TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.—Hebrews 13:20.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

TODAY'S QUOTATION

God should be the object of all our desires, the end of all our actions, the principle of all our affections, and the governing power of our whole souls.—Massillon.

Mr. Truman To Address Farm Folk — Maybe Play For Them?

Haywood citizens going on the annual Farm Tour will get to hear former president Harry Truman as he addresses them in Kansas City on the 26th.

This will be quite an honor for such a group to have the privilege of hearing such a public figure.

Mr. Truman attracted thousands this spring when he attended the Ramp Convention in Cosby, Tenn., just across the state line from us.

Whether Mr. Truman recounts his experiences with ramps, or plays the "Missouri Waltz" for the Haywood countians, it promises to be quite an experience for the farm tour group.

Soil Testing Lab

At the last meeting of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities in Cherokee County, C. R. Freed of Murphy was asked to report on a soil testing laboratory project he heads up.

Mr. Freed pointed out in his report that a much needed soil testing laboratory could be set up at the State Test Farm in Waynesville.

And Mr. Freed couldn't have been more correct when he said the lab was needed in this section. He went on to point out that when farmers in our section wanted soil tested they had to "sweat out" a long wait before they could find out the results of the tests.

It does not seem that it is anyone's fault in particular that better service is not given the farmers. It is just the old story that there is not enough equipment to do the job as it should be done.

The committee that Mr. Freed heads up is meeting with support almost every where it turns, he reported. But the real test will come later when all the facts are placed before the State Extension Service or before the State Agricultural Commission.

For the sake of WNC farmers we hope both agencies see things the right way.

—The Cherokee Scout.

Again, Welcome To Masons

About this time every year this community looks forward in having as our guests Masons from far and near.

Those who will attend the 15th annual summer assembly began coming in yesterday morning, and it looked like "old times" to see so many who have been coming year after year.

It is always a pleasure to have the Masons with us, and trust that their Assembly this year will be as pleasant and profitable as in the many years past.

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"In A Hurry To Get Nowhere To Do Nothing"..

Over the weekend we saw a driver defy every highway safety rule, and traffic law in the book, in an effort to get somewhere in a hurry, and most likely to do nothing when he got there.

This menace passed two cars on sharp curves. He crossed double yellow lines. He exceeded the speed limits. He cut in and out of traffic, often cutting in on cars he was passing at an unsafe speed and too close.

Other motorists on the highway looked upon him with contempt, and blew their horns in disgust at the speeding demon.

All the chances he took, however, were worth very little to him, because he got behind some traffic which he could not pass, and when he drove up to a red light in a nearby town, he was only one car ahead of those who had driven sanely, and as safe, law-abiding citizens.

He was the kind of driver that throws other motorists into a nervous tension, that can easily be the direct result of wrecks.

This incident brings to mind the challenge once made by a traffic officer here, who said he could start at the Dayton Rubber plant and observe every traffic law in driving to the hospital, and arrive within 90 seconds behind the driver starting at the same time who violated every law along the route, even to crashing red lights. We never heard of anyone taking the challenge, because the officer was so convinced of his statements that his listeners took it for a fact and let it go at that.

We do not know the name of the driver mentioned in the first part of this editorial, but we are glad to say, according to his license number, he was not from Haywood county.

The driver was lucky on this one occasion. Unless he changes his method of driving there is every reason to believe he will become a statistic number, and for all we know, occupy one of the caskets which were so cleverly displayed by the Highway Patrol and police over the Fourth of July weekend. Then an appropriate sign would be: "A speeding, but unhurried motorist, filled this."

Haywood Headed Back Into Sheep Business

The lamb pools held in Haywood this year can be termed as successful.

The pool last month saw some 400 lambs sold, and indications that the lamb pool of the season set for Wednesday will see about 300 lambs brought in for sale.

It is beginning to look like Haywood is making slow, but steady progress towards getting back into the profitable sheep business.

