

Held Little Pigs Well Rock Fences: Spooks' Playground

BY HARVEY J. MILLER
RELIEF — The ancient rock fences are gone almost everywhere now.

"Rock Fences?" asks the younger generation. "What's That?" It was just a pile of rocks that extended all the way round the most valuable farm tracts.

These fences were built to withstand through all ages — and they kept little pigs in the field better than did crooked rail fences.

However, only the more level farms had rock fences. The rocks could not stick to the mountain sides when the spring thaws came and loosened the earth.

Rocks were once used in fences more than in any other job. But it took a very good rock mason to build a fence.

Where are the rocks now that stood in these old rock fences?

They serve a very useful purpose. A rock crusher mashed the rocks into bits. The roads that are not hard surfaced have much of the crushed stone as a base. It has been there so long now that you can't detect much of the gravel.

The removal of rock fences took away another old pioneer landmark.

I grew up with rock fences on Pigeon Roost, where I was born and reared, and now they are practically all gone, yet, I don't feel like that I have been a part of the rock fences. Anyway I am going to tell an

anecdote about old rock fences.

I had to pass by a rock fence in going to school or even going to the store. In fact a rock fence was usually beside the road in any directions travelled near my home.

We got so we wouldn't travel by the rock fences alone, and we didn't care too much about going by them when someone else was along.

Why was I afraid when I was around the rock fences? I got scared one time when I was going to school, and almost all of the rock fences was torn down before that "afraid spell" completely left me.

It seemed everything scary that happened was in and around the old rock fences.

They got a black bear tale going once and the bear was always seen at a certain rock fence.

I first began to get afraid of the rock fence when I saw a copperhead snake running toward me. Practically every wild animal that I ever saw was making for or going from the old rock fences.

Brother, I didn't know what was lurking behind the rock fence and once when I heard a ferocious growling coming from behind a fence my little legs couldn't carry me fast enough away from there and I never took time to look back to see if I could see anything.

I was really scared and I never stopped my running until I got to the school house. Books were took up and I was afraid to go to talking to tell some of the

children about my scare for the teacher would whip me for whispering. The teacher was a new one and I was ashamed to tell her that I had got scared "almost to death" as the saying goes in the mountain country.

I toughed it out until recess time by not telling anybody, but that was the first thing that I told my cousins that I heard a "bugger" behind the rock fence. They was afraid of the rock wall, too, and that made them fear the fence even more.

It was a long mile from the school house to home, but many times I would walk it at noon time and eat dinner. It was one time I didn't go home, for I didn't have anyone to go with me and I wouldn't have gone alone for a thousand dollars.

From then on the rock fences was my biggest trouble in going to school because I had no one to walk with me all the time.

A one-armed man admitted with a big laugh years later to my father that he was the "bugger" who scared me from a hiding place behind the fence.

All my teachers after then soon learned that I was afraid of the rock fences, because about every sentence that I had to make about anything dealt on the subject of rock fences.

One time I remember that I drew a picture of a ghost for my teacher and I had the ghost standing on top of a rock fence. The teacher thought the picture was quite funny, but I couldn't crack a smile because my little, young heart would have stopped if I seen a ghost at a rock fence.

East Yancey Graduates Are Listed

Scheduled to graduate at East Yancey High School Wednesday (May 29) are:

Sandra Allen, Carolyn Autrey, Madelyn Autrey, Byrl Ballew, Carolyn Ballew, Talmadge Banks, Robert Black, Ina Ruth Bodford, Leda Boone, Marcella Boone, Margaret Boone, Sonya Boone, Ralph Blevins, Betty Bradford, Gunter Brewer, Roger Brewer, Paula Brooks, Janice Buchanan, Carolyn Buckner, Richard Byrd, Norma Jean Carroll, Dennis Caraway, Meina Lee Choate, Marie Chisawa, Frances Coletta, Theresa Coletta, Clyde Dulaney, Roy Dulaney, Gary Fender, Gloria Griggs, Janice Grindstaff, Glenda Hall, Brenda Harris, Jarvis Harris, David Hensley, Janice Hensworth, Wilma Honeycutt, James Hoover, Hedy Howell, Elizabeth Hughes, Hope Hughes, Charles Hughes, Harold Hughes,

Johnny Hughes, Mary M. Hughes, Carolyn Huskins, Charles Jarrett, Patricia Johnson, Sara Jones, Doris King, Linda Laughrun, Marcella Laws, Lenzie McMahan, Paul McMahan, Sybil McMahan, Lynne Metcalf, Mary Moss, Janet Ohle, David Parsley, Brenda Peterson, Brenda Peterson, Dennis Phillips, Martha Poteat, James Pressnell, Leland Pressnell, Mildred Pressnell, Charlene Rathbone, Rebecca Riddle, Catherine Robinson, Clarence Robinson, Ira Robinson, Linda Robinson, Loretta Robinson, Mable Sue Robinson, William Robinson, Iris Schwinzer, Hamilton Sherertz, Tommy Simmons, Billy Sparks, Juanita Sparks, Kenneth Sparks, Eloise Thomason, Kenneth Thomas, Earl Tipton, Nan Wells, Essie Wilson, Martha Wilson, Shelby Jean Woody

