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TODAY'S SMILE

Big families are fine.
I'll always avow it;
But try and find landlords
Who will allow it!

THE TRUMANS START ON VACATION



AS PRESIDENT TRUMAN and his family take off from Washington National Airport, daughter Margaret turns the tables on the photographers and gets a snapshot of the lensmen. The Chief Executive will spend a three-weeks vacation at Key West, Florida. (International Soundphoto)

Highway Commissioner L. Dale Thrash Names

39 To Study Rural Road Needs

Commissioner Of District, Thrash, Wants Group To Map Out Program

Thirty-nine Haywood men were named today as members of 13 township committees to help map plans for the rural road program in this county. L. Dale Thrash, highway commissioner of the 10th district, has notified each of the 39 men of their appointment, and at the same time outlined a plan for studying rural road needs in each of Haywood's 13 townships.

Mr. Thrash said that he appreciated the cooperation he was getting from the people. "They seem to realize the tremendous job to be done and understand that we cannot get to everybody's road first."

Mr. Thrash, together with highway engineers, came here several weeks ago and discussed the general rural road program, and pointed out his plans for putting crushed stone on all main roads where it was needed. About 200 attended the meeting.

In naming the committees to serve in Haywood, Mr. Thrash, in selecting the men, wrote each: "I would like for you to represent the 'Go Forward' road program in your township. As you know, this program is for all the people. I suggest that you hold public meetings, and let the people discuss roads of your township, recommend road locations changes, point out danger spots, and muddy places on school bus routes. Other matters that are necessary for the improvement of our road system should also be discussed."

Mr. Thrash also pointed out to each member that any road maintenance matters should be referred to Raymond McHaffey, county road foreman.

Another suggestion of Mr. Thrash, was that the people on each rural road give the road a definite name, and put up the name on posts at each end of the road. He also suggested that plans be made to paint all mail boxes and place the owner's name and box number on each one.

Mr. Thrash pointed out that his plans were to have all township committees, together with the county commissioners and others interested in rural roads, to meet with highway engineers and the

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18 Arrested By Local Policemen Last Weekend

Waynesville policemen arrested 18 people last week-end for traffic violations or drunkenness.

The police department called the count "a little high" for an average week-end.

All the defendants, out on bond, are scheduled for a hearing before Mayor J. H. Way in police court at 4 P. M. today.

Exactly half of the 18 are charged with public drunkenness, and the others either with drunk driving, passing a school bus, reckless driving, or having an improper muffler.

17 Shopping Days till Christmas

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 7 Injured . . . 38 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

REPORTS ON NUCLEAR PROGRESS



RETIRING CHAIRMAN of the Atomic Energy Commission, David E. Lillenthal tells a press conference in Washington what is being done to speed up the atomic program. He said that Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col.) knew what he was talking about when he spoke of the possible development of an A-bomb 1,000 times more powerful than the original At right is Dr. Henry Smyth, author of famous "Smyth report." (International)

Presbyterians Turn On New Memorial Lights

People Giving Generously In Drive For Toys

Santa Claus will have a lot of extra work to do in Waynesville in a couple of weeks, and he can give the credit to the Waynesville people and their rural neighbors.

Shortly after Francis Massie of the Lions Club made the announcement about old toys, people started dropping by regularly with old but still usable toys their children had sacrificed so that other children would find their stockings well-filled Christmas morning.

Many left their contributions at Massie Department Store because of an error in the Mountaineer news item.

Many others, however, stopped by Massie Furniture Store, which is the correct headquarters in the toy-gathering campaign.

The toys left at the Department Store, however, were forwarded to the Furniture Store.

The Club will repair and repaint the toys and give them to underprivileged children for Christmas.

The Waynesville Presbyterian Church used on Sunday for the first time the new lighting fixtures which have just been installed in the Church Auditorium.

The fixtures consist of ten pendant-type Cathedral bronze lanterns which are suspended by chains from the ceiling of the church.

Five of these are on either side of the center aisle and in a straight line with the door arches on either side of the pulpit platform.

In addition to the ten lanterns there is a concealed rotopul over the pulpit platform which lights the pulpit independent of the other lights.

Over each of the main doorways leading to the Church vestibule there is a beautiful bracket type lantern also of bronze.

The fixtures have been installed by the Laymen's Club of the Church as a memorial to the late Mrs. Ida S. Green who was for a number of years an active member of the Church and upon her death in Philadelphia a year ago made the local Presbyterian Church a beneficiary in her will.

"The fixtures are beautiful and our entire congregation should rejoice because of the continued blessings of our God," said the pastor, Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, in commenting upon the new lights on Sunday.

