To sin by silence when they she

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

A Little Ray Of Sunshine On Our Hopes For The Park

Governor Luther Hodges and A. f. Graham, chairman of the State Highway Commission, have personally appealed to the Park Service to improve Highway 441 from Cherokee to Newfound Gap.

We are happy that our state officials are taking due recognition of the urgent need for immediate improvement of the only highway on the North Carolina side leading into the heart of the Park.

The 25-year-old road was designed and constructed back in an era when 15 miles an hour was considered a reckless speed. The cars, trucks and buses were of much lighter weight then, and certainly far fewer traveling on that section of our highway system.

The repairs of just normal wear and tear on the road has not been maintained, and hence the whole section of highway has deteriorated faster than the average highway.

Smoky Park officials have for some time termed the road as dangerous, and in need of reconstruction. The Park Service took over the road from the state with the understanding that they would keep it in good repair. That phase of their development program, like many others, has fallen by the wayside, and thus leaves those of us who are so concerned about the development of the Park, still hoping, and all the while our degree of disgust rises and rises.

Now that our state officials have joined in on the request for improvement of 441, we may get what we should have had years ago -anyway it gives reason for adding to the hopes we have maintained throughout the years.

Should Know Better By Now

Experts in the field of prison work expect a certain amount of unrest and trouble from prisoners about this time of year - and early summer.

Right now many of the prisoners will risk everything up to their lives to make a break for freedom in order to be from behind the bars on Christmas Day.

In early summer, they take advantage of fruits, and vegetable crops, and the weather, to make good their escape, because they can live in the woods for days without having to

Handling prisoners is a big task, because there are so many different types of personalities, temperaments, and degrees of criminal minds in the group. Some prisoners will take punishment, while others rebel and cause untold trouble. Prison officials are learning how to cope with the situation, and in turn prisoners should by now learn how uselessit is to try and escape from prison, or the rules of the institution in which they are lodged.

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Fhey'll Do It Every Time

I DON'T GIVE A HIGH HOOT WHO

YOU BE! NOBODY GETS INTO A

FLAT IN THIS HOUSE IF THE

There's No Place Like The Mountains - Summer Or Winter

'Tis interesting, away up here in the mountains to read of the sleet and 5-inch snow storm which hit down in Eastern Carolina. Motorists around Raleigh and Chapel Hill found the going tough, and perhaps many of them, as they fought to keep their vehicles on the slick highways, gave a thought for the poor mountain motorists. But their sympathy was wasted, as the highways in this area remained free of ice and snow, except in some of the higher gaps in the area.

Sounds Encouraging

Winter as yet hasn't slowed construction of US 23-441 in Jackson County from Cowee Gap to Dillsboro and about 80 per cent of the grading on the project has been finished, according to S. T. Usry, resident highway ent Carolina.

If construction continues according to schedule, the engineer predicted the 9.42mile link, which is a tie-in for the completed stretch from Franklin to Cowee Gap, will be ready for paving in the summer of 1955.

Structures on the Jackson project also are about 80 per cent completed, Mr. Usry said. These include two I-beam bridges, an arch bridge, and four culverts.

Look Out, Indians

The federal government is working on eventual withdrawl of all government services to the Cherokee Indians in Western North Carolina, but the tribe will be consulted before it is put into effect. However, the report of this decision says, 'In the interest of economy certain services furnished by the Bureau of Indian Affairs are being turned over to private interests who will supply them through contracts with the govern-

Free enterprise is a wonderful thing. The one certain fact in history, however, is that the shame of America in the long story of its mistreatment of the Indians reflects no credit on the doctrine of free enterprise. The whole reason for the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been to throw some safeguards between the Indians and those who stole their lands and debauched their tribes.

Undoubtedly, the "private interests" now brought into the picture may be entirely different from those private interests which pitilessly preyed upon the Indians long ago. It is still a fact that anybody looking for a bad example of free enterprise can nowhere Yankees next day, march into find a more horrible example than those enterprisers whose purpose was to cheat the Indians of the last scraps of their heritage town's courthouse when in walked in America.—Raleigh News & Observer.

Increased Travel On Bath Sides Of Us Astonished, Grant took the sword

Travel in the Smokies continues to show a definite trend upward. Even in the fall months, the travel counts show an increase go back on his word." over the same months of last year.