Health Department's New Home A Step Forward For County

Haywood county can well be proud of the new and modern Health Center which is now open on Highway 19A-23 just East of Waynesville.

The new structure has been termed by engineers as among the finest Health Centers in North Carolina. This within itself is a source of justified pride which we are sure all Haywood citizens will take in the new county unit.

Until the Health Department moved into the new structure, they had inadequate quarters in the basement of the courthouse. While it was the best available for many years, the step forward into a home of their own, plus modern equipment is indicative of the progressive attitude which exists here in Haywood.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

BONE OF CONTENTION

Looking Back Through The Years

20 Years Ago

Mrs. J. W. Killian is hostess to the Monday Afternoon Bridge Club.

Mrs. W. T. Lee, Jr., is the guest of Mrs. M. H. Bowles at the home of the latter's parents in Irwinton, Ga.

Miss Catherine Badgett of Richwood, West Virginia is the guest of Miss Jewel Hipps.

10 Years Ago

Miss Louisa Rogers of Clyde is accepted for service by the American Red Cross.

Sims Tire and Battery Company moves to new home next to Martin Electric Co.

Engagement of Miss Mary Emily Siler to Capt. Carl Edwin Rothrock is announced at tea given by Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn.

5 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cline, who were married last month, are honored at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn.

Betty Davis celebrates birthday with a party given by her mother, Mrs. Grover L. Davis.

Mrs. Jonathan Woody and her daughter and son return from a visit with friends on Long Island.

Story of The Life of Judge Alley

By W. C. MEDFORD

(Conclusion)

Note: In our first chapter we omitted one matter pertaining to Alley's boyhood which we desire to insert here. Judge Alley likes to tell of how, when his parents were hard put to make the family clothing money reach around, he being the youngest boy, always had to wear a pieced-up suit. This would be made up from the leftover-scraps of cloth, and would nearly always have three or four different colors. The judge said he got used to this economizing practice of his parents—and took the brunt of it on up until he was about sixteen years old.

WAS FITTED FOR JUDGE

Although many of our judges have been longer on the bench than Judge Alley, few if any in our state have filled the office of Superior Court Judge better. Those of you who have often been about courts and are good observers have, we are sure, noticed the difference in the demeanor of judges while presiding, and have felt the difference their personalities made upon you. Some of them just didn't seem "big enough" for the job while others did. And this is true in all avocations and professions of life—with teachers, doctors, ministers, lawyers, office holders, etc.

As for Judge Alley, we always felt that he was big enough for the job. He had all the three or four most essential requirements or qualifications for the judgeship, character, temperament and learning. (Sufficient intellect, in all cases, is to be taken for granted.) Also he had the element of mercy in abundance. In fact, Judge Alley has been criticised for being too merciful. His answer to this is, that if he has erred his consolation would be that it had been on the side of mercy.

DEFENDED OUR MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

Alley was ready at all time to defend our mountain people, their character, intelligence, good-raising, living conditions, etc. In his book, **Random Thoughts and Musings of a Mountaineer**, he successfully refutes the slurs and false statements made about our "poor mountaineers" by Kephart, Miss Morley and others. They should better know our people he thinks, then, above all, be honest.

In this book of addresses, sketches, observations, experiences, yarns, etc., Judge Alley was at his best. It was popular throughout the state; and doubtless there could have been many more copies sold (than the 3,000 edition), since inquiries are still being received.

Judge Alley always liked to read and write, like to speak and liked to visit and talk with friends. Lord Bacon said that, "Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man." Accordingly, Alley is a full, ready and exact man.

SOME OF ALLEY'S SERVICES IN GENERAL

First, as practicing attorney, he tried cases (many of them very important) in this state, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia. (We have heretofore mentioned his services as solicitor.)

He has made political campaign speeches for his party in most of the counties of the state, beginning in 1900 in Jackson County for the constitutional amendment. At times he put in weeks during election years.

Has delivered religious and educational addresses in the state, also in Georgia and South Carolina, whenever called upon. To be exact, he made fifty-two of these addresses.

