

Verily I say unto you, whosoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. —Mark 14:9.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

It is the grand endeavor of the Gospel to communicate God to men. —Horace Bushnell

These Foggy Mornings

Motorists who drive to work in the early mornings, are again complaining about careless drivers during fogs.

One motorist pointed out to us that too many drivers failed to realize the importance of being seen as well as being able to see.

If memory serves us right, it was just about this time last year that similar protests were raised, especially by those who had to drive between here and Canton.

Driving in a fog is dangerous, regardless of how a motorist might feel. He must also realize that our present highways are not one-way streets, and that traffic flows both ways. So drive at a speed that you can safely see, and be sure your lights are on bright enough to be seen. A little added precaution now might save weeks of suffering, and many dollars of needless expenses later.

Good Place To Live—A Long Time

It seems that the Chamber of Commerce might well use to an advantage, the fact that there seems to be an increasing number of people in Haywood at or nearing the one century mark in birthdays.

Recently we featured an article about a resident 103 years old; on Monday featured a native farmer who is 96, and have another article in the making about still another resident, in good health, already past 96.

This seems to be a good place to live, and a place to live a good long time.

Color Plentiful

Those who failed to enjoy the colorful foliage this fall can blame no one but themselves, because the color has been plentiful all around us.

A careful check of the several typical points, such as Newfound Gap, Wagon Road Gap, and others, revealed that everyone of them had beauty in abundance, but none surpassed the trees right here in this community for sheer individual beauty.

And once again, the maples in and around Green Hill cemetery just tried to out-do their colorful records of the past.

Most motorists hate traffic lights. But we noticed how lost the average driver was during the brief time workmen had the light at the corner of Main and Church down for repairs. Traffic lights are not a necessary evil—they are essential to the regulation of today's traffic.

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Pigeon River Road Vital Link In Governor's Industrial Program

When Governor Umstead announced an allocation of three-quarters of a million for the viaduct in Canton, it could hardly be said that his actions came as a surprise.

Several months ago, Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan, while holding a county-wide conference here, made the statement that he considered the traffic bottleneck in Canton as Haywood's number one highway need.

From that time, it was apparent that the Canton project would be looked upon with favor by the administration when it came time to allocate the surplus highway fund. This is the first of such funds which Governor Umstead has had for special highway projects.

Just how long it will take for the highway fund to again have a surplus is a mere matter of speculation. Some Raleigh observers predict early next spring, others do not share such an optimistic hope.

Regardless of when the next allocation of the surplus comes, we trust the administration will not overlook the importance of setting up sufficient funds for another link in the Pigeon River Road.

The first six-mile link will be completed by early spring, and will afford a means of getting machinery and workmen to the second link. It is just a matter of money to get the second link under contract.

The Mountaineer believes that Governor Umstead will readily see the importance of the Pigeon River road to his recently inaugurated industrial expansion program in the state. The fact remains, that the lack of adequate highways from this section of the state to the midwest is one of the greatest obstacles which Western North Carolina must overcome in inducing new industries to come here.

Governor Umstead has a sound and practical program for bringing new industries to the state, and we feel he will agree that the construction of the Pigeon River road is an important factor for the success of that program in Western North Carolina.

Only three days ago, a new industry announced its interest in locating at Newport, the Tennessee terminal of the Pigeon River Road. The plant would employ 3,500 people. This is a sizeable plant, and the one item of taxes to the state and county on such an industry, would prove a good investment on funds necessary for the completion of the Pigeon River Road. The new plant, just about an hour away over the Pigeon River route, is now about three hours distance.

We just hope that the present administration does not forget that the Pigeon River Road was promised, and included in the state master plan in the 1920 highway program. And the people of Haywood county, and all neighboring counties, shall continue to remind governor after governor of this fact until the highway is completed, and serving all Western North Carolina.

Former Governor Cherry saw the need, and appropriated \$450,000 for the project. Former Governor Scott saw the need of the road, and appropriated \$1,500,000 to the construction fund. It is these two allocations that are building the present, and first 6-mile link.