From Ranger Ted Seely of Pisgah National Forest, we learn that the annual report for travel through Pisgah will be encouraging, and will show a substantial increase. The figures are still being computed, but it now appears that Pisgah will have a record showing a "banner year". With travel increasing on both sides of us, there is proof again, that this area is definitely going forward, and those who prepare for the busi- "Here's another one I'm loader ness are the ones who will get the major

BUT, POP! WE'RE

COMPANY! THE LADY

IN NO.12 WANTS A

PHONE PUT IN

By Jimmy Hatlo

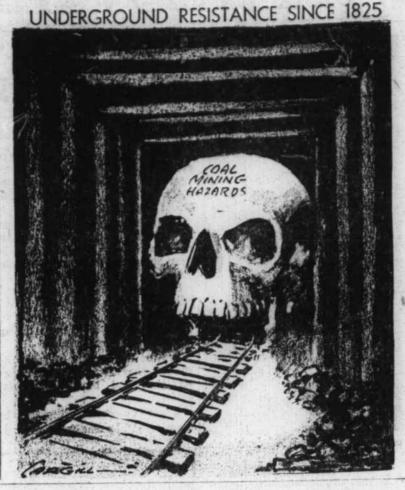
New Information On Tar Heel State Published

A new edition of "Facts About North Carolina" has been issued by the State Advertising Division of the Department of Conservation and Development, It carries a portrait and brief sketch of Governor Luther H. Hodges, who succeeded Governor William B. Umstead upon his death on November 7.

The four - page pamphlet also gives current statistics about industry, agriculture, finance, education, and natural resources of North Carolina. A copy may be obtained free upon request to the State Advertising Division, Room 233. Education Building.

The State Advertising Division produces "Facts About North Carolina" on the department Multilith and uses thousands of copies each year to supplement the illustrated booklet "The Tar Heel State" in answering inquiries about North

The United States has 223,400 miles of railroad compared with the second largest world railroad system-Russia's 76,000 miles.



ooking Back Through The Years

The Waynesville Bus Station is moved to the Waynesville Phar-

W. A. Bradley, W. L. Hardin, and Tillman Powell each get deer on president of the Haywood County

Miss Gladys Dicus and Miss College to spend the holidays.

concerning this great conflict have

Their propagandists have gone

on to assert also that Lee surren-

dered to Grant at Appomattox,

which, as any Rebel knows, is di-

Here's the way it really happened, as related by a Dallas

"After chasing the Union army

ill over the map, the exhausted

Confederates pulled up at Appo-

mattox, planning to wipe out the

Washington, and raise the Stars

"General Lee was resting at the

General Grant, ready to surren-

der. Lee took the unimpressive

Union general to be an orderly, sc

he gave him his sword to polish

thinking Lee had surrendered in-

stead. He even thanked Lee for

surrendering, and being a true

Southern gentleman, Lee couldn't

As Lynn Henline, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Henline o'

North Canton Road, started to en-

tertain two visitors last Sunday

"She's loaded with Little Moror

After proving the point wiff

four or five anecdotes, Lynn said

"Here's another joke I'm loade"

Lynn proved the point with for-

or five anecdotes and then, befor-

telling another one, she said

Not so many years ago, girls In

high school hoped to find a wrist-

watch, typewriter, pen and pencti

set, new coat, or some similar gift

These days many of them won't

Somebody is now preparing to

create an eyesore on the eastern

ontskirts of Clyde with an auto

"gravevard" on the new super-

All we need now is a garbage

Recently The Mountaineer re-

Wife Preservers

dump on the other side. (There

settle for anything less than a

under the Christmas tree. .

diamond engagement ring.

highway.

ought to be a law!)

the meringue of a pie, too ma

night, her father remarked:

and Bars ove rthe White House,

rectly contrary to the facts,

the North actually won the war.

Dorothy Richeson directs pageant given by young people of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church.

Dorothy Sue Wells of Canton is Club at Mars Hill College.

Aviation Cadet James L. Milner Edith Long arrive from Woman's is taking basic flight instruction at Independence Field, Kansas.

