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Two Non-Competitive Projects

The Asheville Citizen, in an editorial, seems to confuse the issue relative to the road down Pigeon River, rather than clarifying the situation. The Citizen tries to set up the Pigeon River road and the French Broad River road on a competitive basis. The facts are, the two projects are not related, and should be treated accordingly.

The people along Highway No. 25 and 70 from Hot Springs into Asheville via Marshall want a better road than the present paved road. We agree the road should be improved for better driving conditions. We would be willing to do what we can to help get that section of road modernized.

On the same basis of fair treatment, and broadmindedness, we would like for Buncombe and Madison to help us get our deserved paved road down Pigeon River. The whole program should be looked upon as two necessary and essential roads. Failure to do that would prove detrimental to the area as a whole.

The Citizen, however, narrows it down to one competitive project, and then even inserts conditions whereas Tennessee should improve their road towards Corbin, Ky.

Our further view is that the Pigeon River Road will be of tremendous benefit to Asheville, and that the people of Asheville will see this if they will study the whole picture.

We are reprinting the editorial of the Citizen, not as a matter of agreement, but as a matter of showing their views on this all important matter to Western North Carolina.

FIRST, A SURVEY

"In the interest of governmental economy if not alone in the interest of Western North Carolina's vast tourist investment, no new highway should be constructed to the Tennessee state line until thorough surveys are made of all feasible routes.

"And The Citizen would add that no highway should be built on any location unless and until Tennessee agrees to improve U. S. 25-E from Newport to Morristown north toward Corbin, Ky.

"Two possible routes for the North Carolina road have been suggested. One is from Dellwood to Cove Creek and along the Pigeon River gorge to Mt. Sterling. The second would follow the water-level route of the French Broad River from Marshall to Hot Springs and across to the Tennessee line.

"The second proposed route has never been surveyed. Why? We understand that the money to make the survey has been lying idle for some years, though the survey was authorized nearly six years ago. As a matter of fact, the chief engineer of the State Highway Commission was "directed" to make the survey in an order (Project 9722) approved by the Commission and signed by former Chairman A. H. Graham. Its language reads

"You are hereby authorized and directed to make a survey of the above project described as follows:

"U.S. 70—Marshall by way of Hot Springs to Tennessee State line following River location.

"This survey has never been made. Nor, evidently, has any use been made of voluminous location maps and elevations loaned the Commission by the Southern Railway after it abandoned a plan to double-track its lines on a new roadbed across the French Broad from Marshall to Hot Springs. In a word, the survey is dead. Who killed it, and why, we do not know.

"This survey can and must be made before there is any determination regarding the location of a new highway. It may or may not indicate that the French Broad route is less costly and shorter. It may or may not indicate that this is the desirable route for traffic between the Great Lakes region and Florida, much of which traffic now goes down U. S. 25-W through Tennessee without touching North Carolina. Any reasonable person of course will abide by the results.

"The taxpayer has a right to know all the facts before the State commits his money to any road program. We ask for a survey—and thus for the facts — about the French Broad route to Tennessee."

100 Per Cent Harmony

The action of the patrons of the Crabtree-Iron Duff school last week in voting 100 per cent on the projects they feel their school needs, is proof that a community can work out such a program, if they sincerely want to.

The citizens of that school named two projects, and stayed, we feel, within the bounds of reason, in asking for what they did. They did not go at the idea of trying to get "everything and to heck with others," but instead, they took into consideration that there are other schools in the county, and some that perhaps need classrooms, and facilities just as badly, if not worse than they.

If the whole county would take such an attitude, this critical situation which the schools are now found, could easily be worked out.

The Crabtree-Iron Duff folk also looked on the proposed bond program in the same light as is being often spoken of favorably today—that is a smaller bond issue, and an adequate maintenance fund from the general operating expense of the county.

We are elated over the action of the patrons of this school.

Learning New Cooking Methods

Tuesday will see the county-wide cooking school at Canton swing into action, with much interest being shown throughout the county.

The Extension staff are giving their time and energy to the program, and all indications are that a record attendance will be on hand for all the sessions, to see and hear the latest methods of modern procedure in the kitchen.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Over 8,000 votes are cast in the county's quietest election.

Mrs. Richard Barber, Jr., honors her mother, Mrs. W. W. Norman of Griffin, Georgia, with two parties.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ketner keep accurate expense record for 16 years.

