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Make Way For Progress

The parking situation in Black Mountain is fast getting back to normal. That is progress is overtaking us and with each building splurge our off-street parking grows more difficult.

It seems that one sure way to attract new buildings to a particular area is to turn that space over to the city for improvements for a parking lot. The town must do a good job because immediately the space looks so attractive that it begins to fill up with buildings.

But, of course, that is the price of progress. The new sources of tax revenue provided by the newly constructed buildings will more than compensate for a lack of free parking facilities for John Q. Public.

Now that the west side of Broadway has been practically erased as a parking lot, motorists will have to use the municipal lots on the Montreat road and at the west end of Sutton avenue or find their own space. Seems unbelievable that we should have a parking problem now when a few short months ago Black Mountain had what was considered one of the most adequate off-street parking systems of any town of comparable size.

That's another headache for the mayor and town council. But knowing their ability to deal with difficult problems, few will doubt that before long they'll come up with the solution.

An Iron Glove

A closely edited dispatch from a Moscow correspondent recently contained two items of significance.

First, that the Russians were extremely upset over the West German pact, among other things, and would look with great disfavor on any attempt to sign the same kind of agreement with Japan.

Second, that diplomats in Moscow did not believe war between the great powers was any nearer, despite the sword rattling which has been going on for the past few months behind the Iron Curtain.

As everyone knows, all reports sent from Russia are subject to heavy censorship. Thus, the facts could have one of several meanings.

Granted, they are sincere when they say they will not jump for joy if and when Japan is brought into the defense fold of the Western nations. But how much of the second statement can we believe? That is that war is no nearer now than it has been in the past.

That may be true, but we know now that the Russian word is not worth the air it takes to express it, and that a treaty to the Kremlin is to be observed only so long as it fits the plans—Russian plan, that is.

This is the war season in Europe and one of several places might burst into flames before the September rains bring an end to campaign weather. They say war is no nearer, but just the same we should not forget our iron glove when shaking hands. We've been bitten.



Surprise — It wasn't until around midnight last Saturday that Bill Umstead could relax.

Up until that time—despite predictions to the contrary—Hubert E. Olive of Lexington had been right around him in a see-saw battle which saw the lead change a dozen times.

By late Sunday afternoon the vote had gone well over 500,000, with Umstead's lead a little better than 25,000.

Revolution? — Kerr Scott beat Charlie Johnson four years ago by around 30,000, and for months thereafter referred to his victory as a "revolution." It was more of a revelation than ditto; and it is exceedingly doubtful that Bill Umstead will refer to his victory as a revolution.

Nobody had much time last week end to analyze the vote. However, Olive's strength was surprising to us—and to a lot of other folks who will not admit it.

There was a lot more Umstead talk than Umstead voting. That led us astray in our predictions. We thought Bill Umstead would defeat Hubert Olive by a minimum of 50,000 votes.

Knockout — Now that Kerr Scott from Alamance county has succeeded Gregg Cherry from

Gaston and Umstead from Durham is set to succeed Scott from next-door Durham, it does look as if the east-west business has been dealt a knockout blow.

It hasn't made much sense lately anyhow. With modern transportation, an individual's residence provides no indication about the type of governor he will make.

Hodges — Although a political newcomer, this fellow Luther Hodges of Leaksville ran like a house afire. That may be a sorry analogy, but you get what we mean.

Roy Rowe told the Associated Press Sunday that he would in all probability ask for a second primary. As the counts continued to trickle in, it became apparent that Hodges would lack a little having a majority. Rowe, an old political warhorse, will have some unusual help in a runoff. He will also have on his hands a guy who seems to have the come-hither look when facing the electorate. It will be an interesting battle—if indeed there is a second run.

Something Happening — There is something happening to the voters out there. The items that used to work don't go any more. A lot of the favorites were sidetracked on Saturday. There were very few counties that did not produce some surprises.