Waynesville band last Thursday

Amid all the music, one of the

gram was a reading on Christmas

by Gail Camlin of Lake Junaluska,

You can always be certain of one

'hing: Even if you send out 1,000

Community Tour

Set For Thursday

Plans are being completed for

community tour Thursday evening,

December 23, when several of the

homes will be open for the Oak-

vood Garden Club's Christmas

'our. A number of homes will have

out-door and window decorations

which can be viewed from the road-

ways, and a community wide tour

Mrs. John Whitted, Misses Wes-

sie and Lura Wright will be host-

esses, and light refreshments will

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)-Po-

lice helped a truck driver get a

Aid Before Arrest

Of Thickety Is

out on your list.

3:30 and 8:30.

more than when they went in.

Highland Flings

By Bob Conway

Ever since the ending of the ceived an empty envelope in the

War Between the States the facts mail from TVA in Knoxville.

kees have been led to believe that letters in their envelopes??

Jack Cavanaugh of Clyde, ceive Eagle Scout ranks,

E. A. Williamson is elected Em-Commandery Knight Templars,

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Yates leave for vacation in Florida.

inent Commander of Waynesville

Empty Mail

From now on until Christmas.

feeling the Christmas spirit much

lic that Christmas cards sent with most impressive parts of the pro- only two-cents postage must not be sealed or contain a message and cannot be forwarded. A three-cent stamp must be used if the card bears writing (other than signa-

Christmas cards, you'll still receive that Christmas cards sent to chilsome from persons you forgot to dren, who do not ordinarily reof their parents or guardians.

this Saturday, the Waynesville postoffice will remain open until 5:30 p.m., while the Hazelwood postoffice will be open until 5 o'clock.

Reading Time

E. Smith, Springfield, Mass., English teacher, told the New England Assn. of Teachers of English that most high school students don't read outside the classroom because:

vill be held between the hours of and January there are football games. Then the students paint scenery, play the piano, stand up on the stage and shimmy and shake and sing Ricochet Romance; and be served at the home of the latit's all wonderful. Then they must watch television and they tell me they have jobs in the afternoon and evenings. It's no wonder they don't read."

Boxes Daily During Rush

holders of boxes at the Waynesville The question is: Is TVA mad at been so distorted, notably by us here, or are they so low on postoffice are asked to call for their mail each day, if possible, to Northern writers, that some Yan- funds they can't afford to put any keep boxes from "overflowing," according to Postmaster Enos People who went to the annual Christmas concert given by the

The boxes are not large enough to handle the Christmas mail load night came out of the auditorium unless they are emptied daily, he

> Mr. Boyd also deminded the pubture) or is to be forwarded.

The postmaster also pointed out ceive mail, should be sent in care

Street addresses should be used

when known, Mr. Boyd said, To handle Christmas mailing

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)-Edwin "During November, December

Farm scientists say that hogs load of tires and office machines out of a ditch, then arrested him can be fattened more rapidly if

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT KING , ARMS HOTEL MY MORTH DEVON. ENGLAND, WAS BUILT FROM WINNINGS AT CAR AND ORIGINALLY GREEN. GREEN. GREEN. UND I LEASY, THE TEADS ALL OTHERS IN FALLING VICTIM TO THE HUNTER EACH ANGUMN ? GREEN, GREEN, KNOCKS OUT A SUSPECT QUAIL. FOR TEN MINUTES BY MEANS of a violent concussion of air.

on charges of stealing both the they spend most of their time in truck and cargo.

Rambling Round

Haven't we all had our embarrassing moments? Sometian article of clothing that has gone AWOL, and sudden fore startled eyes. It might be an accidental tripping that victim into the very unexpected embrace of a total strang who of us hasn't experienced that deathly sickening feeling subject of an adverse comment by you suddenly appears rack your brain trying to remember just what it was you haven't we all explosively made some remark that, after i the atmosphere, you'd give plenty to retrieve

All of this discourse is brought about pulled recently. A very dear friend met us on the street kindly extended this invitation; "Remember, we are planning ing you come to our house during the holidays." Without ever the time to say "thanks," we exploded with "Please have e and garlic bread." We've enjoyed these treats in this About ten hours later, it suddenly dawned on us that

hadn't mentioned the fact that the invitation included dir red can a face get?

Clouds drawing shadow pictures of cathedral spires on mountainsides.