Miss Hester Ann Withers attends commencement dances at the University of North Carolina.

Miss Mary Kathryn Stubbs of Sumter, S. C. and Lake Junaluska becomes bride of LeRoy Siler Davis.

10 YEARS AGO

"The Story of Our State," by W. C. Allen is adopted by the Board of Education of N. C. for supplementary use in public schools.

George A. Kunze resigns as county sanitary officer to accept similar position in Rockingham County.

Jonathan Woody is named president of Western Carolina Teachers College alumni.

Miss Lois M. Rogers weds Frank Martin in Charlotte.

Miss Lucille Medford of Lake Junaluska accepts position as secretary at Pet Dairy.

5 YEARS AGO

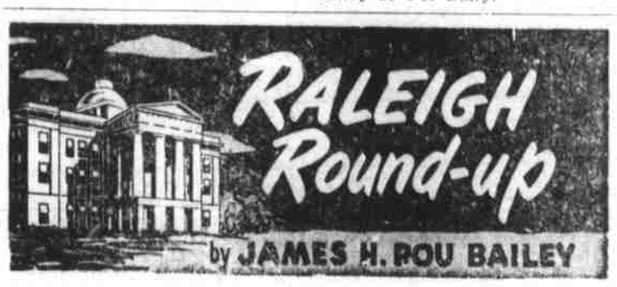
High Point College confers Doctor of Divinity degree upon Dr. Frank S. Love, superintendent of Junaluska Assembly.

Miss Bernice Sue Roberts becomes bride of Edwin E. Spears.

Canton's first war bride is scheduled to arrive soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clapp leave for Atlantic City to attend the International Rotary Convention.

Turner Cathey is elected president of Canton Lions Club.



WHAT TO DO?—We discussed here last week how State health officials are planning now to move in on old age diseases in an effort to decrease them as they have measles, mumps, whooping cough, and the various fevers.

Well, it develops that the State Board of Health is not the only branch of our N. C. government that is working in this direction. On June 28-29, a special Conference on Aging will be held at the Sir Walter Hotel here. The Governor sent out invitations last Friday and in his letter regarding the meeting he points to "the significant impact upon the life of our State of the growing number of older persons in the population, together with the special needs of this group in relation to employment, health, social services, and other areas".

Perhaps, with the aid of these studies and of medical science, the words of Robert Browning "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be" will become even truer than they are.

MAP—If you want a really good world map to help you keep up with our far-spread and fast-moving world crisis, write Radio Station WPTF in Raleigh and enclose twenty-five cents, and ask them to send you their global map. Dick Mason of that station sent us one last week and it is so good that we thought it well worthwhile telling you about it.

LOST COLONY—Last week we mentioned the fine presentation of "The Lost Colony" at Manteo. Incidentally, this will be featured soon in a special section of "The Retailer" devoted to Elizabeth City and that area of North Carolina.

UNTO THESE HILLS — While you are traveling this summer you also ought to go to Cherokee, North Carolina, up in the mountains, and see this pageant "Unto These Hills". Reservations may be had by writing to "Unto These Hills", Cherokee, N. C.

This is the story of the Cherokee Indian Nation and is one of the outstanding historical pageants of the United States.

Bill Umstead said last Tuesday that he saw it last summer and thought it so good that he is going again this summer, even if he has to make a special trip. On your way, you will drive through the heart of Western North Carolina, and in our opinion there is no more beautiful scenery, nor any nicer place to go anywheer near here.

There are many good hotels throughout the area and Fontana Village, near Cherokee, offers an outstanding place to spend a vacation if you like swimming, fishing, and mountain hiking.

FFA Group From New Jersey Visits Haywood Tomorrow

A group of Future Farmers of America from New Jersey is to spend Tuesday in Haywood County, visiting various communities. They have notified the County Agent's office that they are particularly interested in seeing the results of the Community Development Program.

Voice of the People

"Why do you come to Lake Junaluska to spend your summers?"
(This question was asked of people who work at the Lake Junaluska Assembly.)

Richard Crowder: "The people are my main reason. They're so cooperative, cordial, and generous with their time."

Bucky Norton: "I come back each year because I think this is the coolest and best place anybody could spend their summers."