He further stated that a bronze memorial plaque is being ordered which will be placed in the vestibule of the church. The entire installation including the price of the fixtures represents an expenditure of approximately \$1200.

Ratcliffe Cove Youngsters To Hold Box Supper

The young folks of Ratcliffe Cove will try tomorrow night to raise some money to help outfit their community basketball teams with uniforms.

The youngsters will give a box supper at the East Waynesville School at 7:30 P. M.

David Underwood, president of the East Waynesville P.T.A. will auction off the boxes.

The bidding won't be the only thing on the program, however. There will be cake walks, too, and as an added attraction, everybody will vote to decide who is the ugliest man in the audience.

NOTICE TO BASKETBALL COACHES
Kindly send in basketball schedules to the Mountaineer Sports Editor.

The Word Should Be In Capitals Cherokee Feast Was Just What Name Implies - Only Thing Missing Was 'Space'

By BILL LINDAU

This particular pale face has been to many a white folks' feast off and on for the last 32 years. club dinners, football banquets, inauguration dinners, and plain "weenie" roasts.

But yesterday's Cherokee Indian feast made the most suspicious of these previous roasts look like something they used to throw through the bars to the pick pocket doing a stretch in a 12th Century dungeon.

In brief, the hosts didn't spare the carving knife or the adle in their efforts to make the 400 guests feel welcome.

They gave it in quantities and variety. Nowhere else except possibly at a Haywood county community picnic or the snore-as-bard of Chicago's Palmer House, have I had my plate loaded with six different kinds of meat, more than a dozen different vegetables, about a dozen fruits, and seven kinds of bread.

Although I can match any living man, woman, child, or animal in a duel with a knife and a fork I did have to pass up some of it.

Going down the cafeteria-style line, I decided to skip the ramps since I had to go to work the next day, and passed up the pumkin and seven kinds of fruit.

But I had records on roast meat and did my best on all the rest of it to leave the hosts with a glow of satisfaction.

When I had finished a lady sitting next to me gazed at my plate with what I took to be an expression of profound respect.

"Why don't you like it?" she murmured.

The only drawback to complete enjoyment of this dinner lay in the white folks' own sense of taste.

Most of the guests sampled each of the items on the menu, but a number of plates still showed much of the meal when the bear dance wound up the program.

However, it was our own fault. We just haven't been brought up right or something.

The average paleface eats his dinner with his fork in one hand, a salt shaker in the other, and black pepper, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, and other spices within easy reach.

He uses a lot of salt and has high blood pressure. The Cherokee uses no salt and has no high blood pressure.

Besides making him fore or aft (See Cherokee Feast—Page 6)

Mystery Origin Of Cherokees Is Still Being Sought

Dr. Arthur Kelly, nationally prominent anthropologist, head of the University of Georgia archaeology department, said yesterday that further exploration and closer cooperation between investigators should help solve the mystery of the origin of the Cherokees.

He made the observation in his address to members of the North Carolina Archaeological Society, nationally prominent scientists, Indians, and private citizens at the second annual Cherokee Indian feast at the school in Cherokee Village.

In discussing the mystery of the Cherokees, he pointed out that they are racially different from other Southeastern U. S. tribes.

This difference is notable, he said, in the shape of the head.

Most Cherokees were long-headed, while most of the members of the other Southeastern tribes were round-headed.

Summing up previous research into the Cherokee origins, Dr. Kelly described them as essentially a mountain people whose culture reflects their adaptation, however, to the uplands, surrounded by tribes speaking different languages and having different cultural backgrounds.

"To the South and West," he continued, "were the various tribes belonging to the great Muskogean-speaking family.

"On the North were Algonkians and Iroquoian relatives, and to the Carolina seacoast was the enclave of the tribes that spoke the Sioux tongue.

"The presence of these detached Sioux-speaking tribes in the Southeast is itself almost as great a mystery as that of the Cherokee."

Analysis of Cherokee myths and customs, he pointed out, have led anthropologists generally to derive the Cherokee from the upper Mississippi or Ohio region northwest of their present territory.

In spite of what he termed considerable cultural influence from their nearest neighbors, the Sioux-speaking Catawbas and various groups of Creeks to the south and southwest, the core of Cherokee (See Mystery—Page 6)

Duplicate To 'Angel' Made Famous By Tom Wolfe In Green Hill Cemetery Here

The angel made famous by Thomas Wolfe's first novel, "Look Homeward, Angel," is no longer lost.

For a time it appeared that the angel might be in Green Hill cemetery here, but now it appears that it is a "sister" to the one which Tom wrote about. The real angel was found in Oakdale cemetery at Hendersonville. Although badly in need of a scrubbing, and with one hand missing it is other wise just as the author described it in his first novel and a short story, "An Angel On The Porch."

