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Thursday Afternoon, June 23, 1949

Growing, Growing, Growing

It looks like Southern Methodists are forging ahead in the further development of Lake Junaluska. This week the announcement was made that a cash gift of \$5,000 had been received by the Assembly, and at almost the same time, plans were made public for the construction of a \$50,000 children's home on the Lake.

There is no question but what the people of the nation are recognizing more and more the need of church and church facilities. The summer assemblies of the churches in this particular area are showing results of this urge on the part of the citizens, and the growing interest.

We feel it is an encouraging sign. And with pride we are particularly happy that the Southern Methodists are taking a definite lead in this great work, and constantly improving and enlarging Lake Junaluska.

The Good Samaritans

Sometimes one is prone to believe that there is not a bit of human kindness left in this cold, fast-moving old world. But just as we decide that such is the case, here comes an example that makes us change our minds, and see things a little differently. Not so long ago, a prominent farmer in Eastern Carolina was taken ill, and in a week or so, he died.

His death came right at the time when his large farm needed planting, in addition to all the other work that needed to be done about a farm in the spring.

His widow's livelihood depended upon the crops produced on that farm, yet she was not physically able to do the work herself.

One day about 50 farmers with machines, mules, plows and implements of all types came to the farm and started to work.

Before dark, the entire farm had been planted, and the widow given assurance that in due time, the crops would be cultivated again and again, and that they would also take care of the harvest.

We have heard of similar examples of this being done on a smaller scale right here in Haywood.

Such deeds as these prompt us to have renewed faith in mankind, and believe that there is not as much selfishness in some people as we might think.

A Progressive Step

The Mountaineer wants to heartily commend the Board of Commissioners and the State Extension Service for adding Turner Cathey as an assistant county agent here to work primarily in the promotion of the Community Development Program.

We feel that it was a wise and progressive step to add Mr. Cathey to the staff of the county agent's office.

The county agent, and his three assistants, already have a heavy program to carry, and with the additional duties of the Community Development Program, there was just more to be done than four men could accomplish.

On the other hand, there is no question but what the Community Development Program has already brought about a new day for Haywood, and it is a program worthy of continuance and promotion now and for the years to come.

Mr. Cathey is a man well suited for the position to which he has been named. He has had years of experience as a leader and instructor in the classroom, and in coaching and directing young people on the athletic field; he has worked in YMCA work, and also conducted summer camps. He is a farmer, a leader in 4-H Club work, and knows the problems which face rural Haywood. He also knows the objectives of Haywood, and the ways to attain that goal.

The Commissioners and Extension Service are to be congratulated for creating the office and making the choice of Mr. Cathey to fill it.

A Dangerous Curve

Highway 19-A and 23 at the intersection of Ratchiff Cove road is a dangerous spot for motorists.

Since September 1940, there have been five people killed in traffic accidents at this point. In two accidents, the lives of two persons were taken instantly in each wreck.

The highway curves at this particular point, but not on any sharper angle than scores of other curves in this immediate area. It is hard to tell just what is the cause of all the accidents at this point, unless it is the fact that a three-lane highway ends just a short distance from the curve, and motorists coming from Waynesville suddenly find themselves on a two-lane road instead of a three, and also right into a curve.

That is one theory, which we feel must be taken into consideration when studying the dangerous situation.

Another is that the average motorist feels he is out of congested traffic just as he gets to the point, and since the countryside is relatively flat, the tendency is to go just a little faster. At that point, many times, a car begins to skid and slide, which sometimes results in accidents.

This newspaper does not feel that the highway engineers have failed in their duty of making that particular spot on our roads safe. There is no obstruction, and as stated above, the curve is no sharper than many others.

No doubt the two recent deaths to result from an accident at the point will prompt the safety division of the highway commission to take some steps towards making it a safer curve.

The Mountaineer believes that just a series of things lead to making it dangerous, when within itself and just as another curve, it is not dangerous according to present safety standards.

Anyway, however that might be, it appears that it is time to do something, since five lives have already been lost at the one spot.