C. E. Grenell: "I like this country, so I spend half my time here."

Arthur O'Neil: "My sister's girl friend talked about the wonderful speakers and the Lake so much that I just appled for a job here!"

Dave Herbert: "The whole atmosphere, the people, quiet, etc., and the close relationship among all the people who come to the Lake are just a few of my reasons for coming back each summer."

Joe Hart: "All my brothers and sisters found their wives or husbands here and I keep hoping."

Walter Taliaferfo returned Saturday from Marion where he attended a house party given by Dr. and Mrs. William Hagna for their daughter, Miss Sonja Hagna.

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Dr. and Mrs. Hart Joyner and children of Gainesville, Georgia were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Woody. Mrs. Joyner and Mrs. Woody are sisters.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

May your children become "parent substitutes"?

Answer: Certainly. What makes anyone, regardless of age or sex, a parent substitute to you is the demands you make upon him or her. A mother who looks to her grown son for support, or for advice on her business dealings is in these respects making a "father" of him, just as a man who requires unswerving devotion and unqualified approval from his daughter is making a "mother" of her. No one is ever too old in years to look for parent substitutes if his emotions are still childish, and this is particularly true of older people as they approach "second childhood."

Are extraverts saner than introverts?

Answer: No. As regards sanity, there is no difference between them. Both the tendency to be primarily interested in things outside yourself (extraversion) and absorption with your own ideas and feelings (introversion) are normal in moderation and both can become neurotic escape if exaggerated. Whichever is your prevailing pattern, you should take care not to let yourself become one-sided. If you are an extravert, stop and ask yourself occasionally just what you are getting out of all your strenuous activity; if you are an introvert, try to acquire a hobby that will "get you out of yourself."

Does fear of death cause claustrophobia?

Answer: No. If anything, it is the other way around. I have known people whose fear of death proved really to be fear of being buried, because that meant being shut in. Like all phobias, morbid terror of being in a place which you cannot get out of goes back long before you knew there was any such thing as death. It may represent a small child's fear of being held back by his parents from trying to satisfy his instinctive wishes, which turns in adult life into fear of the conscious and unconscious inhibitions that still keep him "cooped up." Nothing creates more anxiety than an intense, unsatisfied desire.

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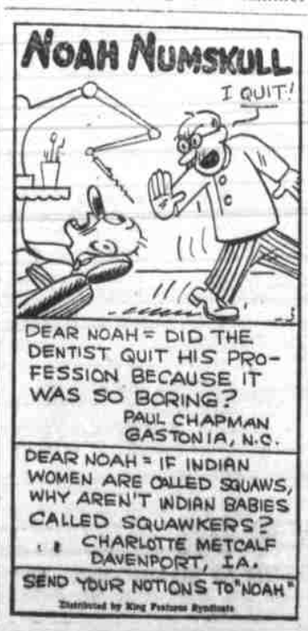

MAN MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Rambling 'Roun

—Bits Of Human Interest News—
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

This was Miss A's first date with Mr. B and she was determined she was going to follow all Emily Post's rules to the letter. It was an important occasion and the newly-purchased gown was a "dream". The appointed hour arrived and Miss A was ready; but no Mr. B. Out of the quiet of the night, there arose an incessant and strident blowing of an automobile horn. Miss A froze but didn't move. There was no cessation to the racket and Miss A's temper rose to fever pitch. Suddenly the din ceased and seconds later the door bell rang. An agitated escort apologized: "So sorry I was late. The horn of the car in front of mine got stuck and I stopped to help the poor fellow out of his misery."

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Thanks to Reader's Digest and Charlie, "1941—we ate hamburg for a week because we were broke, 1951—we ate hamburg for a week and now we ARE broke."

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Sometimes there's a sermon in a remark heard in passing. Two young men were crossing on the green light at the same time we were, and their conversation came clearly. "Guess I'd better call up the gal and get it over with," casually remarked one of the boys. "Say," the other responded, "I wish you'd tell her a of her kind that girls but fast when they telephoning all the funny that way."

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A sigh is the heart beat.

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They were a group "young" people, and ing as one could find, a booth at the restau crowded, 'tis true, for proportions. Their ages about 280 years, and heads nodded unani agreement that they a wonderful time. We the adroit way of tioning that they had winter together in Fl were now on their way their homes in Indiana, driving, each taking the wheel and they masculine escorts, than we saw them leave, if the present feminin tion would meet Father the same sore and sale of these four women that life produces sion score-and-ten.

