

Hatred does not cease by hate; time; hatred ceases by love; the rule.—Buddha.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.—Psalms 135:5.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

Pigeon Road Needed To Take Commercial Traffic Off Steep Highway

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

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 time.

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 vehicle 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 south 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

Growing In Popularity

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 beauty of majestic Pisgah.

The construction 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 Forests, 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 tourists.

It is my observation that the average tourist thinks in terms of three requirements 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, for pleasure, or recreation, expects. There are no eating places in the Park, but campers 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, 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 accom-

modation of tourists within the Park area. Such provisions have precedents in other National Parks. Hot Springs and Yellowstone Park are two with which I am familiar.

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Looking Back Through The Years

- 20 YEARS AGO: Jack Phillips, star fullback and 1934 captain - elect of Georgia Tech's football team, is hurt in scrimmage. Thomas Stringfield goes to Charleston, S. C. where he is a student in the Medical School of the University of South Carolina. Miss Rosalyn Ray resumes her studies at Duke University. Coach C. E. Weatherby predicts greatest team in history of Waynesville High School.
- 10 YEARS AGO: Miss Evelyn Underwood accepts position in the history department at Mars Hill College. Aviation Cadet James Dicus and Mrs. Dicus are here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dicus. Harry Jaynes goes to Cullowhee to attend Western Carolina Teachers College. Mrs. W. H. Tuttle, Mrs. Charles A. Jones, and Miss Catherine Hill are added to St. John's faculty.
- 5 YEARS AGO: Waynesville gets second full-time fireman. Kenneth Turner is named to force. Robert H. Breese, Jr. attains scholastic honor at the University of North Carolina and is included on the dean's list. Miss Ann Osborne accepts position as technologist in the Medical Laboratory at Duke Medical School. Henry Foy returns to Clemson College.

North Now Has Its Chance To Show Whether It Can Take Nonsegregation

Editor's note—David Lawrence, writing in The Charlotte Observer, gave some pointed facts, and raised some new questions on the matter of segregation, and some of the many problems which now loom on the horizon. This is Mr. Lawrence's article:

WASHINGTON—Are the parents of white children in the North prepared to accept an influx of Negro teachers to take over many of the classrooms hitherto occupied by white teachers? This is the new problem which the American people face now that the full meaning of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States has undergone further study. For it is likely that many of the Negro teachers who have been employed in segregated schools in the South will be displaced 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 every five teachers. WIDE DISCREPANCY In the 31 so-called non-segregated 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 every 73 teachers. Careful reading of the Supreme Court decision would seem to indicate that any such ratio of em-

commodations of tourists within the Park area. Such provisions have precedents in other National Parks. Hot Springs and Yellowstone Park are two with which I am familiar. The amazing attendance year after year at "Unto These Hills," and the crowds of visitors this summer to the reconstructed Indian Village, Oconoluftee, at Cherokee, are proof of the statement that good entertainment is one of the big attractions for tourists. The camping sites, at Smokemont, on the North Carolina side, and the Chimneys, in Tennessee, have been "full up" it is reported, all summer. There's one thing "for sure"—the thou-

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier Again we are impressively brought to mind how blessed here in Waynesville, where we are surrounded and protected by mountains. We are spared the hazards of hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornadoes. We read of the terrific loss of property, the tragic loss of lives, and the resultant damages done, and we are sympathetic, but cannot fully realize the horrifying mental collapse that has befallen the citizens whose lives lie in the paths of these catastrophic forces. After the crisis has passed, the terrified populace are still in a state of panic. And those deprived of homes, property and possessions are 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 aroused.

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

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

Little Johnny had listened attentively as his daddy was talking about the investigation going on in Washington. In a lull, he said, "Daddy, when are they going to begin censoring Mr. McCarver? His father laughed, "You mean censor, son, but I think you mean 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 doing is right or wrong, it's a pretty safe bet that you know it's wrong.

Voice of the People

Editor The Mountaineer: Many thanks for the issue of your paper on last Thursday. I have already received several letters and cards from friends and copies of the issue. It is men like yourself who are the voice of the people. I am glad to see you along the way in my work. If possible, I would like to see you and would like to see you in person. I have permission to use the structure publicity on my page. Again may I thank you for your story, and your interest. Best regards. Yours very truly, Don Matney, WAYS Radio.

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

Linnie Hollifield—"Friday just seems to be the right night for football."

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

Homer Justice—"It doesn't make any difference to me, but I prefer see them on Saturday than any other time."

Mrs. Kenneth H. Parrott have gotten so accustomed to playing football games on Friday night that Thursday night is just a church on Saturday. I hope people have always had their nights vacant, but now we know what to do."

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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