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Super Highway Is Only Beginning of Progress!

From all indications the 'Winding Stairs' which used to be the only means of escape from the mountains to the east and which were eliminated by the opening of the new super highway to Old Fort last Friday, will, in years to come, be little more than an oddity to be pointed out by someone as one of those 'I remember' when . . .

Old No. 70, which was a super road in its own right when first built, served its purpose but the growth of the mountain area, the Swannanoa Valley and Western McDowell in particular, had made it obsolete.

The new road is an outstanding achievement for the area and for all of Western North Carolina. A few years ago it was little more than a dream in the fertile mind of our state highway engineers. But by hard and persistent work the dream was transferred to the drawing board, then last Friday

it became a reality as the mountain stretch was thrown open to traffic. Thus, two of the most historic points in Western North Carolina have been drawn closer together. Old Fort, western outpost of the colonists in the middle and late years of the eighteenth century, the place which the first settlers of Buncombe county used as their starting point, and the Swannanoa Valley, destination of those hardy pioneers who were restless unless they were on the move, discovering new land and exploring new country.

Roaring along over the new highway one has a hard time realizing that only a few generations ago this was unconquered and largely unexplored land which the super highway now crosses.

But this is just the beginning, not the end of progress which will advance as far and as rapidly as we want it to.

First Christian Church Notes

Rev. C. N. Williams, Pastor.
Church School at 10:00 a. m., Glen Morgan, supt.
Morning worship and Communion, 11:00 a. m.
Evening sing, 7:00 p. m.
All Sunday services are held in the tabernacle on the Christian Assembly grounds one mile south of Black Mountain.

Rally Day Committee with Glen Morgan as chairman has made some definite plans to observe the National Rally Day Oct. 3. Further announcements will be made later.

The Building committee met Tuesday evening and will have some interesting reports to make to the congregation next Sunday.

Tommy Maret will represent the Christian Youth Fellowship of the church at the Young People's Conference July 19-25, which is to be at South Toe River Optimist camp near Mt. Mitchell. Mrs. Homer W. Haislip of the local church will be on the faculty, teaching the course, "Service." The Intermediate will be represented at the Chi Rho camp in August.

The Church Board will have its monthly meeting on Friday, July 16, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Homer W. Haislip at 8 p. m.

BROAD RIVER

By Mrs. M. M. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hall have as guests their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Bowerman, and sons Jimmy and Johnny of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Stroud and children Jewel, Nancy and Thomas of Broad River, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Moore and children of Swannanoa, Miss Mildred Stroud and Miss Frances Ownbey of Black Mountain went on a sight-seeing trip to Mt. Mitchell and Craggy Gardens over the new scenic highway recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillis of Gerton visited Miss Pinholster last week. Joe Little and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gilliam and daughter visited Mr. Little's sister in Virginia recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ownbey had as dinner guests July 4 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gilliam and children. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nanney and children of Canton spent last week at Bruce's old home in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hall of Broad River and the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Connor, and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brady and daughter, Mrs. Janet Wilson and son Randy, all of Hills Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman and son of Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hall and children Jackey and Jimmy of Black Mountain went on a trip to Mt. Mitchell week before last.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gilliam and daughter Pattie, who spent last week at Myrtle Beach, S. C., returned to their home on Broad River last Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Gilliam and sons had as guests last Sunday Mrs. Gilliam's mother, Mrs. Ida Huntley of Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bridges have the following guests: Mr. Bridges' mother, and her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Ann Bridges of Inman, S. C., and Mrs. Julian Bridges' aunts, Mrs. Pearl Enard of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Ida Davis of Old Fort, route 1.

The Broad River folks were badly shocked at the death of Mrs. Sarah (Childers) Dotson, who was drowned in the swimming hole on J. W. Stroud's farm last week. Mrs. Dotson had been housekeeping for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ownbey for the past year until her marriage to Roby Dotson of Flat Creek three months ago. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her young husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Childers and children of Candler.

Mrs. John Bland and daughter of Spindale visited Mr. and Mrs. James Hall last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennen Ownbey and children of Old Fort went on a picnic on Bald Mountain July 4. The Bible school at Stone Mountain church conducted by Rev. Millard Hall of Marion closed last Saturday night.

Mrs. Myrtle Lytle and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Lytle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ledbetter, and other relatives in this section, have returned to her home in Winston-Salem.

Jeff Moore of Myrtle Beach, S. C., has purchased Lennen Ownbey's place on Red Creek and has remodeled the house into a beautiful summer home.

A very large congregation attended the funeral service of

B&PW MEMBERS ATTEND MEET AT GROVE PARK

At the invitation of the Asheville club, the Black Mountain, Canton, and Waynesville B&PW clubs held a joint meeting Monday evening at Grove Park Inn. The meeting took the form of a summer social. A picnic supper was served on the terrace.