It looks as if the folks want newcomers, fresh faces. If last Saturday's primary shows anything definite, it will be this. This fact—and we think it is a fact—must be taken into consideration in any figuring on Estes Kefauver, Senator Richard Russell, et als this fall.

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WASHINGTON — All last week, we had before the senate the so-called "foreign aid bill." The original proposal, as you will recall, was that the congress appropriate 7 billion, 90 million dollars for foreign aid. The request, of course, was made by the President.

Debate on this matter extended the senate sessions well into the evening. Wednesday night, for example, the senate stopped work at 9 o'clock.

The house of representatives, in its consideration of the matter, reduced the appropriation to 6 billion, 900 million—cutting off the round sum of one billion dollars. The bill then came to the senate and has been the subject of considerable controversy.

MORE CUTS ASKED

Several amendments were offered, the first one to reduce the appropriation by still another billion dollars. The second one asked a half-billion dollar cut; the third a 400-million dollar reduction. The fourth would have reduced ECA funds by 500 million.

I voted for all of these cuts because I feel it is time that the congress began thinking about the impact of these huge expenditures on the taxpayers of America.

In the printed report of the committee, there were two sentences which were quite interesting to me. I think you will be interested also. Here they are:

"It learned that in some countries the recipient governments are contributing NOTHING to the program. One of the administration witnesses testified that

'under certain circumstances . . . nothing is a fair share'."

OUR JOB ALONE

In other words, that statement shows that some of our government officials do not think that the foreign governments which are receiving our help ought to contribute anything to match the economic and technical assistance we are providing for them.

In considering this matter of foreign aid, it was interesting to note the trend in the way we are being asked to appropriate vast sums of money. In the case of the armed forces, there is at present a total of 54 billion dollars already appropriated in prior

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State of North Carolina
 Department of Motor Vehicles
 Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Editor:

You are welcome to use the enclosed cartoon mat dramatizing the ever increasing number of highway deaths in North Carolina.

The mat was furnished at no expense to the department of motor vehicles by John A. Park, Sr., editor-publisher of the Raleigh Times and chairman of the governor's advisory committee on highway safety.

The drawing is sent to you with the hope that it will impress on your readers the tragic consequences of highway accidents.

We in the department are confronted daily with the seriousness of the problem. We live with it. And everyone—clerk and commissioner alike—is working to help find a solution.

Your circulation in the populous Swannanoa Valley can be of immense value, and if reproduction of the drawing saves but one life, I think you'll agree it would be

POET'S CORNER

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp,
 Chairman, Creative Writing Club

UPON PRESENTING

THE LADY WITH A CIGARETTE

Your dark eyes smile with a fleeting guile

As I lean to fill your cup,

You've plumbed my ruse and the

kit is loose,

Methinks I'd best 'fess up.

I sought to touch your heart with

flame

But I see I've lost my bet,

I'll leave the marbles with the

game

And—ignite your cigarette.

Richard W. Lang, ward L-1,

Oteen VA Hospital

This is written "in a sophisticated vein, with a light touch,"

was Clara Lundie Crawford's comment when she read this poem

over WISE, as radio chairman for

the Asheville Branch, National

League American Pen Women.

HAPPINESS

A million joys

Make a heart leap,

A million laughs

Gathered in a heap.

Happiness is a little boy

Kissed off to sleep.

A. R. Robinson, ward D-2,

Oteen VA Hospital

When Mrs. Crawford read this

over WISE, her remark was "An

appealing and lovable poem—

simple and straight to the heart."

worth it. With best wishes and

thanks.

Yours truly,

Bill Crowell, director,

public relations.

May 31, 1952

Black Mountain News

Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find check for

\$2.00 for renewal of Black Mountain

News, from May 21, 1952 to

May 21, 1953. With best wishes

for your continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Hamilton,

Swannanoa, N. C.

Welcome, Friend Motorist! By King



FRANK KING
 THE RALEIGH TIMES