time; hatred ceases by love-

Pigeon Road Needed To Take Com- Growing In Popularity mercial Traffic Off Steep Highway

Brakes failing on heavy vehicles coming off Soco Mountain has grown into a serious

Several times in recent weeks, heavy trucks have had their brakes to fail, and have created a hazard to themselves as well as to those on or near the highway at the

Mechanical failure of a machine is to be expected at any time, yet any driver knows that constant use of brakes on a road such as Soco Mountain will burn out the brakes and render the vehicle uncontrollable. That seems to have been the case in the recent wrecks at the foot of the mountain. On some occasions, the vehicles have plowed into nearby fields, crashed into the road embankments, and in the case of the tractor-trailer Sunday, the vehicle hit a cafe, and both vehilce and building were destroyed by the fire which started when the fuel tank on the vehicle caught on fire.

The Soco Mountain road is one of the heaviest traveled roads in this area, and it is fortunate that there have not been any deaths resulting from the incidents. One man was injured Sunday, and several had narrow escapes, such as in the other cases when vehicles had their brakes to fail as they rolled down the steep highway.

The road across Soco was not built as being suitable for heavy commercial travel. The grade is too steep, and the loaded trucks cannot keep pace with the traffic on either side of the mountain.

Commercial traffic retards normal traffic movements along the road, yet there is no other direct road into Tennessee from this area. This puts the matter right back into the laps of our highway commissioners.

Such incidents which have taken place in recent weeks on both sides of Soco Mountain is proof of the urgent need for the immediate construction of the all-weather, water-level road down Pigeon River. That is the natural outlet for commercial traffic from this area, and the section to the suoth and west of us to get to the mid-west. The completion of the Pigeon River Road will be the means of saving lives and property damages on the Soco Mountain, because until the Pigeon River Road is opened the heavy commercial vehicles of necessity will have to continue to use the road, and just as long as they use the road, there will be brake failures, and that means a wreck.

The luck which has been with those having their brakes to fail will not last always, and some of these days we can expect a heavy toll of lives, along with the increase of property damages.

The Highway Commission has an obligation to the state, and the adjoining states

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Engineers tell us that the 340-foot TV tower on top of Pisgah is completed.

We have looked at the structure from several angles-from here, from Brevard, and along Highway 19-23 between here and Asheville.

Often the haze and low-hanging clouds obstructed the view, but what times the structure could be seen, it did not appear to mar the heauty of majestic Pisgah.

The contstruction engineers report that the influx of visitors to the top of Pisgah is far beyond anything they ever anticipated. It is not just the TV installation which is drawing them, but the fact that they know they can reach the top of the high peak, and be well awarded with a view for many miles when they reach there.

Many of the people going to the top take the route of our two reporters, while others take advantage of an empty seat on the tramway and ride up the steep slope.

We feel Pisgah is steadily coming back into her own, and that coupled with the growing popularity of Pisgah National Forrests, is destined to mean a much brighter day for the area.

Our Greatest Tourist Attraction

Those of us who live within the shadows of the Great Smokies, often take them for granted, yet we always delight in reading of the impressions of others after a visit to this scenic wonderland.

Such is the case with us, after reading what Miss Beatrice Cobb had to say in her interesting newspaper, The Morganton News-Herald, after a recent visit to the Park. She wrote:

About twenty-five years ago, when the Great Smoky Mountains National Park idea began materializing, few of us even dreamed that it would ever develop in the amazing way it has. It is undoubtedly our greatest attraction. A trip into the Park any weekend during the "season" gives proof to the accuracy of the record that it now draws a greater number of visitors than any of the other National Parks in the United States.

I spent last weekend in and near the Park, my third visit this summer. For the outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills," standing room was sold for both Saturday and Sunday night performances. I am not very good at estimating crowds, but I figured that there were at least three hundred, possibly more, who stood to see Saturday night's show. Traffic congestion offered further proof of the way the Park is drawing

It is my observation that the average ments for a pleasurable trip-good food, scenery, and entertainment. A combination of any two is acceptable, but the three together make, as a rule, what the traveler, raised some new questions on the be held to be discrimination. In- Negro teachers who are well qualifor pleasure, or recreation, expects. There matter of segregation, and some asmuch as the Supreme Court de- fied to teach are not being given are no eating places in the Park, but camp- of the many problems which now cision says, in effect, that the Fed- jobs they deserve ers and "Pick-nickers" can easily supply that need, and there are plenty of restaurants and snack-places at or near the entrances. The time is not too far distant, prepared to accept 'an influx of the quality of teaching has also ed. Similarly, Montana has only two in my opinion, when the Park Service will make concessions available for the sale of soft drinks and lunches, and perhaps, even hotels and lodges will be provided for the ac- the American people face now that

to completion as fast as practical.

