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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. — Prov. 10:28.

TODAY'S QUOTATION

A wise Providence consoles us afflictions by joys borrowed from —Ho

Voters Of Waynesville And Hazelwood to Act Tuesday On Recreation Commission's Report

Down through the years, this community has discussed a recreation program perhaps more than any one other project.

It has been the topic of discussion at Chamber of Commerce meetings, civic groups, and among individuals.

So enthusiastic did the citizens become in the subject back about 10 years ago that almost over-night several thousand dollars was raised for a full-time recreation program. A trained man was brought in, and the Armory converted into a recreation center.

Things went fine for the first year, and then when it came time to "pass the hat" for the appropriation the second year, things were not so lovely. Some contributors did not feel that the program was worthy of continuation because of several factors, none of which reflected on the need, nor the general plan.

Those in charge of the program saw their dreams fade, but from the experience, decided that the only practical way to have a recreation program was under a tax-supported plan. This idea was the unanimous thinking of leaders of the program. And from that experience, was born the idea of seeking a full-time recreation program, and facilities that would be assured of maintenance and operation through a nominal tax.

The idea was frequently discussed off and on for six years, and then the Jaycees provided the energetic enthusiasm and urged that something be done.

Their idea was taken before others, and consequently, more enthusiasm was generated.

Taking the experience of 1945, plus the enthusiasm of the Jaycees, the ideas revolved around calling in the State Recreation Commission for advice, leadership, and ideas.

The demand for the recreation program then began to take on the aspect of more seriousness, and so much so, that three groups put $3,200 in cash into a fund to provide for a recreation survey of the community as suggested by the State Commission. The money was provided by Heinz Rollman, The Dayton Rubber Company, $1,000 each, and $1,200 from the Jaycees.

This action prompted the boards of aldermen of Waynesville and Hazelwood to take formal action on January 20, 1953, and named a special Recreation Commission, with five members from each town, and the commission naming the 11th man as chairman.

The Commission, already enthused by what they had learned and from the stimulant of countless meetings on the subject, followed the suggestion of the State Commission and employed a recreation engineer to make a complete survey of the recreation needs of this community.

The Commission employed Charles M. Graves, of Atlanta, who had successfully planned and completed several recreation projects in this and other states for areas the size of this community.

Mr. Graves and his associates made their survey, and presented a comprehensive report of more than 100 pages in late spring.

The report was well received, and again, the citizens felt that before long, a recreation program would be under way in this community.

The proposals of Mr. Graves were for a long period, and would take care of the recreation needs of the community from now on. The total cost of the program, for construction was estimated at about $450,000. This, it was agreed, might be a little expensive for an initial project, but the entire project was master-planned whereby it could be built in units from time to time, under an overall, long-range program.

The commission spent months studying the proposals of Mr. Graves. Under the ordinances setting up the commission, they are charged with the responsibility of providing and administering a recreation program for this community.

The commission went into every phase and detail of the program, and means as to how to get money for the initial project.

Their conclusion was that to look ahead, they should acquire the 40-acre site suggested by Mr. Graves. The property is on Pigeon Street, and known as the Shelton property. It is the only site Mr. Graves put into his report as being suitable from the recreation center for the area.

The property cannot be bought direct, since it is tied up in a will of the late W. T. Shelton. To acquire the land would mean going through a court of appraisal, which of necessity prevents a stated price at this time from being placed on the land.

That obstacle keeps the commission from saying "we shall pay this for land, and spend this for this project and this sum for the other."

Unlike other recent bond issues in the county, the commission is unable to tell in detail just what they can give the people for the $175,000 which the dual bond issues calls for in the election on Tuesday, August 9.

The most the commission can assure the voters is that they hope to get the property, and build a modern swimming pool, and perhaps some other things as specified in the Graves' recommendations.

The commission wish they could be definite, but under circumstances they cannot. In fact, that has been one reason they have waited this long to ask the officials of the two towns to call an election on the matter. The commission has worked hard and long on his project, and it must be realized that their only remuneration is the fact that they are giving the community the benefit of their business experiences in trying to lead in a forward step and provide needed recreation facilities here.

Since the commission is charged with providing recreation facilities, they decided to ask for the $175,000 bond issue. With the money, they hope to acquire the land, and go just as far as possible towards the ultimate in a modern and beneficial recreation center.

The commission has taken the position that once the "ice is broken" — or the ground, that civic clubs, and perhaps individuals will come forward with funds to supplement the bond issue money, and make it possible to attain the completed recreation center within a short time. The commission also argues that several clubs are investing their money in projects here and there, which they would be glad to direct into the recreation center, and thus put a stop to "scattering the shots" of the civic club projects.

The commission has a good point, and one which should appeal to every group in the community.

