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The Result of Hard Work

After all these years, it now appears that definite plans are getting underway whereby sufficient appropriations can be had to complete the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For many years, the projects have been allowed to drift with the tide of indifference, with the idea that some day something would happen to bring the plans to a reality.

Everyone seemed to favor the completion of the projects, but the lack of leadership and initiative on the problems at hand kept anything from being done.

It was almost by coincidence that the North Carolina legislature in 1947 set up a commission, whose duty and obligation it was to promote and foster just such work. This commission, headed by Charles E. Ray, Jr., of Waynesville, began their work just about the time that Rep. Monroe M. Redden assumed his seat in the House of Congress.

Almost at once, Representative Redden and the N. C. Park Commission, with the aid of other agencies in this area, including the Western North Carolina Associated Communities, mapped a long-range plan for getting something done, and getting it done in a hurry.

The word hurry, however, is not found in the vocabulary of the Federal government, but anyway, the campaign was started.

First of all, and an important factor in the program, was one of unity. With that assured, the leaders went to work.

The results have been almost breathtaking. The men and women who will handle the appropriation were brought down, and shown first hand the territory and the undeveloped projects. Then followed close at hand, Secretary of Interior Krug. Then almost overnight, President Truman put his stamp of approval on the projects, and then the Interior Department revised their plans, and included the work in the budget for next year.

All the while, there has been a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes, and conference after conference held between all the leaders interested in this matter of completing these two major projects.

We have every reason to believe that the leaders will follow this through to completion, and that today the Park and Parkway are nearer completion because of the consistent hard work of those behind the program.

Fire Inspectors Coming

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, some 20 members of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Association will be in Haywood, checking for fire hazards in the towns of the county.

These twenty experts will check business places, hotels, theatres, schools, and all places except churches. They will be looking for fire hazards, and will make suggestions for getting rid of the things that can easily cause disastrous blazes.

Of course all of us know the dangers of fire, but too often, we get careless and overlook the little things that can cause the greatest trouble.

That is one of the ideas behind the visit of these specialists here this week—to check, and point out to property owners and business people, those things which have been overlooked all of the time.

The citizens of this county are indebted to the insurance agents for bringing these specialists here and for getting the inspection made.

The Modern Fourth of July

Today America is observing the Fourth of July, or Independence Day.

Many people look on the occasion just as another holiday away from work, while others will take a few minutes out to meditate over the reasons behind the events of the day.

All over the country, there will be patriotic speeches, and in some sections, just as here in Waynesville, there will be a parade, with bands and military color.

Sad to say, the day has grown into one of hazards for those who drive along the highways. There are too many who celebrate without thought of their own safety, or the safety of others. They just step on the gas and here they go, just as hard as the vehicle will travel.

Our only hope of maintaining the Fourth of July as a national holiday, and a day in which Americans can again reaffirm their appreciation for being an independent nation, is to have more respect and forethought for others on the highways.

Cooperation In Rural Sections

Not so long ago, Carl Goerch, editor of The State, visited Haywood, and was so impressed by the Community Development Program that he asked the editor of The Mountaineer to write an article for The State.

The request was met, and about a week later, Mr. Goerch received the following letter from Arthur Creech, of Statesville, which was published, and we felt would be of interest to the citizens of Haywood. The letter read:

"I was greatly interested in the article appearing in the June 4 issue of The State under the heading, 'Look at What Haywood's Done.'

"I am in favor of chambers of commerce and other civic organizations, but the trouble is that most of these organizations are located in urban centers. Some time ago the Ruritan clubs were formed out in the rural areas, and these clubs have done a fine work. I think our main trouble has been that we have been 'organizing' the towns but have not organized the country.

"Haywood County has taken a step in the right direction. Most of our people in North Carolina live in rural areas, therefore it stands to reason that most of our people will benefit by the building up of these areas.

"You are to be commended for publishing such an article, and I hope that it will be the means of other counties following the example which has been set by Haywood."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Looking Back Over The Years

10 YEARS AGO

$3,000 is goal of Chamber of Commerce as workers start active drive.

Two Pullman cars direct from New York City cause stir of interest when pulled into Canton.

Lake Junaluska is being refilled after being emptied for work on sewer lines.

Fred Arwood completes three two-room cottages at Lakeway Service Station in Hazelwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Russell leave for extended visit to New York and Canada.

Camp Allegro, new camp for girls, opens at Lake Junaluska.

5 YEARS AGO

Howard Clapp is renamed county farm agent for Haywood.

Bob Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Francis wins $100 cash award at recent state convention of FFA in Raleigh.

County Library to open each Friday evening during the summer.

Quiet wartime Fourth of July is observed here. Governor J. M. Broughton speaks at Junaluska.

Lt. (jg) Lucille Plott and her younger sister, Ensign Marjorie Plott, both serving in the N.C. U.S.N., visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Plott.