His address on Christ and the Christian Religion he gave in many churches of different denominations in this state.

HIS RECORD AS JUDGE

While many other judges in state have rendered commendable service on the bench, we do believe there are very few who have, in the meantime, thrown themselves so unselfishly into political campaigns, made addresses at

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Views of Other Editors

TO BUILD PIGEON RIVER HIGHWAY

One year ago The Transylvania Times carried an editorial, entitled "Pigeon River Route Important," and just last Thursday the State Highway commission unanimously approved the Pigeon River route for the interstate system connecting Tennessee and North Carolina.

This highway will be important to Transylvania county because it will bring the great Lakes area traffic to Florida via the Pisgah National Forest.

Since the Pigeon River route has been approved for the interstate system, federal funds for it are available immediately, and some predictions have been that the highway can be completed in three years.

Six miles of the route near Waynesville has been graded and much work has been done on the Tennessee side of the North Carolina line.

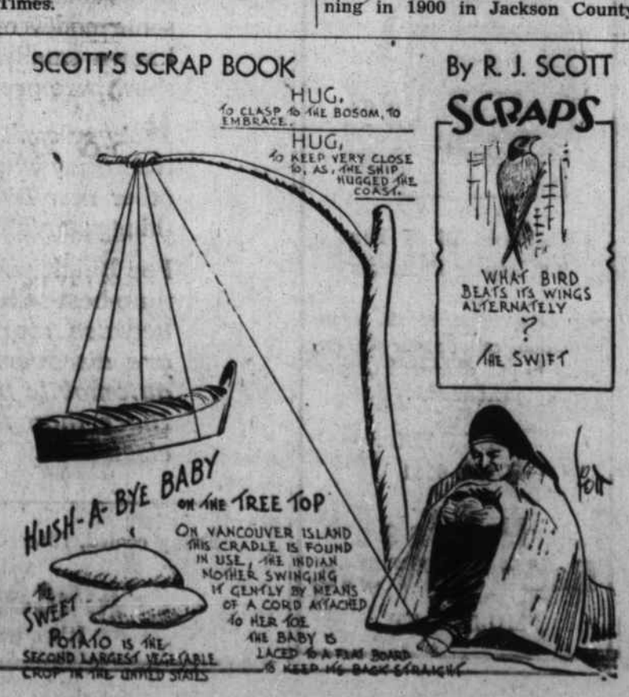
Harry Buchanan, commissioner of the 14th district, says that it is his suggestion now to have Chairman A. H. Graham and the chairman of the Tennessee Highway commission confer at once with the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington about the action of the two states. Last fall Tennessee requested that the Pigeon River road be named as the interstate route.

The action last week of the commission brought to an end a long and hard civic battle for the construction of the road down the Pigeon River gorge instead of a proposed route down the French Broad river.

Since the commission has made its decision, everybody should work together and get immediate action from the federal government, because the Pigeon River route will be a big boon to all of Western North Carolina.—The Transylvania Times.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The appalling number of traffic fatalities over the long Fo weekend gives one cause to wonder if warnings, admonitions caution signals are of any value.

Every means was used to thoroughly advise motorists to every care and to drive slowly and live and let live. The fact far too many failed to heed them was evidenced in the record ber of deaths. We cannot help but wonder if the efforts to motorists use their brains instead of their horse power is ever to be effective. We do not know the statistics but it is saf assume that most of the fatalities were due to lack of forethou The insane desire for speed and the unconquerable selfishness getting ahead of the other fellow are weapons in the hands of D Drunken driving is one of the greatest evils of the motoring pu and the terrible tragedy is that in so many cases the innocent the victims.

What a busy weekend the Grim Reaper had from July fir July fifth!

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A deep thinker usually has a well of information.