The proposal of financing the program is for 20 cents per $100 be added to the tax rate of the two towns for payment of the bonds and interest, and another 10 cents per $100 valuation for operation costs.

The commission has worked hard. They have given their best solution to the problem by asking for the bond issue. The commission is to be commended for their work, and it is readily understood why they cannot present a complete program of expenditures down to the last penny.

Now the time has come—Tuesday, August 9 — when the voters of Waynesville and Hazelwood will approve the program of the 11-man commission by voting for the bonds, or else turn down the proposals of the commission for giving this community a recreation center by voting against the bond issue.

It would hardly appear that we would know any more about the program if the study were continued. Therefore, the whole matter now rests with the voters. The commission has done a good job, sincere and thorough.

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DON'T CHEER YET

Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. I. J. Brown goes to Charlotte to atteind the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Steel Creek Presbyterian Church, of which her husband, the late Mr. Brown, was a member.

Wallace Marley, Bobbie Sloan, Ernest Withers, Jr., and Frederick Marsh entertain with a dance.

Miss Harriet Boyd and Miss Louise Rotha friends in Athens and Atlanta, Ga.

10 YEARS AGO

Four hundred Haywood County men are employed at Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic bomb plant.

Mrs. Hugh Love heads drive for North Carolina Symphony.

Property valuation in the county shows increase of $820,448.

S/Sgt. James N. Williams is awarded the Bronze Star.

Champion Square Dance Team wins honors at Folk Festival in Asheville.

5 YEARS AGO

Miss Beatrice Lee Medford weds Albert P. Cline, Jr.

Lane Prevost is crowned queen of Transylvania Music Camp.

Chief Carl Standing Deer of Cherokee visits the Vacation Reading Club at the Haywood County Library.

Aleen Williams is selected as the best all-around girl camper at Transylvania Music Camp.

Highland Flings

By Bob Conway

Dr. Eugene W. Gudger, retired scientist now living at the Teague Rest Home in Waynesville, is of the opinion that postcards available here to our summer visitors are not truly representative of the beauty of Haywood County.

Checking on this matter, we made a survey of picture cards on sale in Waynesville and found the following depicting Haywood County scenes:

A dozen or more of Lake Junaluska, Maggie Valley, Mount Sterling from Cove Creek, Masonic Marker, Soco Gap, Haywood County Hospital, Waynesville postoffice, Waynesville High School, county courthouse, Jones Knob and Plott Balsam, Waynesville High School, St. John's School, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Catholic churches, Main Street scene, Waynesville Country Club, Gordon Hotel, Piedmont Hotel.

All of the above cards are "penny" cards although some establishments charge more. The only nickle card of a Haywood County scene is of Mile High Overlook, published by Hugh Morton of Linville.

All in all, it appears that there are some 35 cards of Haywood County scenes now on sale. Quantitatively, that's not bad at all. Qualitatively, however, the cards aren't all they could be and miss many of our prettiest scenic attractions.

For instance, there are no cards of Lake Logan—one of the most impressive spots in Western North Carolina. There are also none of Sherwood Forest, of Cold Mountain from Wagon Road Gap, Devil's Courthouse, or the towering peaks looking south along Campbell's Creek in Maggie Valley. Allens Creek and the Waynesville watershed in the vicinity of Old Bald are also among the list of the neglected.

So, we're inclined to agree with Dr. Gudger and, as a photographer of sorts, we hope to do something about the situation before the leaves start falling again.

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After a meeting with the Haywood County farm tour group in Kansas City July 26, former president Harry S. Truman told County Agent Virgil Holloway: "They're my kind of people."

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The advice came a little too late, but a married man had this to say to us recently on the subject of matrimony:

"Don't."

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The last completely sunny, completely rainless Sunday in these parts was the day the Ramp Convention was held—May 8.

In the 12 Sundays since that date, rain has fallen on 10 of the Sabbaths.

One of those two Sundays which was not wet was extremely cool—June 12, when Haywood County Day was held at the lake. On other Sunday in June was dry, but rather cloudy.

We have been up on the Blue Ridge Parkway on five Sundays and each and every time we have been greeted by fog and mist in spots like Craggy Gardens and by heavy rains four times out of five.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

The big Cadillac rolling down the drive to the garage spattered with a deep encrustation of mud and evoked a tion from Uncle Mose who was lolling in his favorite post step. "Dawggone it," he said to empty space, "there's a job staring me smackdab in de face." Unwilling to accept until it was forced on him, the old colored man made move. But he turned the matter over in his mind. "It'll take to wash up that car," he soliloquised, "en that brings it before supper time. Now, les see hows Ah can hang roun my Jo'll give me a nice hot feed." He was so pleased that he slowly rose and equally as slowly ambled over The Bossman was just coming out the door. "Isn't that said and Uncle Mose agreed heartily. "It shore is, Mr. guess Ah'd better roll 'er out to wash 'er." Mr. Boss head. "No, leave it as it is. I've got to make the same morning, then you can wash it when I get back. Oh, by he looked at his watch, then concluded, "It's four o'clock can go along home."