Needless to say, we have been a little discouraged over the fact that no further schools in the South will be disnews or announcements have come from the statement that the Pigon River Road was being requested by the State to be put on the inter-state system of the federal bureau. Someone needs to get behind this project and see that the road is completed posthaste.





ooking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO Jack Phillips, star fullback and

Tech's football team, is hurt in at Mars Hill College.

student in the Medical School of Dicus, the University of South Carolina.

udies at Buke University,

Coach C. E. Weatherby predicts greatest team in history of Waynes- A. Jones, and Miss Catherine Hill ville High School.

Miss Evelyn Underwood accepts 1934 captain - elect of Georgia position in the history department fireman. Kenneth Turner is named

Harry Jaynes goes to Cullowhee

Mrs. W. H. Tuttle, Mrs. Charles are added to St. John's faculty.

Waynesville gets second full-time

Robert H. Breese, Jr. attains

Aviation Cadet James Dicus and Thomas Stringfield goes to Mrs. Dicus are here with the form- scholastic honor at the University Charleston, S. C. where he is a er's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. of North Carolina and is included on the dean's list

Miss Ann Osborne accepts posi-Miss Rosalyn Ray resumes her to attend Western Carolina Teach- tion as technologist in the Medical Laboratory at Duke

Henry Foy returns to Clemson

North Now Has Its Chance To Show tourist thinks in terms of three require-

Editor's note-David Lawrence writing in The Charlotte Obser- ployment in the North as between whites would be considered as disloom on the horizon. This is Mr. Lawrence's article:

of the classrooms hitherto occupi- The Supreme Court said: ed by white teachers? This is the new problem which

the full meaning of the decision of the Supreme Court of the Unitto see that the Pigeon River Road is pushed cd States has undergone further study. For it is likely that many of the Negro teachers who have been employed in segregated placed when integrated schools, with both whites and Negroes, are fully established.

There are, according to the latest U. S. census figures, 76,390 Negro teachers employed in the 17 southern and bordering states and the District of Columbia, as compared with the 310,319 white teachers. This is one Negro out of each five teachers WIDE DISCREPANCY

In the 31 so-called non-segregatcd states there are only 10,248 Negro teachers, as compared with 722,487 white teachers. This is a

ratio of one Negro teacher out of

each 73 teachers.

familiar.

Careful reading of the Supreme Court decision would seem to in-

commodations of tourists within the Park

area. Such provisions have precedents in

other National Parks. Hot Springs and Yel-

lowstone Park are two with which I am

year at "Unto These Hills," and the crowds

of visitors this summer to the reconstruct-

ed Indian Village, Oconoluftee, at Cherokee,

are proof of the statement that good enter-

tainment is one of the big attractions for

tourists. The comping sites, at Smokemont,

on the North Carolina side, and the Chim-

neys, in Tennessee, have been "full up" it

There's one thing "for sure"-the thou-

is reported, all summer.

The amazing attendance year after

ver, gave some pointed facts, and white and Negro teachers could crimination if it can be proved that eral government can intervene in It will be asked, for instance,

ents of white children in the North be inferred that examination of 7.483 white teachers were employ

fect of segregation itself on public white teachers. education.

of equal educational opportunities? 34.118 white teachers. We believe that it does. SEE DISCRIMINATION

into the subject of what consti- communities-now that Federal tutes a good education, the Su-power over education is involved preme Court undoubtedly has decreed that any palpable inequality mon witnesses and take testimony in the selection of the number of and find out what has been happendicate that any such ratio of em- Negro teachers as compared to ing in the process of selecting or

the field of education and pass why, as the latest census figures judgment on what kind of educa- show, only three Negro teachers WASHINGTON-Are the par- tion pupils are receiving, it may were qualified in Maine, whereas Negro teachers to take over many come within the Federal power. Negro teachers and 5,601 white teachers

"There are findings below that Even Massachusetts, which has the Negro and white schools in- prided itself on its historic attitude volved have been equalized, or are toward the Negro, employs only being equalized with respect to 110 Negroes out of a total of 36,buildings, curricula, qualifications 553 teachers, Indiana, with a large and salaries of teachers, and other Negro population, has only 680 'tangible' factors. Our decision Negro teachers out of 27,290, Calitherefore, cannot turn on merely fornia has only 923 Negro teachers a comparison of these tangible and 73.525 white teachers. Illinois, factors in the Negro and white another state with a large Negro schools involved in each of the cas- population, has only 1,961 Negro es. We must look instead to the ef- teachers, while it employs 55,712 The same small ratio of Negro

We come then to the question teachers prevails in other northpresented: Does segregation of ern states. New York state has only children in public schools solely 1,693 Negro teachers, as compared on the basis of race, even though with 101,387 white teachers. Ohio physical facilities and other 'tang- has 1.051 Negro teachers and 50,ible' factors may be equal, deprive 295 white teachers. New Jersey the children of the minority group has only 759 Negro teachers and

MAY INVESTIGATE

Has there been discrimination With such a direct intervention in the North? Plainly congressional -would have authority to sum-

> sands who have seen "Unto These Hills." know more than they would ever have learned from books about the history of the Cherokee Indians. It is not to the credit of the white man, that as in the case of the Cherokees, the Indians were double-crossed and treated unfairly. My companion at last Saturday night's performance asked me a question to which I did not know the answer: "What effect has it had on the Indians who now live on the Cherokee Reservation to see and know how their ancestors suffered at the hands of the white 'invaders' and the government at Washington?" My impression is that they have accepted the protrayal of their tragic history in the traditional stoical Indian fashion.

Rambling 'Round

rule.-Buddha.

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Again we are impressively brought to mind how his here in Waynesville, where we are surrounded and an mountains. We are spared the hazards of hurricanes, ea tonadoes.

We read of the terrific loss of property, the trage has and the resultant damages done, and we are sympather cannot fully realize the horrifying mental collapse the the citizens whose lives lie in the paths of these catas after the crisis has passed, the terrified populace are a of panic. And those deprived of homes, property and pe bewildered to the point of desperation. It is hard to believe that Nature can be so beautiful

and peaceful, yet so ruthlessly death-dealing when arouse

Classified ad, "Wanted . . . to exchange summer steam-heated apartment.

We learned this little trick the hard way, and are a to others who may be in the same predicament. Do you park a covered hat box on a high-up shelf and when down the cover makes a direct solo nose dive with g your nose as a landing field? Well, we put a couple of de tape on one edge of the cover and fastened it to the bor not interfere in any way with opening the hat box it form hinge, and certainly saves you a bump or two

Little Johnny had listened attentively as his daddy d the investigation going on in Washington. In a lull b "Daddy, when are they going to begin censoring Mr. Med His father laughed, "You mean censure, son but I think something in the word you used."

> I wish I was a mountain stream, That gurgles on its way.

It splashes, sputters over rocks And scents the air with spray

It sings its song as it plays tag With leaves that go astray.

It leaps and bounds and runs so fast You think it's gone away Oh, would I were a mountain stream

So happy, free and gay I'd gurgle right to your doorstep And there I'd spend the day

If you can't make up your mind whether what you are is right or wrong, it's a pretty safe bet that you know it's

Voice of the People

What do you think about playing football games on Thursday nights — such as the Sylva game last week and the Bethel game this week? (Continued).

A. D. Harrison-"Thursday night much to have about fig games give fans the opportunity the story, and would also to see games both here and in permission to use the st Canton, but it's a bad thing from ture publicity on my pm the students' standpoint. Friday and Saturday nights would be story, and your interest much better.

Bob Tharp - "I'd rather have them on Friday.'

Mrs. Louise Leatherwood-"We don't like it. Friday is much nicer: Thursday is too hard on the kids.

Linzie Hollifield - "Friday just seems to be the right night for Thursday; it's too near !

Kurt Gans - "Games should be on Friday for the protection of

banning Negro teachers. The South and the border states.

which have 76,390 Negro teachers, are employing seven Negroes to every one on the teaching rolls of all the 31 so-called non-segregated Northern states put together. If the South goes in for integra-

tion and many Negro teachers lose their jobs, as seems inevitable, will narthern states accept them and put them in classrooms?

Letter To Ed Editor The Mountainer

Many thanks for the your paper on last Th have already received w ters and cards from t copies of the issue. It is men like yourself

lications like The Mountaineer" that have h along the way in my work If possible I would

Again may I thank you Best regards. Yours very truly Don Matney

WAYS Radio.

Felix Stovall - This seem right to go to of the week. Attendance days probably won't be either.

Homer Justice-"It do any difference to me, but er see them on Saturd than any other time."

Mrs. Kenneth H. Parre have gotten so accu ing football games on i Thursday night is just to church on Saturday I people have always nights vacant, but now know what to do.'

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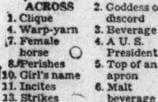
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