even when paid for.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

It, that as bad as living in an institution is for children, especially very young ones, some way must be found to provide "group homes." The root of the problem, she asserts, is that most adults feel unconsciously hostile toward children unless they are actually or emotionally "their own."



Is it natural to prefer a "safe" job?

Answer: That depends on how you have been "conditioned," and especially on whether your experience and training have given you confidence in your ability to take care of yourself, no matter what happens. Your peace of mind is more important, even to your family, in the long run than wealth or success. So if you do not have this sort of confidence, you'll be wise to concentrate on finding a secure job—working for the Government, for instance—and let tougher-minded people take chances that may mean riches or ruin.

What: Change The Name Of Maggie

The State magazine published in Raleigh by Carl Goerch has taken a decided stand against changing the name of the post office at Maggie.

Several weeks ago some mention was made of making a change of the post office and area, but after a mass meeting of the citizens of the area, the matter was dropped. However, Mr. Goerch wrote his article and his stand before that point was learned by him.

Since his stand is so definite, we are publishing Mr. Goerch's article for all our readers:

Up in the mountains of Haywood County there's a little rural community which for many, many years has been known by the name of Maggie.

There are many people in North Carolina who don't know where Haywood County is, but practically everybody has heard of Maggie.

When unusual community names are discussed, the name of Maggie generally is dragged into the discussion. There's something folksy, comforting, sound and appealing about that name. It's a name that has no frills attached: it stands firmly by itself.

And now guess what they're figuring on doing!

They're planning to change the name of Maggie!

It's a fact. Recently a mass meeting of some 200 citizens was held at which the subject was discussed at length. They've got an organization up there known as the Soco Road Boosters Club. The members of this organization are among those who want to see a change take place.

Here are some of the names that have been suggested: Socoluska, Soco City, Mountain Valley and Mountain View. A committee has been appointed and this committee will give consideration to all these and a number of other names.

A tourist, traveling through "Mountain View" or "Soco City," will do so without blinking an eyelash. Just as soon as he gets on the other side of the community he will promptly proceed to forget all about it. So far as he's concerned, it will be just another wide place in the road.

But what a different reaction when he comes to Maggie! He immediately sits up and takes notice. He wants to know how come the name? How old is the town? By whom was it settled? Who was the original Maggie? And when he gets back to his home in Ohio, Pennsylvania or Indiana, he'll proudly brag of the fact that he has been to a place in North Carolina by the name of Maggie.

There are scores of Indian names in the western part of the state; there are scores of names having to do with mountains, views, valleys, etc., but there is only one Maggie.

For heaven's sake, ye citizens of that section of Haywood County: hang onto Maggie! Don't let the old gal get away from you after all these years. Taking our cue from that well-known spiritual, "The Ole-time Religion," let us all join in singing: "It was good for paw and gran'paw, 'It was good for paw and gran'paw, 'It was good for paw and gran'paw, An it's good enough for me."

Sunday Is Mother's Day

Again, just when the world seems alive, and everything is colorful, the annual observance of Mother's Day will be staged on Sunday. This day has become one of the great "love" days of our time, and an occasion that is fitting for our recognition.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Farmers vote to continue plans for the establishment of modern cannery here. Eagle 5 and 10 Store opens new and larger building. Junaluska P.T.A. reaches goal for the year—a standard organization. Mrs. R. N. Barber is guest of honor at luncheon given by Bryson City Woman's Club. Miss Marguerite Massie attends May Day exercises at Greensboro College in which Miss Mary Emma Massie participated as attendant to the May Queen. 10 YEARS AGO Home of Miss Marian Boggs on

Pigeon Highway is completely destroyed by fire. Road is being improved from the entrance at Lake Junaluska to a point beyond the boat house. Dayton Girls' Club entertains sailors from the Naval Convalescent Hospital at party at Piedmont Hotel. Miss Jane Walker, student in the music department of Woman's College at Greensboro, participates in college piano recital. Miss Eula May Thrift and Miss Betty Jean Boyd, two popular high school students, are honored at party given at Piedmont Hotel. 5 YEARS AGO Dorothy Flowe is valedictorian and James Donaldson is salutatorian of Bethel graduating class. Sgt. Milas Green receives Oak Leaf Cluster for bravery. Miss Opal McCracken volunteers Members of high school bands in U. S. Marine Corps.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think the city ordinance, which says that property owners should keep vacant lots clean, should be rigidly enforced?

Mrs. David Hyatt—"Yes. Since Waynesville is a tourist town, it is the responsibility of each citizen to help make it look attractive. A lot that is not cared for is an eyesore."

L. N. Davis—"Where property owners do not keep lots clean voluntarily, the ordinance should be enforced. Property is a menace to the community if not kept clean."

O. H. Shelton—"Yes. I think the ordinance should be enforced. It would prevent a lot of criticism and help the general appearance of the town, too."

Mrs. Raymond Lane—"Yes. If we want to make our city a beautiful place, we must do everything to keep it so."

Mrs. Sam Jones—"Yes. I certainly do, especially on Main Street. Vacant lots which are not kept clean detract from the town in general as well as from the property they adjoin."