We trust the present administration keeps all this in mind, together with the 33-year-old promise of the State of North Carolina.

The Progressive Farmer is finding that for some of their best colored covers, they can get them right here in Haywood—typical farm pictures that show good farm practices. The current issue has such a picture.

ANOTHER DROUGHT THAT COULD BE SERIOUS



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

One thousand seven hundred and twenty-four books were used from the Waynesville Public Library during the month of September.

William Medford is named district organizer for the Young Democrats.

Twenty-six men, women, and children are bitten by rabid two-months-old puppy.

Clyde H. Ray, Sr. sells out after 51 years in business.

10 YEARS AGO

Maj. M. H. Bowles of the N. C.

State Guard makes inspection tour of the 8th Battalion.

J. R. Morgan attends meeting of the education committee of the State Baptist Convention in Raleigh.

Miss Emelyn Haynes is engaged to William Edward Smith, Jr.

Mrs. J. H. Smathers, Jr. is visiting friends in Alliance, Neb.

5 YEARS AGO

John M. Queen is named Democratic presidential elector.

Miss Dorotha Jean Calhoun is

engaged to Kenneth Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hunnicutt arrive from Charlotte to attend the wedding of their son, M. D. Hunnicutt, Jr., and Miss Catherine Jones.

Mrs. F. G. Rippetoe returns from a visit to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rippetoe, Jr. in New York.

Mrs. Thad N. Howell leaves for visit to relatives on the West Coast.

Miss Betsey Lane Quinlan goes to Raleigh for a visit.

Views of Other Editors Voice of the People

'RIGHTS' FOR MEN

Husbands of officeholding wives are henceforth to be accorded equal rank with their wives at all social functions, declares an announcement from Washington.

"As the wife of an official assumes her husband's rank at all times, the husband of a woman official should receive the same honor," states the 1954 edition of "The Social Life of Washington". This decision, reports the Associated Press, has been backed up by the State Department's section on official protocol.

Thus is solved the heretofore unsolved and domestically delicate problem of what happens to a husband—who may be a big shot in his own right—when his wife is officially named a Cabinet member or a diplomat.

It has, of course, been generously assumed by most tactful husbands that the terms "woman" and "diplomat" are more or less synonymous anyway, and that a woman's appointment to important office is merely public acknowledgment of a fact long privately conceded; But it is unlikely that any man or woman would be completely happy to have husbands banished to a back seat when their wives take a spotlight which history has traditionally reserved for men.

While this new precedent-setting decision points up the importance of husbands, its significance goes even further—for does it not portend that the woman diplomat, Cabinet member, and executive are definitely here to stay, to take a constantly greater part in coping with world problems which have challenged male statesmen through the centuries? —The Christian Science Monitor.

THE BOND VOTE

We cannot believe that three fourths of the electorate of North Carolina are indifferent to the needs of the school children and the mentally ill of North Carolina. This would seem to be indicated, however, from the returns from the election Saturday which showed that for every voter who went to the polls, out of the more than 1,700,000 eligible voters in the state, three stayed at home.

From the overwhelming vote in favor of the school bonds given to one for the school bonds and about eight to one for the bonds for the

mental institutions, there is no doubt about the way the people who did vote felt about the propositions.

We believe that this vote was a true cross section of North Carolina sentiment and that regardless of the size of the vote, the verdict would have been the same.

We prefer to believe that the great body of those who did not vote simply acquiesced in what they felt would be a foregone conclusion. If there had been any organized opposition to the bonds, if there had been any stumping against them, there would have been standing lines of citizens at the polling places.

Surely, however, this is a dangerous chance to take. Sometimes a citizenry which is not alert will wake up to find that its neglect has cost it dearly.

The privilege of voting is one that has been bought dearly. It should never be taken lightly even in cases where the voters think there is no danger of their purposes being defeated.

We are proud of the percentage majority given these school and mental hospital bonds. We are a little ashamed of the indifference which accompanied their approval. —Charlotte News.

Some people regard Fall as a sad season. What do you think of Fall in relation to the other seasons?

Ernest Crawford, service station operator—"I think Fall is the best season of the entire year—you can get out and go hunting."