Cane River Seniors Are Listed

Scheduled to graduate at Cane River High School Friday (May 24) are:

Barbara Anglin, Tommy Austin, Mary Kathryn Ayers, Kathleen Bailey, Nickey Bailey, Dale Banks, Mary Nell Banks, Shirley J. Black, Frank Chandler, Sondra Boone, Kenneth Conley, Opal Silvers Cunningham, Claude Deyton, Mary Ruth Deyton, Kay Ellen Edwards, Ava Neal Edwards, Louise Edwards, Gene Elkins, Verda Elkins, Annette England, Lois English Hensley, Jimmie Fender, Oscar Fender, Mary Lois Fox, Rhonelda Hedrick, Charles Hensley, Emiley Hughes,

Patricia Hylcomon Peterson, Rosemary Jamerson, Christine Johnson, Annette King, Jeanette King, Vaughn's King, Brooks Ledford, Patricia Lewis, Jo Ann Mathis Chandler, Charles McCurdy, Mary Will McPeters, Wayne McPeters, Barbara Melton, Garl

Miller, Tony Miller, Everette Miller, Willore Ogle, Edna Pate, Edna Fay Pate, Kathleen Pate, Carmon Peterson, Erlene Phillips, Wanda Pittman, Ronald Ray, Larry Shepherd, Mary Ann Silvers, Stevie Silvers, Morris Thomas; Elaine Tipton, Evelyn Tipton, Oscar Tipton, David Webb, Katrina Webb, Eri Westall, J. C. Wheeler, Carl Whitson, Richard Wilson, Donald Woody, Carolyn Wright, Gene Murphy, Kenneth Ramsey.

Excessive speed continued to be the Number One Killer on the nation's highways in 1962. Nearly 13,000 traffic deaths were directly attributable to speeding.

Read The Want Ads

NEED A WRECKER
CALL DAY or NIGHT
MU 2-2122 or MU 2-2115
FRIENDLY SERVICE
Roberts Chevrolet
Buick, Inc.
BURNSVILLE, N. C.
Franchised Dealer No. 1918

Advertisers
Give The Best Buys

SUBSCRIBE TO The Record

THE YANCEY RECORD
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1963

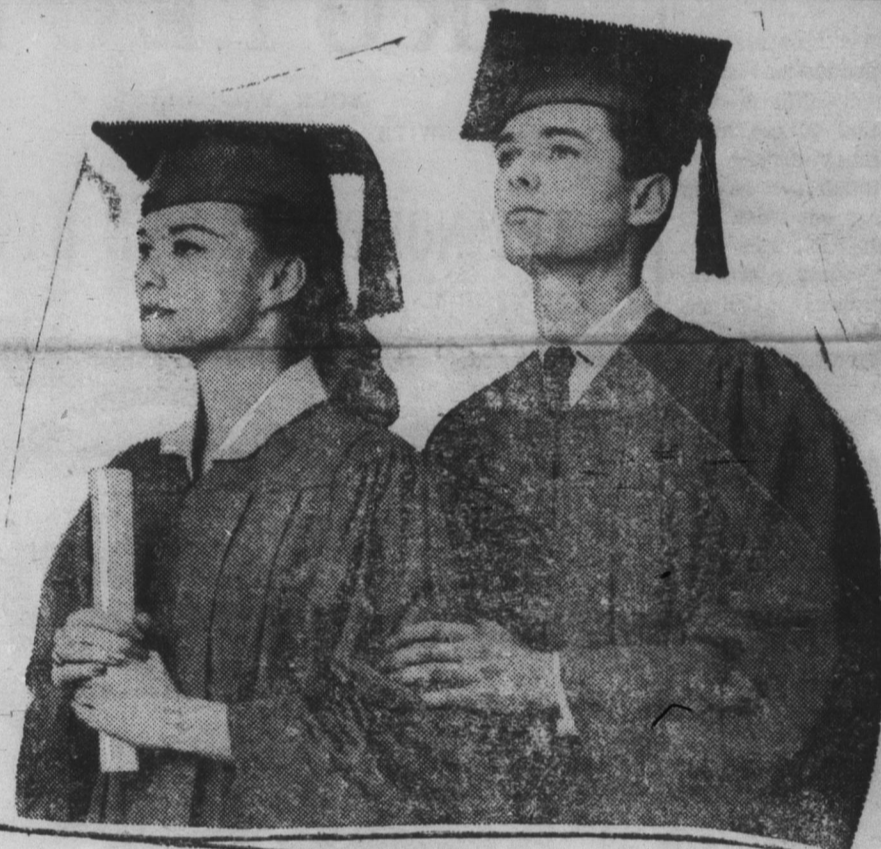


BEST WISHES, SENIORS!!