We are still thrilled by the beauty of the colored stree and the decorated Christmas tree on the Courthouse lawn difference color makes in anything. Were all these lights of the illuminating sameness they would hardly draw a second look oh's and ah's that always spring forth at the sight of colo ing shows the favor with which colors are accorded We always get an enormous "kick" out of the exquisite

pictures with which almost every magazine is now blessed interest is intensified in advertisements so illustrated As Charles R. Mills of Canton and there is blue in the sky, gold in the sun and green in the following Charles E. Mainous of Bethel re- will never be without color in our lives.

> "Ring out wild bells, ring out" And let our voices shout Before the new year's in, We'll all be down and out. -1- -1- -1-

pointed to a long, fluttering cloud that seemingly extended the wide expanse of sky. "Did you ever see a cloud like t asked. Then we were informed that was a vapor stream from plane. We remembered the days of sky-writing and what a tion followed when first brought to notice. New York was especially fortunate in having some

All excited, we called a fellow staff member

expositions of this fantastic display of aerial penmanship Of anything in New York will draw a crowd in a matter of se these displays were well worth the attention they drew ? vertising display seems to have gone out of fashion as we seen any lately.

"Twent be long new!

It Pays To Use Mountaineer Want

Ordnance Officials Admit Atomic Weapon 'Oversold' Say Weapon Vulner Production Now

Special to Central Press

oversold their highly-vaunted atomic cannon but they their optimism served a good purpose. They admit that the effe 280-mm, weapon is "highly vulnerable" and is "inefficient" in of costly atomic materials. Production of the cannon has been because the Army says "current requirements" have been met-

The trouble with the 85-ton giant is that while it can the disaster-dealing shell it takes 20 minutes to get it ready to fire 20 minutes to get it on the road again. B that, the cannon is not armor-plated and has i

ed off-the-road mebility. However, the gun served a good purpose in opinion. It interested scientists in the Army's of the war and took some of the attention a from the Air Force which had been claiming clusive use of atomic weapons.

Now the Army is close to receiving a family atomic artillery which will be armored, propelled and more efficient in use. Also, the was able to use the cannon in visualizing atomic battlefield of the future and in des

tactics for use in the next war. A \$91.14 DAILY SAVING—The Scale agreed to save taxpayers \$91.14 a day by disregarding an 189 ing. That was a requirement that every day the Senate is in set to be leveled to the same in the level of t

its legislative calendar be printed and distributed to all se However, in the special session, there is no legislation. As leader William F. Knowland explained, the only change made a calendar is printed from day to day is the date.

He asked the Senate to agree unanimously to disregard b rule and pointed out that it has been costing \$91.14 to print the dar every day during the special session. The Senate readily

to the savings. • TOURIST ATTRACTIONS-The United States Army now is tourist business. America's millions of tourists have been extended

an official invitation by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, chief of visit the nation's non-secret military bases and camps. Ridgway offered the welcome to civilians in a recent letter

American Automobile association. In it, he commented: "The history of our service is linked will democratic history of our land and anyone touring our older

will gain not only an appreciation of the specific historical event took place there but a deeper understanding of our Ame heritage."

Ridgway has instructed local camp commanders to meet will resentatives of AAA clubs in their areas to make arrangement visitors to visit the installations where thousands of servicement

• AUTO VITAL IN A-BOMB DEFENSE-The Federal City fense administration is distributing to automobile clubs a comcation pointing out that while the old prescription of "duck cover" still has its uses, present planning calls for mass evacuation

when there is sufficient warning. Civil Defense Chief Val Peterson says: "It is clear that burden of movement for survival will fall upon the private car. . . . Such a mass exodus would pose seri-

ous traffic problems even under normal conditions. "However, under the lash of such an emergency as

here contemplated, the problem will be enormously aggravated. Without advance planning, and the communication of the basic plan to all citizens—which means it mo simple—there will be little chance to avoiding a stampede. stampede can slaughter thousands even though enemy planes t

Study of the traffic engineering aspects of mass exodus are to forward in a major city and results will be carefully watched to out similar programs throughout the country.

WHEN IT'S A SERVICE YOU REALLY NEED SCHNOWZER THE SUPER IS STRICTLY THEY SHALL NOT PASS! BUT THE STRONG-BACK BOYS FROM HE FINANCE CO. ... HEM HE WELCOMES H OPEN ARMS ..