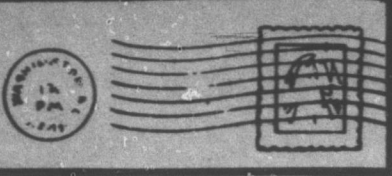


Letter To The Editor



Dear Editor,
I read with interest and enjoyment the article entitled "Real Estate Tips" by Cy Jordan Realtors appearing in the April 11 issue of the JOURNAL.

I don't know whether I qualify as a "flat land furriner" or not. I grew up in Charlotte, and visited relatives in Micaville through the years. My first piano lessons were given by my aunt, Miss Ethel Boone. I was a counselor at the old Easter Seal Camp in the South Toe area; my family and I spent a week at Mountain Wilderness last year. My forebears for at least 6 generations are buried at Pensacola. I hope to purchase some land in Yancey County. When I visited a realty agency in Burnsville last December several available parcels of land were described. None were in the category of \$420 - \$600 per acre.

I do remember being told about one 3 1/2 acre parcel which, to my best recollection, had no dwelling, which averaged \$3,500.00 per acre. This land did not qualify as a "mink-coat acre" as described in "Real Estate Tips". If I had bought this land apparently somebody would have had a confirmed sale of acreage in excess of \$650.00 per acre!

If anyone has 3 to 5 acres to sell at \$450 - \$650 per acre, my husband and I would certainly love to hear about it!

Sincerely,
Joyce Boone Streetman
18 Kensington Rd.
Madison, N.J. 07940

The Burnsville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses announces a free Bible lecture every Sunday morning, 9:30 a. m. at their Kingdom Hall on old Burnsville Hwy. (by WKYK) by a qualified minister of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society.

A GODLY VIEW OF SEX AND MARRIAGE is the message to be presented April 21 by Mr. L. Brady.

Questions On Gift Giving

How do you select a gift for a special friend? Are you observant about the person you're giving a gift to? What would you do if you suddenly remembered to send your loved one a gift and you were far away? Here are some questions and answers to test your gift wits:

Q. As a bachelor, I'm a perennial dinner and weekend guest of married friends. I just got an invite for a Valentine's Day party. Should I take the hostess a gift this time?

A. It's gracious for a frequent guest to take a gift from time to time, but it's not necessary on every occasion. But make a gift thoughtful.

Q. What's a witty present to send my 86-year-old liberated mother?

A. Easy...a cozy wool blanket that does double-duty for chaise lounge or stadium.

Q. What do you do if you suddenly remember at the last minute to send someone a gift? It happens to me all the time.

A good answer to your problem is to pick up the telephone and make use of a new, unique gift-giving service. By calling the toll-free number 800-325-5000 (in Missouri only call 800-342-5777), GiftAmerica will hand deliver your choice of 16 beautiful gifts to anyone almost anywhere in the continental United States in hours.

Feldspar Answers Back:

Mining Industry Charges Unfair Judgements

A request for more time so industry may explore ways to further improve the quality of their outfall in the North Toe River before the stream is reclassified has been made by Carroll Rogers Jr., President of the Feldspar Corporation, representing the mining industry in the Spruce Pine area.

In a letter to Earle C. Hubbard, Director of North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Raleigh, Rogers pointed out the curtailing of or cutting off of feldspar and kaolin production because of too restrictive classification of the river could have far reaching effects not only to the economy of Mitchell County, but also to the nation as a whole.

RECLASSIFICATION REQUESTED AT HEARING

At a hearing before the North Carolina Board of Water and Air Resources March 12 in Asheville, request was made for reclassification of the river from Class 'D' to 'C' - Trout Water. Proponents for upgrading the river contend the area would benefit from such action.

It is suggested by mining interests there is much contradictory evidence that such a move is truly advantageous. It is pointed out, for example, there is confusion as to how 161 streams flowing into the North Toe River above Three Mile Creek to the Nolichucky are to be classified. It is said those streams may be classified 'C'. If that is the case, the contention is the North Toe River would not support a 'Class C-Trout Water' rating.

Another area of disagreement is that the North Toe River never was a major trout stream before the advent of industry in the area. Many old timers say it has been a catfish and bass stream at Spruce Pine.

WATER TEMPERATURE STUDIES NOT CONCLUSIVE

Studies of water temperature of the section of the river in contention are not extensive enough to be definitive. Statistics in the North Carolina Stream Sanitation Board survey in 1954 showed stream temperatures at Spruce Pine as late as September reached 73.4 degrees, and at Station 74, reached a maximum of 77 degrees. Such temperatures are not compatible to trout reproduction. Data from the Tennessee Valley Authority in a 1944 study showed water temperatures on the North Toe River near Altapass reached a high of 75 degrees in August. Studies in 1945 for July showed a high of 73 degrees, and a 1946 study recorded similar temperatures. The question is whether these studies are adequate, or whether they are of sufficient duration to reflect a true story.

HASTY DECISION MIGHT BRING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE

In light of such inconclusive information, it is the contention of mining interests that a hasty decision on reclassification of the North Toe River might bring irreparable damage. That is especially true since so much is at stake in the economy of Mitchell County, and nationally too.

It was pointed out that 65% of the feldspar, 65% of the mica, 100% of the primary kaolin is produced in the Spruce Pine area. Capital outlay for mining facilities in the area total \$17,101,000. Owners have spent \$1,350,000 in anti-pollution facilities and annually spend \$583,000 to operate them, and employ 503 people.