As Uncle Mose trudged down the street, he was himself: "Dawggone. That hot supper shore turned into bread in a hurry."

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The dancing feet of youth and the heavy tread are never quite in step.

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HOW DO THEY DO IT?

She hit the ceiling and he blew his top. She lifted the stars, then threw a glance at him. Some friends dropped their neighbors. He painted the town red, then slept like could see right through him but she never stopped talking. Her complexion was peaches and cream and his eyes down to the street. He carried the subject too far and water. Get away with foolishness like this!

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The best way to correct your mistakes is to use an

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Being quite human, the people of Florida and Georgia sort of hiding a grin these days. They remember that last Farm tour was abandoned because it was thought the trip "too hot". We cannot seem to remember either state ever to a temperature of 104, but the year of 1955 produced high readings for the latter part of July and the two States may have suffered with the rest of the country. Anyway breezes of Haywood county were mighty welcome to homefolk alike.

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Background is something that cannot be bought. It comes with your birth certificate.

Voice of the People

What advice would you give to students entering college for the first time?

Betty Felmet, junior at Woman's College: "Learn to budget time and energy—and don't ever get behind in studies—there's nothing up!"

Charles Bridges, sophomore at Chowan College: "Be prepared to have to learn to study and spend a lot of time at it."

Julia Ann Stovall, junior at Sullins College: "Let's face it first but leave enough time for extra activities as well."

Linda Sloan: "Set up a schedule of study habits and outside activities interfere with studying done before. Don't take a lot of clothes and 'junk' to college room."

Dale Ratcliffe, junior at Carolina College: "The biggest problem facing most students is homesickness, so I would be to take advantage every opportunity to meet and enter activities and functions of the school. I think it is important for a student to get acquainted with the church at once. All this makes for happiness and contentment while studying takes care of itself."

Florrie Patrick, 1955 Mars Hill College: "Study and plan courses with care. Don't take the hard, required courses. graduation don't come every year. Have a good time and friends, because that's too."

Junaluska PTA Plans Food Sale

The Junaluska Parent Teacher Association will hold a food sale at Branch's House of Crafts, near the west gate of the Junaluska Assembly on Saturday, August 6, beginning at 9 a.m.

Fresh vegetables, homemade pies and cakes will be sold.

Proceeds will go to the playground fund for the school.

It's weather like that that makes weekend photographers pull their hair out.

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This Sunday, along with a number of other Waynesville area men, we'll pay a sad farewell to the mountains and head south for the tropical region around sun-baked Fort Jackson, S. C.

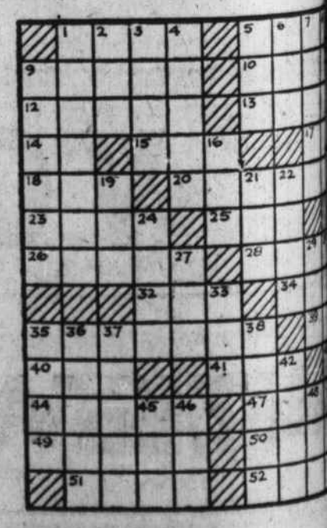
Although the mercury often climbs over the century mark at Jackson during the day, at night the temperature sometimes drops way down to 95 as squadrons of jet-propelled mosquitoes move in for a night of fun and frolic.

If we survive this desert training, we'll see you again in a fortnight.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Native of Denmark
5. Unit of weight
9. General purport
10. Of the ear
12. Performer
13. Tablet of stone
14. Personal pronoun
15. Jack of suit turned up (cribbage)
17. Devoured
18. Apple seed
20. Normal
23. Wicked
25. Breach
26. Happen again
28. Tree
32. Choking bit
34. Presently
35. Having a tuft
39. Kettle
40. Slack
41. A support
43. River (Chin.)
44. Oil of rose petals
47. Newer
49. Grayish-blue
50. Unaccompanied
51. Dips slightly into water
52. Barks

DOWN
1. Cheat
2. Emmet
3. Midday
4. Mistake
5. Fuel
6. Wheel groove
7. Of a flat surface
8. Fortified island (Mediterranean)
9. Meddle (with)
11. Look askance
16. Plead
19. Egyptian measure of length (var.)
21. Herd of whales
22. Java tree
24. Hauls
27. Rodent
29. Small explosive sound
30. Frees
31. Whole
33. Congeal
35. Applaud
36. Priced
37. Additional



They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW!