

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights. —Psalms 119:143.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

That best portion of a good man's life, his little, nameless, unremembered, Of kindness and of love. —William

A Practical And Economical Request Of Congress

Rep. George A. Shuford had the right idea when he went to the House Appropriations Committee and pointed out the wisdom of lining the Parkway tunnels at Beech Gap as a means of curbing further deterioration. The Representative of this district in presenting the facts before the committee, asked for \$280,000 to complete the surfacing of the 11-mile Parkway link, as well as lining the tunnels. This project would afford a scenic loop of important value to Pisgah National Forest and this entire area. Rep. Shuford went about his approach to the committee in a practical manner, when he pointed out that money spent on relining the tunnels now would mean hundreds and thousands of dollars saved in later years. This newspaper trusts that the committee, and all of Congress realize the words of wisdom spoken by the Congressman of this district and act accordingly.

Pisgah And TV

Unless something unforeseen develops, the TV tower which had the approval of so many Haywood citizens, will before too long rise from the summit of Mt. Pisgah. There were, and perhaps are still many, who were just as sincere in their opposition to the project, as were those who sincerely advocated the erection of the tower on Pisgah. The entire procedure was carried through in a democratic way, and as in such cases the decision was in favor of the majority. Those who won do not, however, have any right to do more than to take their victory as good sports, just as those who did not see their wishes in the matter materialize. In fact, everyone we feel, shall take it in that frame of mind.

A Safe Platform

You've no doubt heard of the candidate who was running for an office that had nothing to do with fencing in cattle, but the issue had become quite warm, and as he was speaking at a certain place one day, someone in the crowd yelled at him. "How do you stand on the fence law?" And the astute fellow was on the ball with that one just as he was on all other issues. So he replied: "Well, some of my friends are on one side of that matter and some of my friends are on the other side, and I'm telling you right now I'm standing by my friends." The moral of that story is that it is always best, when running for political office, not to be too much "fer" nor too much "agin."

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Time To Start Talking Again

The records clearly show that Haywood has been entirely too quiet about the Pigeon River Road for the past 15 to 16 months. During that period of quietness, there has not been anything done towards further completion of the road. Since being so quiet and nice about the project has failed to produce desired results, it seems only logical that the thing for us to do now is to start raising our voices and letting officials in Raleigh — and Hendersonville — know that we want the Pigeon River Road first and foremost above all other road, or civic projects. One Haywood man, who is keenly interested in the road, recently made the statement that when the state candidates come around asking for support, he is going to tell them, "I shall support only those candidates who are 100 per cent for the completion of the Pigeon River Road — brother if you don't speak that language, I ain't for you."

A rather harsh, and perhaps blunt way of stating that he does not intend to support any candidate that does not first show an interest in the project which means so much to the entire southeast, as well as the mid-west. The Mountaineer believes that if enough public sentiment is created right now, that we shall realize the fruits of our labors years, and years sooner than if we continue to keep quiet.

What Is The Best Answer?

As more and more speeders are being caught, it is apparent that the Superior Court docket will be heavily loaded with traffic cases. Some people have the feeling that provision should be made for a traffic court and give the violators an opportunity of paying the cost and fines and going their way. Others feel that the superior court is the place to dispose of the cases, and that violators of traffic laws should have to go to a little extra trouble. All these different opinions offer food for serious thought on a matter that must be faced seriously. The Raleigh News and Observer takes a definite stand that the state needs fewer courts and not more. The Raleigh newspaper said in an editorial: "North Carolina needs fewer courts, not more. The electorate and the General Assembly each create more justices of the peace than are needed every two years and the Governor adds a varying number, depending upon the personality of whoever happens to hold that office. The defects in the present justice of the peace system and the unfavorable impression of law enforcement in North Carolina which has been made upon visiting motorists have caused State officials to revive plans for traffic courts, which were rejected by former Legislatures. "The defects in the justice of the peace system stem from two conditions: there are too many of them and they are paid by fees contingent upon convictions instead of drawing salaries. "To superimpose a new system of courts upon the present justice of the peace system would only add to the present confusion. The present system should be abolished and a new system of inferior courts, with proper emphasis upon traffic cases, should be established in its place."