Various members and guests were introduced. The Charlotte Choir, led by Mrs. Edith Alley, rendered with considerable spirit the Charlotte convention theme song, "I'm Satisfied" and then introduced the president, Miss Margaret Johnson of Waynesville, who spoke briefly. Miss Julia Nevercell of the Asheville club gave an interesting and complete report of the national convention held earlier this month in St. Louis.

Following the business session, at which the Asheville club president, Miss Mildred Snypes, presided, a program was given by Miss Joan Moser and Artus Moser of Swannanoa. These two talented people were given an enthusiastic reception. Playing old English ballads, they invited the group to join in singing which they did.

Members attending from the Black Mountain club and their guests were: Mesdames Laura O'Connor, Bea Morford Glover, Florence Melton, Edith Holcombe, Frances King, Enna Beiber, Kathryn Craig, Madelon Parks, Mary E. Gudger, and sister, Mrs. Jane Holman, the Misses Sarah Kirby, Sanchez Mott, Marjorie Robinette, Lillian Russell, Sarah Thompson, Alice Turner, Luna Wagner, Pauline Tipton, Harriet Burgess, and guest Nedra Deans.

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However, many of the statues add greatly to the beauty of the parks. In front of the President's house, which is rose instead of white, is a park that is unforgettable. Though it is in the center of the city, it has a quiet beauty. There are two statues there, one of the liberator San Martin and the other of Justice. Four pools centered with fountains offer refreshing baths for the pigeons, amusement for the children, and a background for a photographer. Surrounding all this are lovely white stone paths that glisten so in the sunshine the pedestrian is blinded.

A very large amusement park offers fun for all ages on a variety of rides, including a Russian Mountain ride. It is the Coney Island of Buenos Aires. No child in this city has any excuse for not seeing a tree or animal. The city maintains a free botanical garden and zoo. The zoo is so complete that it has a North Carolina turtle. Circuses visit the city and the North American Circus is one of the favorites. I doubt if many of its performers have ever seen North America.

The Colon, one of the largest and most beautiful opera houses in the world, is a breath-taking sight. Thick, bright carpets line the floors and stains of this city block long building. Balcony upon balcony rise to a dizzy height. Lights glow from a cluster of glass flowers between each box of the balconies. Lovely heavy curtains petition a small lobby from the seats in the balconies. One room is done in gold with exquisite furnishings. Several rooms contain ancient musical instruments and those used by famous musicians. This temple of art has witnessed many gala occasions.

The import of American cars is prohibited so many foreign made cars are seen there. Yet, 1953 American cars are seen occasionally. Very occasionally since they sell for \$7,000 or \$8,000. As a result many cars that are antiques here are being used there. Need I say the people take excellent care of their cars. Wouldn't you if you knew a U. S. car costs \$1500 (1940 model) and you made about \$50 a month. Even so, traffic lights are used at one intersection only and the first day it took eight policemen to enforce them. Other intersections in the city have policemen in their elevated, umbrella-covered stands during the rush hours. The problem of intersections in the residential sections has been rather cleverly solved.

(Continued next week)

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circles of the Methodist church will meet Tuesday as follows:

Circle 1—Mrs. John Benedict at 10 a. m. Covered dish luncheon.

Circle 2—Mrs. O. C. Leiter at 3 p. m.

Circle 3—Fellowship room 3 p. m. with Mrs. E. J. Anthony and Mrs. R. E. Mumpower serving as hostesses.

Circle 4—Mrs. George Johnston, Grovemont, at 7:30 p. m.

AWAY FOR WEEK
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—July 25-31 is National Farm Safety Week. Farm to Live and Live to Farm.

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Magician Will Present Show At Montreat

King Colin, world-traveled magician and master of the ceremonies, will appear at Montreat on July 17 at 8:00 p. m. in Anderson Auditorium.

Besides the fast fingers and smooth light comedy pattern of this versatile entertainer, Colin's show of wonders will feature Nancy Smith, organist and pianist, who gives musical background for the performance as well as her own special numbers as a stellar part of the second act. These two performers, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw Smith, will be assisted by rabbits, doves, and unsuspecting members of the audience who will take a lively part in the entertainment. Full of surprises, the evening will be one of mystifying magic, relaxation and (upon occasion) hair-raising fun.

A native of Mount Olive, N. C., King Colin as a youngster assisted Mintz the magician, also from Mount Olive, who taught him the art that was to help defray expenses at Davidson college, where he was graduated in 1939. Later he earned an M.A. degree in English at UNC, writing his thesis on the use of sensation on the stage in the nineteenth century, a period when many magicians contributed to the tricky stagecraft and gaudy spectacles audiences then loved.

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