

"But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved, even as they." - Acts 15:11.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

TODAY'S QUOTATION
To sin by silence when they should test makes cowards out of men. - Abraham Lincoln

A Little Ray Of Sunshine On Our Hopes For The Park

Governor Luther Hodges and A. L. 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 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 be seen.

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 useless it is to try and escape from prison, or the rules of the institution in which they are lodged.

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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 engineer.

If construction continues according to schedule, the engineer predicted the 9.42-mile 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 withdrawal 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 government.'

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 find a more horrible example than those enterprisers whose purpose was to cheat the Indians of the last scraps of their heritage in America. -Raleigh News & Observer.

Increased Travel On Bath Sides Of Us

Travel in the Smokies continues to show a definite trend upward. Even in the fall months, the travel counts show an increase 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 business are the ones who will get the major part.

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 Carolina.

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

Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO The Waynesville Bus Station is moved to the Waynesville Pharmacy.

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

5 YEARS AGO Jack Cavanaugh of Clyde, Charles R. Mills of Canton and Charles E. Mainous of Bethel receive Eagle Scout ranks.

E. A. Williamson is elected Eminent Commander of Waynesville Commandery Knight Templars.

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



Highland Flings

Ever since the ending of the War Between the States the facts concerning this great conflict have been so distorted, notably by Northern writers, that some Yankees have been led to believe that the North actually won the war. Their propagandists have gone on to assert also that Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, which, as any Rebel knows, is directly contrary to the facts. Here's the way it really happened, as related by a Dallas author: "After chasing the Union army all over the map, the exhausted Confederates pulled up at Appomattox, planning to wipe out the Yankees next day, march into Washington, and raise the Stars and Bars over the White House. "General Lee was resting at the town's courthouse when he walked General Grant, ready to surrender. Lee took the unimpressive Union general to be an orderly, so he gave him his sword to polish. Astonished, Grant took the sword thinking Lee had surrendered instead. He even thanked Lee for surrendering, and being a true Southern gentleman, Lee couldn't go back on his word."

Empty Mail Boxes Daily During Rush

From now on until Christmas, holders of boxes at the Waynesville postoffice are asked to call for their mail each day, if possible, to keep boxes from "overflowing," according to Postmaster Enos Boyd.

The boxes are not large enough to handle the Christmas mail load unless they are emptied daily, he added. Mr. Boyd also demided the public that Christmas cards sent with 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 signature) or is to be forwarded.

The postmaster also pointed out that Christmas cards sent to children, who do not ordinarily receive mail, should be sent in care of their parents or guardians. Street addresses should be used when known, Mr. Boyd said.

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

Community Tour Of Thickety Is Set For Thursday

Plans are being completed for a community tour Thursday evening, December 23, when several of the homes will be open for the Oakwood Garden Club's Christmas tour. A number of homes will have out-door and window decorations which can be viewed from the roadways, and a community wide tour will be held between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30.

Aid Before Arrest

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Police helped a truck driver get a load of tires and office machines out of a ditch, then arrested him on charges of stealing both the truck and cargo.

Mrs. John Whitted, Misses Westie and Lura Wright will be hostesses, and light refreshments will be served at the home of the latter.

Reading Time

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Edwin 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: "During November, December 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 it'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."

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT KING'S ARMS HOTEL AT NORTH DEVON, ENGLAND, WAS BUILT FROM WINNINGS AT CAR AND ORIGINALLY CONTAINED 52 WINDOWS TO CORRESPOND TO THE 52 CARDS IN A DECK.

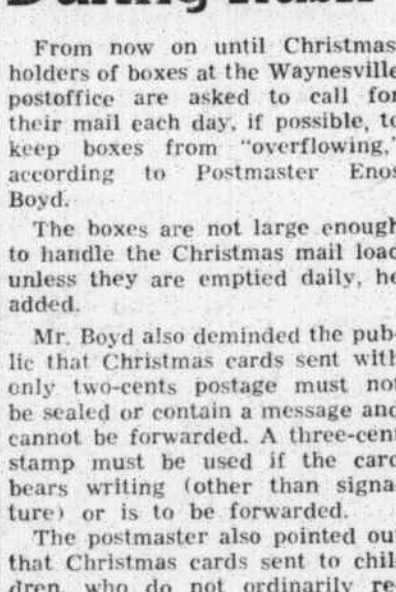


Wife Preservers

When droplets of water form on top of the meringue of a pie, too much sugar has been used. One, or at most two, tablespoons of powdered sugar is enough to add to each egg white when making the meringue.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Atomic Cannon

WASHINGTON—Army ordnance officials are conceding that their optimism served a good purpose. They admit that the 280-mm. weapon is "highly vulnerable" and is "inefficient" in its use of costly atomic materials. Production of the cannon has been halted because the Army says "current requirements" have been met.

The trouble with the 85-ton giant is that while it can fire 20 minutes to get it on the road again. But that, the cannon is not armor-plated and has no off-the-road mobility.

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 away from the Air Force which had been clamoring for 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 Army was able to use the cannon in visualizing atomic battlefield of the future and in devising tactics for use in the next war.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

The United States Army now is a tourist business. America's millions of tourists have been extended an official invitation by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, chief of staff, to visit the nation's non-secret military bases and camps.

Ridgway offered the welcome to civilians in a recent letter to the American Automobile association. In it, he commented: "The history of our service is linked with democratic history of our land and anyone touring our older bases will gain not only an appreciation of the specific historical events that took place there but a deeper understanding of our Army heritage."

Ridgway has instructed local camp commanders to meet with representatives of AAA clubs in their areas to make arrangements for visitors to visit the installations where thousands of servicemen work and play.

AUTO VITAL IN A-BOMB DEFENSE—The Federal Civil Defense Administration is distributing to automobile clubs a circular pointing out that while the old prescription of "duck and 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 the burden of movement for survival will fall upon the private car. . . . Such a mass exodus would pose serious 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 must be simple—there will be little chance of avoiding a stampede. A stampede can slaughter thousands even though enemy planes are show up."

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

Advertisement for Scott's Scrap Book featuring a cartoon and a list of 'GREEN' items: GREEN, OF-ALL-COLOR, GREEN, GREEN, HAVING A SICKLY COLOR, GREEN, GROWER ABOVE THE GROUND, LEAST, GREEN, UNEXPERIENCED, GREEN, NOT SEASONED, CURED, GREEN, A GRASSY FLAVOR.

Advertisement for Wife Preservers featuring a cartoon of a woman and a list of 'GREEN' items: GREEN, OF-ALL-COLOR, GREEN, GREEN, HAVING A SICKLY COLOR, GREEN, GROWER ABOVE THE GROUND, LEAST, GREEN, UNEXPERIENCED, GREEN, NOT SEASONED, CURED, GREEN, A GRASSY FLAVOR.

Advertisement for Atomic Cannon featuring a cartoon of a hand holding a gun and text: POLICE GUN - INVENTED IN FRANCE - KNOCKS OUT A SUSPECT FOR TEN MINUTES BY MEANS OF A VIOLENT CONCUSSION OF AIR.

Advertisement for Tourist Attractions featuring a cartoon of a man and text: TOURIST ATTRACTIONS - The United States Army now is a tourist business.

Advertisement for Auto Vital in A-Bomb Defense featuring a cartoon of a car and text: AUTO VITAL IN A-BOMB DEFENSE - The Federal Civil Defense Administration is distributing to automobile clubs a circular.