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HOSTILITIES REOPENED



Looking Back Over The Years

- 20 YEARS AGO Curfew ordinance is passed by board of aldermen prohibiting children under sixteen to be on streets alone after one hour following sundown. Exploding oil heater causes damage to the home of S. H. Keller. Mrs. Richard Barber, Jr., has two parties honoring her mother, Mrs. W. W. Norman of Griffin, Ga. Mrs. R. L. Prevost has party on her husband's birthday.
10 YEARS AGO G. C. Swainzgm of Lake Junaluska has five sons in the service. Mrs. Whitener Prevost heads group of 25 merchants' aides checking food prices. J. C. Madison, chairman, reports Red Cross quota in sight. Frank Ferguson, Jr., of Wilmington is spending several days with his mother. Pfc. Julius F. Davis, Jr. is now in New Guinea.5 YEARS AGO Miss Mary Ann Massie wins second place in the state DAR Good Citizenship contest. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stringfield leave by plane for Kent, Wash., to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Jones. Miss Mary Medford returns from a vacation in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kimball move to their new home on the Country Club Drive.

Views of Other Editors

HOW TO LIVE A LONG TIME If you want to live to a very ripe old age, there are a number of highly recommended ways to do so, although we concede that some of the recommendations are in contradiction to each other. Living a long time seems to be pretty much a matter of opinion, so far as how to go about it is concerned. For example, we knew a gentleman in the 80s once who attributed his longevity to the fact that he took two snorts of whiskey every morning as soon as he got up but did not touch another drop until 8 p.m. when he took two more snorts. Then we read of people who claim that they lived to approach the century mark because they never took a drink at all. Others proclaim tobacco as life-extending, and still others insist that it is life-shortening. Some say red meat shortens life, others say it lengthens the span. With such contradictions, it is difficult to reach any conclusion on how to live to be 80, 90, 100 or more. But there is one thing that is certain, if you want to live long, do not be a high official in Soviet Russia. The London Sunday Times, in a summary of what has happened to high officials in the Soviet in recent years points out that since 1936 nine of the 11 cabinet ministers holding office at that time have been shot by firing squads. Five out of seven presidents of the Central Executive Committee were executed by firing squads. So were 43 of the 53 secretaries of the Communist Party central organization. So were 15 of the top 27 Communists who drafted the 1936 Constitution of Soviet Russia. So were 70 of the 80 members of the Soviet War Council. And, since 1917, three of every five Marshals of the Soviet Army have been shot as spies or traitors. And every member of Lenin's first post-revolution politburo was finally shot with the one exception of Joseph Stalin. Play with dynamite, stick your head into a buzz saw, jump in front of trucks on the highway, or practice shooting at yourself with a pistol and you're still safer and much more likely to have a long life than if you are an official in Soviet Russia. —Shreveport Times.

CRIME IS COSTLY "I do not believe the average citizen senses the proper role that crime plays as a national problem. It exists on a scale so enormous that it is difficult to grasp it. It can reasonably be estimated that 20 billion dollars annually is the cost of crime in this country." That's J. Edgar Hoover, Chief G-Man, informing a congressional committee. And he goes on to break down crime costs by maintaining that it costs each family in the United States an average of \$495 each year. It is this figure that hits home—a terrific cost to be borne in a society that oftentimes prides itself, to the point of complacency, on the absence of crime in a particular area or community. Mr. Hoover has also voiced concern, as should all of us, over an increase in the crime rate among youths. He said 7.8 per cent of the persons arrested in 1952 were under 18 years, 13.3 per cent were under 21, and 23.1 per cent were under 25. As disturbing as are these figures, they become more so, when they are evaluated in the light of the little interest often shown by the public in crime prevention and in law enforcement. —Chatham County News.



THE VEST GOES WEST Epitaphs for the vest have been frequent these last few years. Tailors suggest that it is an expensive garment to cut out and sew; jewelers point out that watches come mostly with wristbands, nowadays; physiologists assert that the new fatty layer about

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

In days gone by, March 4th (in inaugural years) meant swarming into Washington to view the day-long festivities upon a president being sworn into office. Endless parades, lore, packed stands and sidewalks and (usually) bitter cold marked March 4th. It also ended "Lame Duck" legislation (was whispered) was one of the main reasons for the change. We distinctly remember the first inauguration day when we had an extra long cord attached so that we could be around from room to room. We called up everybody who gave them portions of the music and excitement to be had and via an extension cord. With the advent of television, we comfortably relax at home, call in all the neighbors, and affair minus crowds, lost children, food scarcity and expense.