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A bright little raindrop swayed gently on a tilted leaf. Sh a million of her brothers and sisters had dropped down from h during the night, but try as she would she couldn't find a singl of them. The deep blue of the sky above reflected itself in her ing presence and the world was a beautiful sight to her. Birds singing in the trees and the gentle murmur of the early morning was like an anthem. The rays of the sun shone upon her a twinkled back at Old Sol. In fact she flirted so outrageously him that he was flattered and captivated. He couldn't resi allure so he came closer and pressed his lips upon her twinkling

Alas! The warmth of his ardor was too much for the little drop and she suddenly disappeared.

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Dream boats can never be moored permanently. They always drift away.

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The setting sun sent out scarlet spokes in the western sky, the gentle swish of the river against the breakwater sang a req to the long summer day. A soft breeze tiptoed through the mag tree and released its heavy perfume on the stillness. A mocking began to tune up for its nocturnal salute to the moon, and p hovered over the back porch. Mammy Jo had come out for a b of cool air and teetered back and forth in her rocking chair. U Mose, in deep anticipation of a good meal after his "white folks" finished, was occupying his favorite resting place on the lower s

Suddenly, he rose to a sitting position and broke the silence usual mumble assumed a much higher pitch. "You know, Mi Jo," he announced grandly, "we've got a powerful fine bossman never yet has asked me to do any work after sundown." Sus reared its ugly head and Mammy Jo inquired, sarcastically: "U And whut brought that outburst on?"

Uncle Mose resumed his normal posture and mumble. "W tell the truf, Mammy Jo, I seed the bossman coming 'round the of the house with a hoe in his han' ". Then with a deep sigh o faction, Uncle Mose concluded, "but he was taking it down toolhouse."

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One of the nicest things about a vacation is the expan ability of a deadline.

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Congress Won't Raise Postal Rates in 1956 | **Elections Prevent Cl Of Increase Next**

Special to Central Press Association

WASHINGTON—You can safely bet that Congress won't postal rates either this year or next despite the admin tion's insistence that the post office department must increa revenues. The administration proposal to hike the three-cent class letter rate to four cents and the six-c mail postage to seven cents is just as dead year when Congress rejected it.

P. M. General Summerfield

No action on a rate increase is schedul this session. And, with the elections com in 1956, there is no chance of action then Such a move is regarded as political suicid election year.

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield seeks higher rates to cover the postal se annual operating loss, made a new plug for when Eisenhower signed the postal pay bi

Summerfield said that the $166 million cost of the 8.1 per cent pay raise made i imperative than ever that the Post Office in its revenues. However, his appeal fell o ears in Congress. Legislators say that any in postal rates is still a long, long way off.

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● **SCIENTIFIC DEMANDS**—Officials are becoming increa alarmed over the government's difficulty in trying to recruit cists, engineers, chemists and other scientific personnel into service.

Although these jobs pay well, they are not being filled rapi cause the apparent fear by some scientists that they will be by government security regulations. They supposedly fear barred from discussing topics necessary to permit the exch ideas in their fields.

A recent case in point are the eight out of 10 scientists who out of a panel discussion on radioactivity because security pr them from talking about something they were not sure was fied or not.

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● **OPERATION ALERT**—The government's latest "Operation test of civil defenses is being heavily criticized as "worthless."

Critics point out that little was learned from the practice d which the public is not already aware of. They see the maj defense need as less apathy and more interest, arguing that believe "games" will only sooth public fears about the real

However, even these cries have helped alert the nation to a which will get greater airing in coming months.

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● **VACCINE PROBLEM**—Don't think that the troubles of th polio vaccine program are just about over. Government heal cials frankly are fearful that there may be many more snarls months to come.

They realize that the number of polio cases will continue to as the peak of the polio season approaches and that by mid-summer, many hundreds of vaccinated children may contract the disease. Vaccin Won't For A

Government officials say this won't be because of any imperfections or faults in the vaccine—at least they hope not. What they want the public to realize is that the Salk shots do not provide complete immunity against

The truth is that the vaccine won't "take" for a number dren, and immunity is not complete until a youngster has three shots required in the innoculation process.