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'Fractional' Story Fails To Quiet Aroused Public

It seems to us that Senator Edward Kennedy might well reconsider the merits of telling the truth as against the pat narrative with which he has sought to quiet the public.

The trouble Mr. Kennedy ran into was telling bits and pieces of the truth, and then only where it accommodated his position. If Teddy Kennedy had rendered a thoughtful and detailed account of the proceedings that night on Martha's Vineyard, it seems unlikely there would be such sad and empty maneuvers as inquest and autopsy.

With every opportunity to clear himself, Senator Kennedy chose to render what has since been termed a "fractional" story. That the tragedy has grown into grotesque dimensions can only be explained as a function of public sensitivity to being talked down to in terms of facts. To take a modicum of cheer from all this, it seems appropriate to observe that the people of this country are difficult to convince when they're given less than a fair chance to trust their leaders. . . Crossett (Ark.) News Observer

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Proposed Blue Ridge Parkway Extension

WASHINGTON- U.S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor announced on Thursday that $100,000 is contained in the new Interior Department appropriation bill to enable engineers to establish the center line of the proposed extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The bill received final House and Senate approval Wednesday and has been sent to the White House for signature.

The 180-mile extension, authorized by the 90th Congress as the result of legislation sponsored by Congressman Taylor, will be constructed between Beech Gap near Mt. Pisgah to the vicinity of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park north of Atlanta and Marietta, Ga.

The states of North Carolina and Georgia are ready to purchase the rights-of-way, which they will then donate to the National Park Service for the roadway. However, the land acquisition cannot proceed until the center line has actually been staked out.

Much of the extension, especially in North Carolina, will cross forest service land already in federal ownership.

Rep. Taylor said there is an "immediate urgency" for the two states to acquire all privately-held property needed for the route before rising land costs esculate further.

Immediate acquisition of the land is also necessitated by information that in at least one area, construction has started on a cluster of summer homes in the vicinity of the proposed route, thus threatening to force relocation of the road or purchase of the homes.

"The funds which Congress has wisely included in the new budget will enable engineers to pinpoint the center line and avert what could be a complicated and costly land acquisition procedure," Taylor said.

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DEAR MR. PUBLISHER,

BY *PARSON JONES*

Dear Mr. Publisher:

I took a little walk this morning to get my spirit in the right frame of mind before going to work. In all, I reckon I walked two miles. Instead of lifting me up, the little walk made me so disgusted that I felt like going back to bed. I never saw so much trash in my life. The streets were cluttered with beer cans, pop cans, drink cups, ice cream cups, potato chip bags, and peanut bags. Add to that every other throw-away item and you got a pretty ugly picture. It's getting so the only way you can see a clean landscape is by looking at a picture. They don't have 'em anymore in real life.

Our prosperity has really got us in a bind. Back years ago there wasn't anything considered "throw-a-way". You saved all the drink bottles because they were just like money..2 cents a piece. Most things we bought come in a bag, and we saved the bags to pack lunches in. All the canned stuff was in jars, and we hung on to the empties with a passion, so's we could use 'em next year.

Well, all this has changed since prosperity blessed us. Now every thing is throw-a-way! Throw-away cans, throw-away bags, throw-away bottles, and throw-away cups. To top it off, they've come up with a throw-away garbage bag. So - now we can throw away garbage in quantities. Now instead of litter-bugs, we've got litter-monsters.

The way I see it, if we get any more prosperous, we may turn this country into one big garbage can: then, maybe we'll throw the country away. Personally, I wish they'd start making something you keep instead of throw away. It may be more expensive at first, but in the long run it will be cheaper. At least the garbage bill will go down, and man might get a chance to look at the earth again.

Sir, I gotta close for now 'cause my pen has run out of ink. It's a throw-a-way too!

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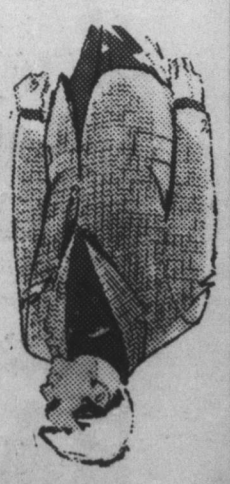

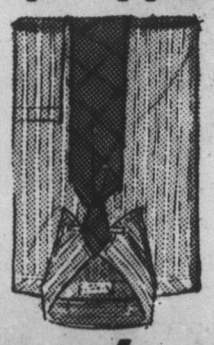

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