Jealousy sits in a watch tower. Little Johnny wasn't exactly scared. Naturally, when seven and in the second grade, you wouldn't be frightened didn't quite like, nor understand, the violent March winds bending trees, rattling windows and sending souls of people down the street. The trouble was one didn't just know it was. You couldn't see it but you could see what it was doing how it felt; but what was it? Just as a precaution... not that he was afraid of Johnny stayed close to his daddy who was talking to him on the telephone. "Yes, Mr. Smith," the boy's father was saying that data in my coat pocket. Hold the phone a minute," and to get his coat. Little Johnny, with his mind very much occupied by the howling wind and utterly oblivious of the "one" receiver, piped up in a loud voice: "Daddy, is that a Mr. Smith work for and the one you said was nothing but a watch tower?"

It's hard to stop at any station when the mind is wandering. One of the most gracious things that has come our way was the kind invitation of a visitor to accompany him back to the hotel. Knowing how difficult it is to get hotel reservations at the rate, he very kindly extended his invitation to stay at his guest of himself and wife. This invitation, unfortunately, was able to accept (press day being what it is) but we deeply regret the kind impulse behind it. Since then we have thought of how the average housewife could enjoy facing a "woman" stranger, unexpectedly hurled into her daily course of life would take nothing less than an angelic personality who was this situation with an extended hand and a smile of welcome. "darned" well that we couldn't do it. And it has been indelible upon our mind that this kind invitation either came from who had a perfect wife, or who didn't know women well. Snow may be pure when it hits the earth but it certainly requires plenty of "dirt" in a short time.

Voice of the People

Do you think there should be a law against hitchhikers? Bill Freeman, B&P Motor Lines—"I guess there should be a law against it because a lot of evil has been done. I've never hitchhiked myself so I haven't thought much about it. We meet a lot of hitchhikers in the trucking business but never pick them up because the insurance company doesn't allow it." D. E. Tichenor, real estate and insurance—"Yes, I think it is a hazard from both sides. Many times people will pick up a hitchhiker and then suffer the consequences." J. C. Haynes, internal revenue service, Post Office—"No, because the law is not enforceable. The driver is a free agent and it's up to him to protect himself. After all, if you know a hitchhiker, you'll pick him up regardless of the law." Miss DeBrayda Fisher, office manager, Employment Security Commission—"Yes, I believe there should be a law against hitchhikers. Accidents frequently happen or can result from incidents like

DAILY CROSSWORD

A crossword puzzle grid with 45 numbered squares. To the right of the grid is a list of clues for the crossword puzzle. The clues are: 1. Attractive little girls (slang), 2. River (Eur.), 3. Mingle, 4. Herd of whales, 5. Melody, 6. Affected by gas, 7. Abounding in hills, 8. Macaws, 9. Cubic meter, 10. Dutch dialect (S. Afr.), 11. Spoke, 12. Period of time, 13. Foreigners, 14. On the ocean, 15. Malt beverage, 16. River (Fr.), 17. Conveyed, as by deed, 18. Region of Africa, 19. Recollect, 20. Apex, 21. Hewing tool, 22. Ever (poet.), 23. Shade of a color, 24. Faction, 25. Payment back, 26. Dromedary, 27. Sea eagle, 28. Biblical name, 29. Salt (chem.), 30. Foot-like part, 31. Half an em, 32. Samarium (sym.), 33. Mexican tree, 34. Grate, 35. Banishment, 36. Pinaceous trees, 37. River (Eng.), 38. Outside, 39. Remove the skin, 40. Cap again, 41. Spirit lamp, 42. Alkali for hair, 43. Lamp.

Advertisement for Jimmy Hatlo. The headline reads 'They'll Do It Every Time'. Below the headline are two illustrations of a street scene. The left illustration is labeled 'BEFORE' and shows a street with many cars and a sign that says 'WELCOME TO NEW ROANOKE'. The right illustration is labeled 'AFTER' and shows the same street with fewer cars and a sign that says 'WELCOME TO NEW ROANOKE'. Text in the advertisement includes: 'BEFORE THIS IS THE MAIN DRAG OF NEW ROANOKE BEFORE THE COUNCIL PASSED A "NO PARKING" ORDINANCE DURING BUSINESS HOURS... AFTER—SAME STREET WITH SAID ORDINANCE IN EFFECT. NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE? SURE—THE COP ON THE CORNER GREW A MUSTACHE!' and 'By Jimmy Hatlo'. At the bottom, it says 'MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS' and 'The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for publication of all the local news printed in this newspaper, as well as all AP news dispatches.' The date 'Thursday Afternoon, March 4, 1954' is also present.