Over the years eight different angels have been pointed out as "the one" which so impressed the author as a child that he used it, description in his fictional stories. Positive identification has now been made by Miss Myra Champion, of the Reference Department of Pack Memorial Library, after months of extensive research. Also, she has been able to identify four—and possibly a fifth angel—which were once owned by Tom's father and which stood on the porch of the Wolfe shop at various times over a period of some 25 years.

"The Angel" marks the grave of Mrs. Margaret Bates Johnson, wife of the late Dr. H. F. Johnson, one-time president of Whitwell, Ga. time president of Whitwell, Ga. time president of Whitwell, Ga. time president of Whitwell, Ga.

She was buried in Mississippi. It was purchased from Wolfe by the Johnson family when Tom was six years of age. It is made of Carrara marble, and has a stone lily "strut" in one hand, the other hand is "raised in benediction," and it is possibly delicately upon the ball of one phalange toe.

The search for the angel which began with the assumption that there was only one, took the librarian over miles of Western North Carolina hills—through cemeteries, briars, and woods, through research into Tom's works, conversations with old-timers, Wolfe family, marble shop employees, cemetery sextons, descendants of families in whose lot the angels are standing, and correspondence with family or friends in distant places.

Facts brought to light through Miss Champion's efforts, indicate that Tom's father at one time purchased four or five angels from a school of sculpture in Italy—made by students who were supervised by the masters. Instead of the traditional "holes" to represent eyelids, all the Wolfe-owned angels had artfully chiseled eyes and lids, the same shape of the foot, the same lines of the face, the same arrangement of hair and ornaments. Two and a possible third are located in Riverside Cemetery here in Asheville and a fourth at Green Hill Cemetery at Waynesville.

More Humor And Understanding Is Need Of World, Says Local Pastor

"The world needs more humor and more sympathetic understanding for each other," Rev. M. R. Williamson told Rotarians here Friday as he discussed the "Pathways To Peace."

He paid tribute to the United Nations for their program, determination, and accomplishments for inaugurating a world-wide program among 55 nations destined to bring about a better understanding.

"There are some who criticize the United Nations but we must give the organization credit for starting out right and trying," the speaker said.

Rev. Mr. Williamson brought in low Rotary was working on a program of advancing a better understanding among the peoples of the world, and also emphasizing the importance of sympathetic feeling for other peoples. "Right now we have about 100 D. P.'s in Haywood county. These people need our sympathetic understanding, as well as others all over the world."

"We need a spirit of cooperation among all peoples of the world, and this will grow as we cultivate the understanding and sympathetic feeling for them," he continued.

"Most of us are too serious," he pointed out, as he told a series of stories to illustrate his point. "It is important that we cultivate a sense of humor use it, and laugh along with our seriousness."

Twin Falls, Much Higher Than Niagara, Not Too Far From Here Needs Publicity

By ALDERMAN DUNCAN (IAP Newsfeatures)

WALHALLA, S. C. — Twin waterfalls, each higher than Niagara, spill down Blue Ridge Mountain fastnesses along the North Carolina—South Carolina border but surprisingly few people ever view their beauty. Not many more people know they even exist.

The falls, described by a U. S. Forest Service official as "the most spectacular in the Appalachians," are secluded in a remote section not accessible to the average traveler.

The falls are on the White-water river, which flows from North Carolina's Nantahala National Forest into South Carolina's Keowee river. The upper falls are about one mile north of the state line. The lower falls, three miles down the White-water's steep rapids, are well inside this state and are included in the Gen. Pickens division of the Sumter National Forest.

Both falls are more than 100 feet higher than Niagara. Their exact height is not known but Forest Service contour maps show the lower falls to be approximately 280 feet high and the upper falls possibly may be higher. Niagara Falls' top height is 167 feet.

The lower falls may be reached by a one-quarter mile hike from a small lodge at the end of an abandoned road, or trail, leading from a paved highway about 10 miles away. The upper falls are reached by a mountain road from Cashiers in Jackson County.

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LOWER FALLS of the White-water. Taller than Niagara.

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UPPER FALLS of Carolina's White-water spill down the Blue Ridge mountains.

Mildred Medford To Report Special News Of Schools

Mildred Medford, a senior at Waynesville high school, will do some special features about school activities for The Mountaineer. She will cover school events from all schools in the county, and plans to begin a column about students in the near future.

Miss Medford has gotten a special "Voice of the People" from a students for Thursday's paper. A highly controversial question was asked.

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