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Why is it that detour highway are never on streets?

Letters To The Edito

THE HIGHEST POINT IN WAYNESVILLE IS 2802 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL

Editor The Mountaineer:

Recently, the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce was quoted in The State (magazine) as saying that the elevation of Waynesville is 3000 feet. This is an error. Here are the facts.

Some twenty years ago, while at home on vacation, I saw Mr. Shoolbred, an engineer well known to me, come along Main Street running a line of levels. At Mrs. Quinlan's drive, he turned into and up it to the front steps of the house. Then he turned to me and said, "No doubt you wonder what I am doing." I replied that he was evidently running a line of levels. Then he told me that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen wished for advertising purposes to know the exact height of the Gudger hill, the highest point in Waynesville. So they had employed him to run a line of levels from the permanent "Bench Mark" at the Southern Railway Station and he said that when he had figured the matter out, he would let me know the exact height of our hill.

Later, he told me that at Mrs. Annie G. Quinlan's front steps, this highest point in Waynesville, is 2802 feet above mean sea level. This is as exact as man can figure it out.

There is, I believe, in Western North Carolina, ty seat of greater elev certainly there is none Asheville and the French River and no town of elevation. So I am not after we have Pisgah Waynesville as 2800 feet —omitting the 200 feet the height accurate figure to remember.

J. W. C.

New York City

Palmer Named To Holstein Associati

G. C. Palmer, Jr. Ch been accepted as a member Holstein-Friesian Association America by action of the Directors at their meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.

The association is the largest dairy cattle breed try organization and breeders of registered Ho tle throughout the nation bership in the organiza totals over 41,000.

If a living body we above 55,000 feet altitude protection, the water va would boil.

Inside WASHINGTO
MARCH OF EVENTS

No Apron Strings Hamper Margaret Truman On Trip | First Lady Won't Daughter, Now in

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The nation's First Lady wants to help d Margaret have a good time in Europe—so she's staying in the White House.

There was a lot of speculation around the capital that Mrs. T planned to join her daughter abroad later summer after she had rested up back h Independence, Mo.

Margaret Truman

The First Lady was asked about the rum a Women's National Press club party for Ma Mrs. Truman furnished the quote of the when she laughed and replied, "Oh, no! her to have a good time."

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● **SLOW MOTION**—Last July Rep. Stephen (R), Georgia, as head of an agricultural su mittee, asked an Agriculture department offic a complete report on his agency's work in th of farm research. This week, 10 months and thousands of hours of manpower and labor Congressman Pace got his report—weigh pounds and containing 3,000 pages.

Washington skeptics point out, however, that the Agricultu partment already has its new appropriations, Congressman Pa retired, the subcommittee has been disbanded and many of the p are already out of date.

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● **ATOMIC JITTERS?**—Informed sources in Washington that a severe case of atomic jitters may have hit the Communi Korea. The United States has said it will not use the A-bomb a the North Koreans or Chinese Communists but it hasn't made mention about other A-weapons.

High on the list of possibilities are "atomic dust" and a artillery. The dust is so heavily impregnated with radioactivity make walking on or over it lethal.

Defense officials say that it would be impractical at prese make use of this "dust," but they indicated that it might be a over a localized area.

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● **VERSATILE OIL**—The Army's Ordnance department says i developed a motor lubricant equally suitable for winter or sum use and is offering it to the consuming public.

Ordnance says it is using the new grease on all its vehicles that it has filled the chemists' expectations of a serviceability r of from 65 degrees below zero to 125 above, Fahrenheit.

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● **DISALLE QUIPS AGAIN**—Price Chief Mike DiSalle's latest crack found his fellow Ohioan, Senator John Bricker, on the recei end.

During the recent Senate banking committee hearings, Bricker, who is up for re-election in 1952, sharply assailed DiSalle during his testimony about "bureaucrats who like to throw their weight around."

DiSalle, the rotund man who has been suggested as Bricker's possible opponent, kept silent but, when the hea ended, he walked up to the rostrum where Bricker greeted cordially.

Equally affable, DiSalle, former mayor of Toledo, remarked, "J you must have been thinking of 1952 today, and you know, Joh may not even run."