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
I. N. Davis attends International Rotary Convention in Cleveland this week.
San Francisco paper gives Soco Gap Team space on first page.
Dr. J. C. Murphy opens new Drug Store in building formerly occupied by Alexander's Drug Store.
Miss Marietta Way becomes bride of Thomas L. Campbell, Jr.
Mrs. W. T. Crawford returns from visit to World's Fair in New York.
Dr. Jasper Morgan, physicist, of Duke University visits his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rose of Chicago are spending a fortnight at Balsam.
Billy Richeson and George Wallace Brown return from visit to Pittston and Philadelphia, Pa., Washington, D. C., and other points.
5 YEARS AGO
Local State Guard unit makes preparations to go to Fort Bragg on July 6.
Governor Thomas E. Dewey is chosen G.O.P. candidate for president in 1944.
Pvt. Charles Ketter is now with invasion forces on the coast of France. Writes wife from fox hole.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What is your favorite summer recreation?
Miss Evelyn Siler—"The recreation I would enjoy most is a visit to the beach where I could lie in the sun in the daytime and dance at night."
Miss Mildred Medford—"Dancing—and just anything like exercise. In fact I just enjoy summer."
Miss Dixie Campbell—"There are so many. I hardly know. I enjoy picnicking and hiking and everything about summer."
Miss Edith Summerrow—"Picnicking—because I especially enjoy being in the open."
Miss Jackie Sue Messer—"Swimming and sunbathing."
Miss Thelma Ann Jones—"I enjoy any recreation out-of-doors."
Miss Bebe Medford—"Swimming is my favorite but I like all outdoor sports."
Miss Betty Bradley—"My favorite year-round recreation is sewing but for summer I think my favorite sport is swimming."

The Human Side O' Life
BY UNCLE ABE

THE STORY OF SLIM GOODIN (In 3 Parts—Part One)
The most observing folks in West Asheville said that Slim Goodin was, in their opinion, the leanest, thinnest, slenderest, rawest, longest and gawkiest man in the state, also one of the tallest; and when we have concluded our story, you'll probably be ready to agree with them.

Letters To Editor

A SWELL JOB
Editor, The Mountaineer:
You did a swell job on that 62-page paper. As a newspaper man I realize the great labor involved. One trouble is that some people don't fully appreciate the effort and product. For a town of your size, a plant of your size, it was truly a wonderful performance, and I was glad to see the good word about it in many of the daily papers. It sets The Mountaineer up as top in its field, and the field, moreover, is large.
R. W. "Deacon" Simpson
Altadena, Calif.

Bookmobile Schedule

Table with columns for Date, Location, and Time. Includes Friday, June 24th (CECIL and CRUSO) and Monday, June 27th (SOCO GAP ROAD).

WHERE THE MAN POWER SHORTAGE IS STILL CRITICAL



Rambling
-Bits Of Human Interest News From -Of The Mountaineer

It was a bit unusual but you have no idea how fascinating it was to watch. Two boys in the early 1900s stopped in front of the large glass window of The Mountaineer and proceeded to thoroughly brush combs and pat their hair into perfect control. And in a few minutes we saw them returning with hair, equipped with a sunset-orange disc. "Ain't Youth wonderful?"
He probably weighed in the neighborhood of 250 pounds, and was over six feet. So it did look a little incongruous to see him carrying a lady's size (brilliantly colored) umbrella.

Capital Le
By EULA NIXON GREEN

POLITICIANS, TOO—Judges whether they be superior, supreme, recorder court type, or of the county garden variety, are not have been—politicians. This charge has been thrown at them for a thousand years, and though they have done a great deal of squinting, looking as judicial as possible all the while, they have not been able to live down the criticism.

Inside WASH
MARCH OF EVEN

Washington - There is a strong feeling that Congress may do nothing about the mental deficit for the 1950 fiscal year. A high Democratic leader who has been President Truman's four-billion-dollar tax mentioned "There seems to be Congress for increasing taxes." The leader who is close indicated he did not believe effective out in the present budget, and that Congress be doing anything at all about it.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should her Dad be a teen-ager's "boy friend"?
Answer: He should certainly be her friend—in some ways the best friend she has—but he should not take the place of male friends and admirers of her own age. For one of the biggest lessons a girl must learn between, say, fifteen and twenty is how to get on with members of the other sex, first on a friendly, and some day on a "romantic" basis. And she cannot learn this from her father because she can take his love and interest for granted and need not do anything to "earn" them. She needs him above all, but she needs boy friends, too.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Strongest men and women survived to reach old age, they were able to retain positions of importance and continue to live active, honored lives. Today the proportion of old people is much larger, but their place in the community is less secure and less influential than it once was.
Should an author "write down" to his readers?
Answer: Never. In fact, if he thinks he does, he is not likely to have many readers, since a "condescending" attitude is as hard to conceal as it is irritating to its victims. But a writer who has ideas which he wishes to communicate to others will try to express them in his readers' language just as he would learn to speak French if he wanted to convey an idea to a Frenchman. Anyone who writes on scientific subjects for the general public should consider himself lazy if he does not translate technical terms into familiar words and phrases.