MINING INDUSTRY CITES UNFAIR JUDGEMENTS

The mining industry believes it is totally unfair that there have been published implications that the industry is not meeting its moral responsibility in working toward eliminating stream pollution. The opposite is true. The industry currently is now removing 98% of the mineral waste which formerly went into streams. Actually the sedimentation from agricultural runoff is greater than the input from mining.

If additional parameters to present restrictions are put in effect it would mean production at the mines would be so curtailed (in some cases, even eliminated) that many things used by the public today would be in serious short supply. Here are a few things people would have difficulty getting: glass for many uses such as windows, car windshields, containers; porcelain for bathroom fixtures. In that respect, the building industry would be affected, adding to the short supply of housing.

CURTAINED MINING WOULD INTENSIFY ENERGY PROBLEM

The energy problem would be intensified, since porcelain is a prime product needed for electric transmission lines, transformer bushings, for power plants, transformer substations and industrial porcelain insulators.

According to Rogers, Westinghouse Electric Company, General Electric Company, the A. B. Chance Company, and Lapp Insulator Company, four of the nation's largest porcelain manufacturers, all have advised him that the availability of feldspar is a limiting factor in their expansion plans to produce porcelain for electrical energy production.

DEFINITIVE STUDY URGED

"In light of those serious circumstances", said Rogers, "it would seem in the interest of everyone that an additional definitive study be made of any reclassification of the North Toe River. That is why we urge the North Carolina Board of Water and Air Resources to allow additional time so our industry can find ways and means to improve the quality of our outfall." It should be pointed out that the mining industry has never opposed 'C' classification of the North Toe River. The industry does question whether a "C-Trout Water" classification can be achieved.

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Library Lists New Books

New books added to the shelves of the public libraries of Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties include:

THE LORDS OF LANCASTER by Pamela Bennetts. From childhood Richard II, son of the Black Prince, is given a dangerously exalted idea of his regality. He exiles his cousin, Bolingbroke, who when he returns to reclaim his own lands seizes the crown and sends the deposed king to his death.

MY LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI OR WHY I AM NOT MARK TWAIN, by Richard Bissell. Richard Bissell recalls leisurely days and nights in small river towns where piloting a steamboat was still a boy's greatest dream. Interspersed is the author's irreverent kidding about Twain and his writings.

INFINITE CAGE by Keith Laumer. Louella, a fake medium, finds Adam who possesses the real talent. Her clients are terrified by the real thing and she dismisses Adam. Adam begins a series of careers all accompanied by successes and disasters. This is a funny, spooky, hauntingly brilliant novel.

JET STREAM by Austin Ferguson. From the publishers of *The High And The Mighty* this superb aviation novel comes to you. It exposes the very nerve centers of the commercial air industry.

SPARROW IN THE SNOW by Sylvia Darel and translated by Barbara Norman. Received by readers as a Russian *Dairy of Ann Frank* without the tragic ending. This is a child's eye vision of life in the Stalinist era. As Sylvia becomes older, politically aware, we witness the development of the extraordinary woman who could write this book.

THE PARTNERS by Louis Auchincloss. This is about a group of men and women in what is mostly a man's world-whose common bond is their work. Within that bond each one pursues different answers to the search for money, power, love, revenge, or a meaning in life.

DAWN FALCON A NOVEL OF ANCIENT EGYPT by Ann Moray. This is the story of two young Theban princes, Kamose and Ahmose, who fought to free their land from the long tyranny of the Hyksos usurpers, and who founded the great XVIII Dynasty that is known today as the New Kingdom. It is ultimately the story of great valor, of love among a noble people and between two brothers who were as one.

ACTIONS AND PASSIONS by Patrick Anderson. An epic story of a tragic decade, a novel that expresses the heartbreaking, terrifying and thrilling aspects of this era.

FRENCH INHERITANCE by Ann Stevenson. A story of evil that refuses to lie buried of long kept secrets and never-forgotten feuds surfacing anew, as well as of newfound love in the midst of danger.

MEN'S FASHIONS

The spring-summer fashion forecasters predict young men will prefer a neater, more tailored look with coordinates and fabrics important. Jackets will be shorter, sport shirts fitted at the waist and slacks featuring flare, bell and baggy-types, says Harriet Tutterow, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University.

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Free Deliveries?

From time to time we are asked why we don't provide free delivery service like drug stores in large towns do. We feel there are several good reasons why we shouldn't and we would like to share them with you.

In the first place there is no such thing as free delivery. When automobiles are free, when gas and oil are free, when delivery men work without wages, then we, and everyone, else will have free delivery. Until then, every store's customers pay for its delivery service.

The theory behind "free delivery" is that only a small percentage of a store's customers will ask for it and when the cost is divided among all the customers the extra charge will be so small they won't notice it. In actual practice the delivery customers get a rare bargain, but every other customer has to dig a little deeper to pay for something he didn't get. This just doesn't seem fair to us!

In larger towns and cities most customers of a store live in a neighborhood very close to the store and expenses per delivery are small, but our customers live all over Yancey County and many are from Mitchell and Madison Counties. It would be very expensive to maintain delivery service over such a large area, and very unfair to ask customers who have driven a long distance to pay extra so we can give "free delivery" to customers who happen to live close to the store.

In the meantime, if you need medicine in a hurry and just can't get to town we will still send it by taxi, (and only the person who gets the service will have to pay for it). If the need is less urgent we can mail your order to you at a very small cost, just as we always have, and you won't have to pay for someone else's bargain.

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