Is Your Graduate College - Bound?

WE HAVE THE ITEMS THEY'LL NEED - SAMSONITE LUGGAGE - WATCHES BY ELGIN, BENRUS, WALTHAM, BULOVA, GRUEN - ELECTRIC RAZORS - RADIOS

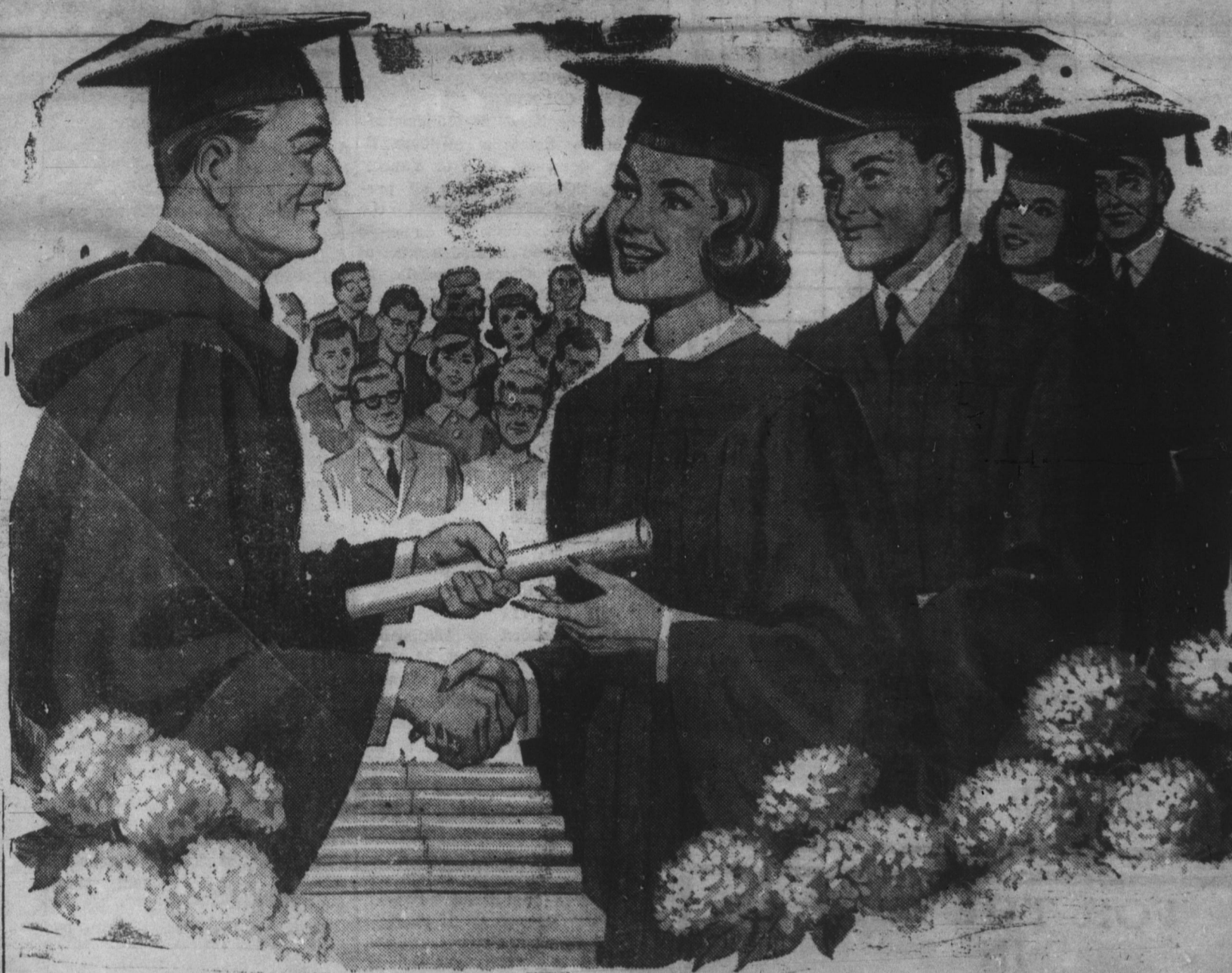
Burnsville Furniture & Hd'we. Co.



Congratulations Graduates!

"In rivers, the water that you may touch is the last of what has passed and the first of that which comes: so with time present." This was said by Leonardo da Vinci. You are now at an end and at a beginning. Use your education to gain wisdom, strength and a successful life.

WESTCO TELEPHONE CO.
BURNSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



Well Done

Congratulations! The Community is Justly Proud Of You And Wishes you Every Success and Happiness in the Years Ahead..

Ray Bros. Food Center

The Northwestern Bank

Deyton Farm Supply

Styles & Co.

Anglin - Westall