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THESE CHANGING TIMES

Times change, however, young people probably grow up with the same yen for adventure from generation to generation.

It is remembered that as children, a very short time ago, adventures were made through story telling. It was not unusual for neighboring families, living only a few hundred yards apart, to visit, spending Saturday night. There was always a little used spare room with a big fire place where the young people gathered. And as the wood fire, crackled and played its shadows on the wall, someone in the crowd would begin telling an eerie ghost tale. And one story that usually brought a tingle up and down the spine made reference to "raw head and bloody bones." It made little difference how the story began or how it ended, but if this expression was used several times in the story the ultimate goal had been gained.

Today the youthful idea is to find a haunted house. So, someone in the youthful group suddenly knows where there is a haunted house and they rush to load into an automobile and drive for miles in quest of the haunted house.

When we were young, we knew of no haunted houses, therefore, we sat and told ghost stories and looked into the flickering fire, each building his on horrible dream.

Looking back we feel that we may have missed something by not listening to the tales of the elders or from being a little short on enterprise.

MORE TROUBLE THAN MONEY

WASHINGTON — More trouble than money will be reaped from the new outdoor recreation fee system, Congressman Roy A. Taylor has warned.

Obviously angered over intentions of federal agencies to charge fees for picnicking, Rep. Taylor sent strong letters of protest to Agriculture Secretary Freeman and Interior Secretary Udall.

The Forest Service, an agency of the Agriculture Department, and the National Park Service, an agency of the Interior Department, are in the midst of setting up a national fee system under terms of the recently-enacted Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

They have announced that fees will be in effect this summer at all developed recreation areas in Western North Carolina's national parks and forests and along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Taylor conceded that while a modest fee for camping and perhaps a few other activities might be acceptable, a charge for picnicking was "carrying fees too far."

"Fees for picnicking are impractical and virtually unenforceable," the Congressman declared. He also called the picnic policy "unreasonable," "unwise," and a "petty procedure" for acquiring federal funds.

Taylor said the fees would drive picnickers to undeveloped roadside spots where their presence would contribute toward traffic problems and littering.

He also warned that insistence upon picnic fees will result in a damaging loss of public esteem for the national park and forest services.

As a member of the House Interior Committee, Taylor said he could not recall a single occasion during several months of hearings on the fund bill when reference was made to the possibility of fees for picnicking.

"I believe that the collection of such fees is contrary to the legislative intent of the Interior Committee, Congress and the wishes of the American people," Taylor wrote the two cabinet officers.

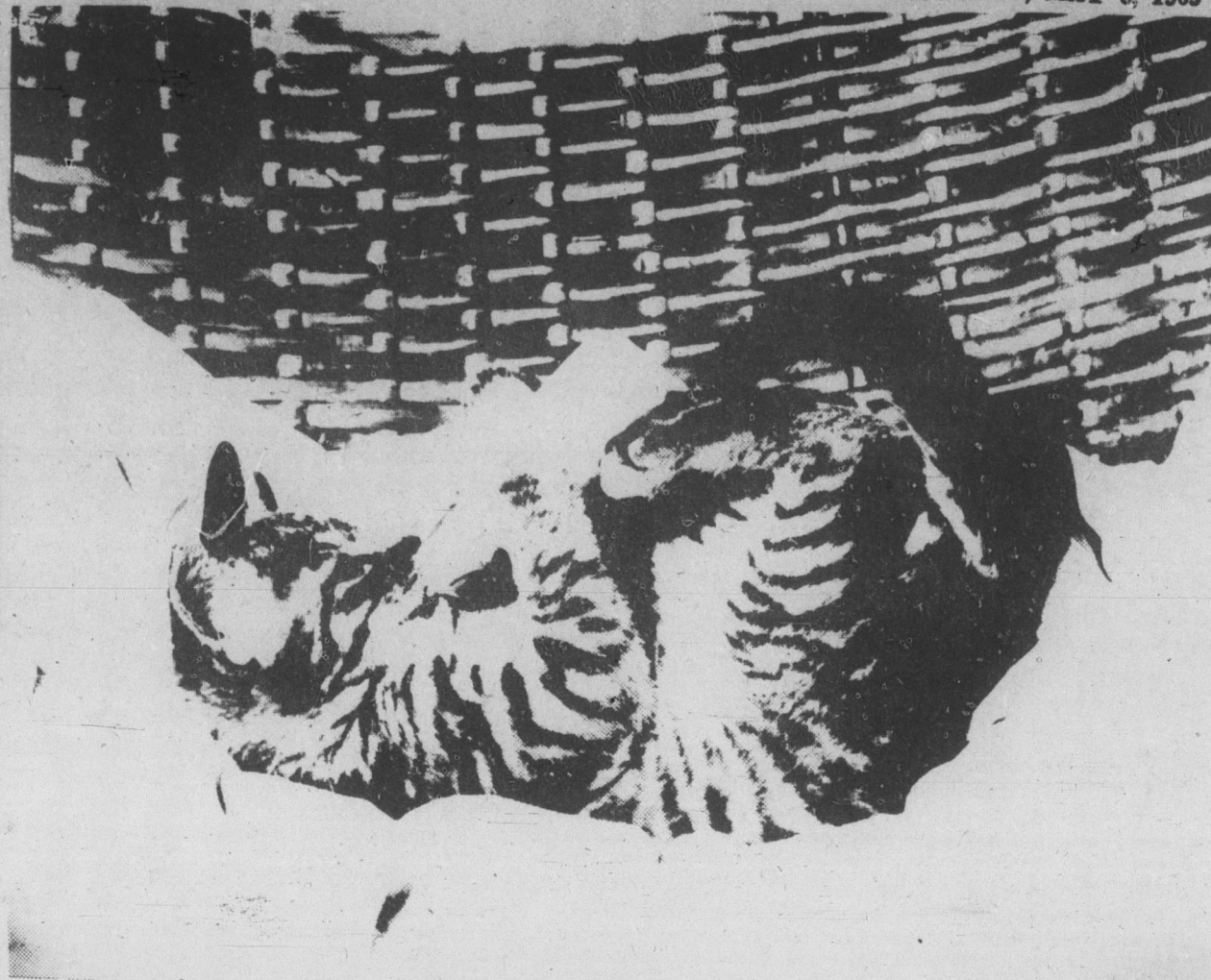
The Congressman also challenged the feasibility of a policy which "pressures every car owner into buying a \$7 annual sticker and turns every ranger into a sticker inspector and fee collector."