Emily McCracken, secretary—"I like Spring better... I dread the approach of winter."

Fannie Reeves, Dayton Rubber employee—"I like Fall, but it's sort of sad. I hate to see winter come... I like Summer the best."

Clara Ross, Dayton Rubber employee—"I like Fall, but it's a lonesome time of the year. Personally, I'll take Spring."

Margery Reeves, Blanton Business College student—"I like Fall better than any time of the year. I'll be glad to see Winter come; it's too hot in the Summer."

Milas Ward, gasoline truck driver—"I like Fall because the nights are cool and you can sleep well."

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

We watched a customer in a shop recently and wondered selfishness was becoming a sixth sense. It was at noon when the clerks were at lunch and those remaining were doing duty. This particular customer couldn't decide which of several she wanted and then would break off into a rambling conversation having no bearing on the purchase. Two other customers, who was limited, waited patiently for awhile and then became as the aimless conversation continued. Several times the customer would try to wait on the others but was sharply called back to a dilatory customer. She was still holding fort when we left—and to another store for the article we wanted. Somehow, we understand an attitude of not only wilful selfishness but positive breeding.

Jack: "He's in hot water half the time."

Jim: "I can well believe that. He sure was steved last night."

In a recent article we read where two brothers, ministers, engaged in a bitter feud. One of the enraged brothers announced he would utterly destroy the magnificent spectacle "Field of Woods". It is inconceivable that any one could bring himself to such an act of sacrilegious vandalism. To those who have seen and admired this work, its beauty will remain with them always.

On a steep mountain-side are depicted the Ten Commandments in numerals and letters six feet tall. Across a deep ravine which drives, pavilions and resting seats, arises wide step leading colonnade of exquisite design and workmanship. The steps, numbering one hundred or more, are bordered with huge boulders bearing scriptural passages. These boulders have been contributed by state in the union.

One stands in awe and wonder before this transfiguration mountain splendor into a gigantic page from the Bible.

The most easily controlled piece of machinery is the mind, it is allowed to run wild at times.

Nature has a command of coloring that no artist can ever fully duplicate. She shades a green tree into a deep red and so gradually that it is impossible to detect where the change. She groups half a dozen golden yellow trees together then densely plants a vivid evergreen and a scarlet one to break the monotony of color. And for added variation, she streams a brilliant setting sun across the whole panoramic canvas. Deep down in ravines, she sends waterfalls splashing their spray to form myriad of prismatic jewels in the air; and the velvet silence is torn into pieces by the rushing streams on their way to no one knows where.

One returns from a view of this magnificent art show with a feeling of infinitesimal smallness and ignorance of combining color they will show up to the best advantage. They also come back a feeling of reverence and gratitude that they are allowed present at this magnificent display of Nature's handiwork.

If we could always have what we liked, how long would like what we have?

Safe-Cracking Medals

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A thief here got some medals for his skill in safecracking.

He spent some time and effort to open a safe at the Love Chemical Co. The medals? About two dozen track medals belonging to the president's son. No money.

And he wasn't so skillful after all. He could have opened the safe with a single turn of the handle. It was unlocked.

Bookmobile Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 22 WEST CANTON Cromer Crisp 9:30 Patton School 10:15 L. L. Allen's Store 11:00 A. B. Watts 11:30 Junaluska School 12:30

Monday, Oct. 26 BETHEL - HENSON CO

Z. D. Morrow 9:30 Murray's Grocery 9:45 Spring Hill School 10:30 Roy Suttles 11:00 John Blaylock 11:30 Robert Clark 12:00 M. C. Pressley 12:45 John Rigdon 1:15 Harrison Henson 1:45 Wright's Store 2:15 West Pigeon Food Ctr. 2:45

Proud Pin-Swallower

LITTLEFORK, Minn. (AP)—Dick Straight, 79, was a membership ribbon on his Koochie County Office's pinching he swallowed the pins he was holding in his mouth.

Straight was taken to a hospital where the pin was removed. In less than an hour he was back at the picnic—with the pin in his lapel.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.