A 65-foot steel flagpole is erected on the court house ground by construction crew from Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

Miss Peggy Sue Burgin attends Girls State sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary in Greensboro.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Have you been able to repair the damage from the June flood?

Porter Broyles, Hominy Creek—"I've managed to fix what damage I had. I live on fairly high land, though, and consequently I wasn't hurt much. Most of the other people in the community have managed to make repairs, too."

Millard Ferguson, Lower Crabtree—"I lost about half an acre when the river overflowed. I haven't been able to do much about it yet, but I'm going to try to get it fixed. The others have been able to make repairs only on the superficial damage. The damage to the land has not been fixed, though."

O. L. Yates, Iron Duff—"We've leveled off and plowed up the holes, and sown crimson clover on the washed out places all the way down to the river edges so that the soil will be held the next time the river overflows. The clover also will cover up the scars. The rains we had at about 5 o'clock last Monday afternoon were the heaviest in 20 years in this cove and actually did more damage to hillsides than the last flood. I lost 2,500 half-grown tobacco plants last Monday, and it's too late to reset them.

"But by July 20, except for the loss of the tobacco plants, you won't be able to tell there had been any damage. It's meant lots of hard work, but we're getting it fixed up.

"As soon as my tobacco is cut off, I'm going to sow the land in alfalfa permanently for hay crops, and transfer my tobacco to level ground.

"There are so many times we think we are ruined, but things seem to work out."

The Human Side O' Life

BY UNCLE ABE

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Old John Van Gore, when his days were spent,
Folks thought he'de made no testament;
"Caze," said the neighbors, "John 'spised to write—
He would never do it 'cept in a tight."

But John's tall widow, no Faye Sue Cook,
Said she found the will in a pocketbook.
And this is what old John's will said—
The neighbors listened, the court clerk read:

"I give to my wife, 'fore I pass away,
All that I've got—that's what I say,
My house, my land, all my money, too,
I give to my wife, my own Faye Sue."

"Come," said the clerk, to some standing by,
"And look at this hand, for somehow I
Don't think it's John's, 'cause I understand
His was the boldest in all the land."

The folks looked around at the widow Faye—
The clerk had asked what she had to say;
"I wrote it my self," said the widow Faye Sue,
But, upon my word, John told me to."

"And there's no witness—this will's no good,"
Said the clerk, then looked to where Faye stood.
"Well, I was the witness, I saw John—no,
I wrote it down," she said — "that's so."

"Ha, ha!" laughed some, "we knowed ol' John—
"As honest as e'er the sun shown on,
Ha, ha! now what would ol' John say—"
"You're mean!" cried Sue, and sped away.

WHAT ARE "SHORT WORDS?"

When he says, "I drove my car at ninety miles,"
Be all attention—never give him doubtful smiles.
If the fish that, "got away was three feet long,"
Just be polite—don't say that he is wrong.
If he, "killed a deer two hundred yards away,"
Just reply, "Now that's some shootin', I do say."

But if he says, "In all our married life, you bet,
We've never had a short word, me and Het";
Then say, "Now, loo y' here, don't tell me that—
What are your words whene'er you have a spat?"

TWO FOOLS

Said Jim:
I am a real misogymist,
And I'll never marry, no;
The nuptial arms, they hold no charms—
No vows for me, that's so!
Said Joe:
I've always been misogynist,
I hate them all, you see;
I love them not for what they've got—

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Rambling

—Bits Of Human Interest News Picked —Of The Mountaineer

You should have seen the young lady visitor we had in the office the other day. If ever a picture stepped out of a frame and became an animated doll we saw it. She was, perhaps, two and wore a ruffled pinafore, immaculate and starched to just the perfect degree of smartness. And as she left she waved a most graceful good-bye.

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Again and again we are reminded that we never know what is just outside the gate that opens into Tomorrow. So let's keep well gardened the plot of life known as Today.

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The life of a proof-reader isn't exactly a smooth and tranquil road at best but it certainly has its fascinating moments. For instance a swell member of the staff sent this interesting item to the proof-reader's desk . . . and any one of you that wants it can certainly feel at liberty to take it home. Here it is: The name of a new drug announced by the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association is "disobuthylphenoxyethyldimethylbenzlyammoniumchloride" which contains, if anyone cares, 52 letters.

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Capital Le

By EULA NIXON GREE

"I KNEW IT"—Tony Tolar, head of the State Highway Patrol, said last week that a check recently made by his boys showed that trucks and busses are the speedsters in North Carolina. Can't you just hear (if you haven't already) some nervous motorist saying "I knew it all the time."

A total of 2,232 vehicles were checked by stop watches at seven points in the State, said Tolar, and it was found that the buesses were fastest, trucks averaged a speed of 46.3 miles per hour. This is only 1.3 above the 45-mile-per-hour limit and is still well within the five-mile tolerance which virtually all patrolmen will admit (off the record) they permit.