He noted that even as the holder of a sticker, the visitor still will not be guaranteed a picnic table, campsite or use of other facilities assigned on a first come basis.

"I request that before things go too far, the picnic policy be immediately reconsidered and reversed," wrote Taylor.

LAZY FALL, EARLY SPRING

Most people take pride in an early garden. Usually in the spring when the cold chill leaves the air and earth gets



All the comforts of Home.

Photo by John Robinson

into plowing condition, and when as many as two persons get together at least one will take on an arrogant air and begin telling what he has planted. This characteristic of gardening superiority is found in both male and female.

Now, it is doubtful that it could be correctly said that any sort of record has been set; however, we have been eating spring onions from our garden for several weeks. We regret that we can't say that we have been eating lettuce and onions from our garden, "killed" with a little hot grease and vinegar.

But as was stated above we have been eating fine mouth-watering, eye burning spring onions for several weeks.

It is doubtful that our being able to pluck this delicate morsel from our garden is due to any superior ability in gardening. The fact is that the onions we have been eating probably grew all winter long, when they had a chance, because last year's onions were never dug and stored.

At this date we are unable to remember whether we were to busy to dig the onions or whether they were left because of plain laziness, but the fact remains that we certainly did have early spring onions.

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By Ashton Chapman

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YOUR NAME, PLEASE

BY WILLIAM L. RATHBURN

Perhaps it is only natural, when traveling about the Country, for one to take note of the colloquialisms of a particular region. This I have done for many years, and I have often been comforted by the fact that, while we here in the Southern Appalachians do murder the English language we are less prone to mutilate the corpse than those who ridicule us for a drawl or a "you all." But, when it comes to mispronouncing names, I fear we take the cake:

Some people insist that there's a reason for everything, but I can think of no reason why majority of people in this area insist on calling a Metcalf Madcap, a Presnell Pressley or a McLaughlin McGlothan.

Fortunately, no Metcalf has gone mad over being called Madcap, nor have the Presnells exerted any great pressure about the matter. And it seems that the McMahan's don't re-

sent having their name shorn to the first syllable any more than the Silver family do about being given an extra "s". They just grin and bear it, and some of them have become so used to the corruption of their names that they, themselves, use the incorrect pronunciation.

There has been — and always will be — some controversy about whether Rathburn, Rathbone, or Rathbun is correct and, in case you have wondered about that, I can set you straight. All three are correct, and they all mean the same thing.

According to the Dictionary of Family Names — which is available at the local library — Rathburn, Rathbun and Rathbone means "Those who lived in a stumpy clearing." Look it up and prove it to yourself.

One thing more — Who ever heard a Griffith called anything but Griffin.

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