Miss Sylla Davis—"Yes. I do. If vacant lots were kept clean the whole appearance of the community would be improved."

Views of Other Editors

Pastures Are Money Makers

We are very fortunate in Western North Carolina in that we have sufficient rainfall to maintain good pastures. The Production Marketing Administration offers plans to every farmer in our mountain counties that will enable him to start permanent pastures. This will mean prosperity on many a farm. The Production Marketing Administration will help the farmer who plans to build a permanent pasture. It will help him buy the seed, buy the fertilizer and plan the operation.

Be sure to visit the office of the Production Marketing Administration. You will find one in each county manned by capable, trained people.

This program offers the farmer the chance to get permanent pastures going that will be a blessing to the farm in the coming years. Pastures make milk and meat cheaper than any other method of feeding. With the new grasses, which have been made available for farmers during the past few years, a plan can be worked out that will make it possible to graze cattle in our mountain counties about 10 months in the year. The value of pastures also goes for the man who has a small farm (Continued on Page 6)

UNCLE ABE'S LETTER

Our "Cold War"

Fifty Years Ago

Here's a picture of the "good ol' days"— Ol-time livin', ol-time ways; Of lace an' frills an' plummed' hats, Of ruffles, com's an' puffs an' "rats," Low-hangin' gowns, big aprons, too; Thick black hose an' French-loaf shoe— Fifty years ago!

The men wore hard, round derby hats, High, stiff collars, black cravats; A long-tail coat of cut-a-way, With trousers tight—style of the day; A full mustache with waxed' tips, Curvin' a little above the lips— Fifty years ago!

Of big "inairs" an' blushin' brides; Of huskin' bees an' horse-back rides; Of county fairs—cheap lemonade, Of the jockey racers unaffraid, Of families large aroun' the board; Of walled-up spring an' drinkin'-gourd— Fifty years ago!

Of the wagon-days, so dull an' slow; Ol' fashion scythe an' ol' fence row; Hard "crappin' time" an' swimmin' hole; The little school house on the knoll; Of flies an' filth—an' dread disease— The "good ol' days", sir, if you please— Of fifty years ago!

Yes sir-ee! The ol' genera-shun what's a-keepin' up with Uncle Abe minds these days well. I woodn't want to live them hard days over, wood you? Not unless I could (Continued on Page 6)



Rambling

-Bits Of Human Interest News Picked -Of The Mountaineer Staff

Mother's Day is with us again and we think with pride of the happiness and pleasure that will be extended to mothers everywhere. Flowers, gifts and entertainment will be all hers on this festive day and no one can be more deserving. But why confine it to this one day on the calendar? There are still 364 more days in each year you know.

And that reminds us of the story about the man who wrote on the upper corner of the envelope: "If not delivered in two days, don't worry... there are still 360 days in which to find the addressee."

We often wonder if a great many people who "lend their ears" to others, do so in order that they may hear the thanks and praise they expect to hear. While they sing a word of praise, they are listening intently for the echo.

Two attractive girls of grammar school age were having a wonderful time, standing in front of a fashionable shop where beautiful dinner dresses were on display in the window. They were turning their heads in approval and dignity as they visualized themselves in the lovely

Capital Letter

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

TO WINSTON-SALEM — With the check book announcement last week from Dr. Thurman Kitchener, president of Wake Forest College, that he would resign at the end of the coming term, Baptist leaders in Raleigh immediately started a campaign for Irving Carley, Winston-Salem attorney, to succeed him.

Wake Forest, with the help of Baptists throughout the State, must raise upwards of \$15,000,000 by 1952 if she wants to go to the Twin City. The feeling here is that Carley, who is chairman of the board of trustees, can come nearest to achieving this goal.

This would be following the trend, for college presidents are now not being chosen for their high scholarship and their ability to read Greek and Latin and quote long passages from Shakespeare and Browning, but for their administrative strength and capacity for "getting things done."

PRESBYTERIANS—The Presbyterians are on the march again in North Carolina. Although no definite

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: Across: 1 Story, 5 Foundation, 9 Affirm, 10 Eskers (Geol.), 11 Half (prefix), 12 Skin disorder, 13 Disease of children, 15 Editor (abbr.), 16 Stupely, 18 Energy taken in (Mech.), 22 Anger, 23 Vehicle hauled by another, 24 Neon (sym.), 25 A disease of children, 26 Music note, 27 Masculine name, 29 Little girl, 30 Robs, 31 Additional, 32 Indefinite article, 33 Asterisk, 35 A shield, 37 Species of pier, 39 Adhesive mixture, 40 American author (poss.), 41 Precious stones, 42 Blunders. Down: 1 Owns, 2 Thoroughfare, 3 Citrus fruit, 4 Decorate, 5 Snake, 6 Hermit, 7 A kind of shoe, 8 Before, 14 Stuffy, 16 Warbles, 17 Care for, medically, 19 Claw, 20 An effervescent liquor (Caucasus), 21 Rub out, 23 Labor, 25 The skull of a vertebrate.

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