Motor Vehicles Head Landon C. Rosser said late last summer . . . in a public statement . . . That

Inside WASHI

MARCH OF EVE

Britannia No Longer Super Military Power

Special to Central Pre

WASHINGTON—American military men a Britain's historic military might in th The rearmament program may help some, the sturdy islanders will ever again be able holding the continent until American aid com The British Army itself is less powerful th II because of budgetary difficulties

It is no longer so widely deployed. Althoug ber of the Commonwealth, which have formed a coge British might can no longe certainty in event of hostil The Royal Air Force has of the requirements set u has been long-range but sl enter the picture when th under way

The Royal Navy is lon for the ships of the Unite acy over it and all enemy

However, the islands a written off in case war British people are rated p allies of the United States.

HMS Malaya

● **JOHNSON AND THE NAVY**—A flat ch has been hurled at Defense Secretary Louis J directors of the Navy League of the United tion is pressing an all-out attempt to clip Joh

The Navy League—which calls itself the Navy"—is marshaling its strength to throttle already passed by the Senate which would son's power over all the armed services.

In an urgent letter to members, Frank A dent, warned that the bill "would do great military establishment and to the security country."

Convinced that Johnson regards the Navy as second-rate fighting forces under present convinced that the Defense secretary is wro paring for a finish fight.

● **RADAR FENCE**—The radar fence which the United States and Canada is calculate States about 161 million dollars.

That is the sum that Congress is ready to ever, the cost will be well below that—prob This is due to the amount of radar equipment War II which still is serviceable.

The armed forces estimate that they ha million dollars worth of good, useable radar warning network. A fact little known to m this new network to detect enemies approach of the western hemisphere is really the sec have had.

The first warning screen actually was set u was very much in use. There was nothing th it saved many lives, particularly in the Alas

● **SOVIET INTENTIONS**—The East-West chilled the chances for a lasting peace since II, now appears destined to be with us for

When Russia signified her willingness to blockade of Berlin, the hopes of the Western rose that the Soviets might be ready to m an overall settlement of the issues that ha the world into two armed camps.

At that time, there was speculation that wanted the blockade lifted only because it omy and the economy of the eastern Europ The State department attitude was cautiou

Now the continued Soviet recalcitrance at foreign ministers meeting has erased that ho ment of the "cold war" issues.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist.

Are there things you would not dream of doing?

Answer: Yes—quite literally. For while when you are asleep your conscience dozes, so that in your dreams you may do things you'd be ashamed to do when awake, it sleeps, so to speak, "with one eye open," and still will not let you satisfy directly the unconscious wishes which you would regard as seriously wicked. But these wishes may find satisfaction in your dreams through symbols. A young man who does not dare admit his wish to be rid of a cruel father may dream of seeing the assassination of the "President"—a frequent "father symbol."

Should a child be "broken" of thumb-sucking?

Answer: No, says Dr Gerald H. J. Pearson, professor of child psychiatry at Temple University, Philadelphia. Sucking a thumb or a finger is a natural method of obtaining sensuous pleasure which the child needs, and being abruptly deprived of it may result in his developing a neurotic symptom such as stuttering, or becoming hostile and rebellious. He will outgrow the habit naturally if you let him alone, and even if he continues it for some time, there is little danger of deformities of the mouth or teeth resulting from it.

Will "semantics" help cure mental illness?

Answer: I very much doubt it. Advocates of this new science, the purpose of which is to study the real meaning of words so as to help us to think more clearly, maintain that it may prove helpful to neurotics, whose thinking is apt to be illogical and confused. But as Dr. Roy R. Grinker points out, a neurotic's lack of logic is a symptom, not the cause of his emotional disturbance, which is in a part of his mind that is impervious to reason. In the long run, nothing can make you think more clearly than your feelings will let you.

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, July 5
MORNING STAR

Ki Davis Grocery	10:00-10:20
Hyde's Store	10:30-10:50
Mrs. B. M. Stamey	11:00-11:20
G. E. Blalock's Grocery	11:30-11:45

Wednesday, July 6
HAZELWOOD AND LAKE JUNALUSKA

Bradley's	9:00- 9:45
Hazelwood Town Hall	10:00-11:00
Lake Junaluska	11:30-12:30

Friday, July 8
FINES CREEK

Mark Ferguson's Store	9:45-10:00
Mrs. Frances Rogers	10:15-10:45
Harley Rathbone	11:00-11:15
Charlie Rathbone	11:30-11:45
Lloyd Messer Grocery	12:00-12:15
F. H. Fincher	12:30-12:45
C. C. Hooker	1:15- 1:30

HONK HONK

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP) — You don't have to line up to wait for the bathroom at Mrs. Margaret Dozier's boarding house. They keep a toy horn near the door. When the coast is clear you just give a honk.

THAT'S WHERE THE TALL CORN GROWS!