

Mountain Musings

by Gene Byrd

Little Gray Mule

I was fascinated by the account of the 79 year old man from Brevard who received recognition for growing over 147 bushels of corn per acre. Part of his formula for successful corn growing was borrowed from a Mississippi champion corn grower. According to Mr. Lambert "... he plowed his corn with a little gray mule. I got me a mule just like his and have been growing good corn ever since."

This may start a boom in the sales of little gray mules. It's refreshing to hear a plug for animals in this day of mechanization.

I once heard a unique explanation of the woes of many farmers plagued by grain surpluses.

When livestock was used to cultivate the fields, it took a great deal of the grain to provide food for the animal-power. With the advent of the tractor and the diminishing of the number of horses and mules, the grain surpluses started mounting.

When I was a lad, there was a goodly number of solid citizens in our community that took great pride in their teams and their pulling power.

Black Mountain lost a unique personality with the passing away of one of our older citizens James, better known as Jim, Padgett.

Jim's genial personality, his ready smile and the ever present red tie will be missed. His familiarity with local real estate was outstanding and many people depended on his wisdom in these affairs.

I was privileged to make a few personal remarks at Mr. Padgett's funeral. I felt honored that the family desired my services.

Again, I was struck by the warm, understanding personality of Brother Usher. His approach to a grieving family is marked by delicacy and sympathetic awareness of the situation.

Somehow I felt at home in the beautiful First Baptist church during this service. During the period of time that I served in this church as a Sunday School teacher and deacon, we worshipped in the old building that served the congregation so long as a sanctuary. Thus, when the new building was erected, I felt a little strange when I



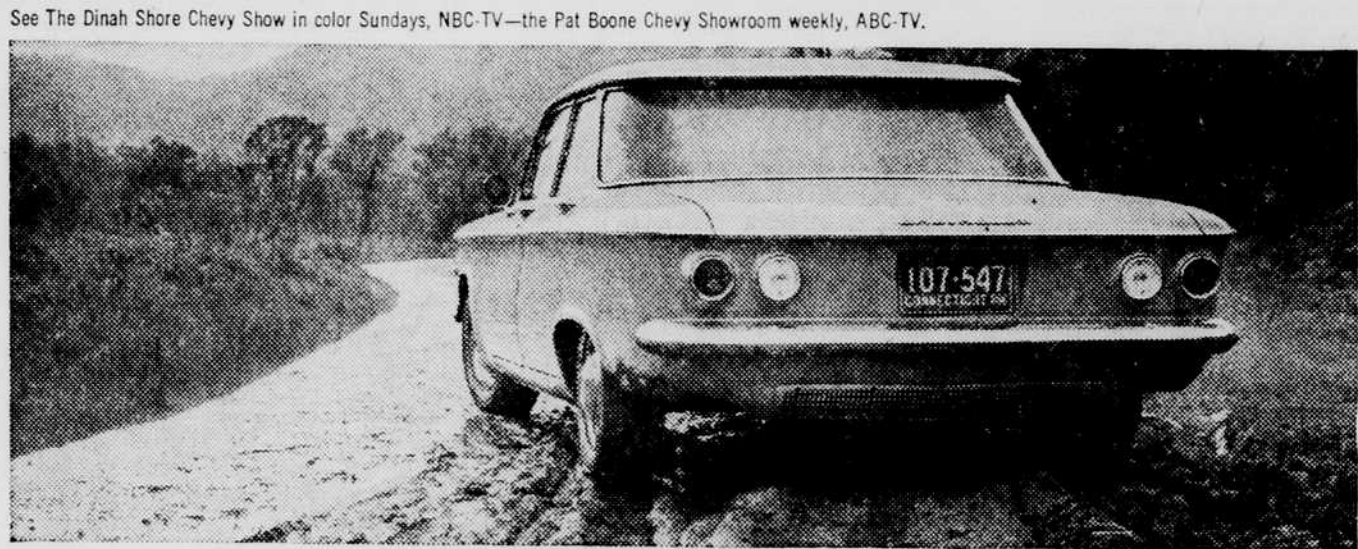
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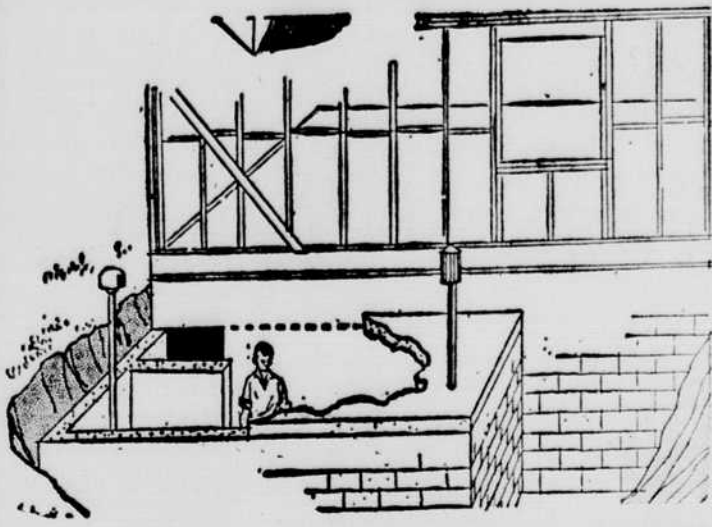
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New Pension System Is Explained

Here's the new veterans pension picture in a nutshell. First, it has nothing to do with service-connected compensation. It concerns non-service-connected pensions only.

Second, it does not go into effect until July 1. Veterans, widows or orphans now on the pension rolls, or coming on the rolls before that date, will be allowed to choose the present system or the new pension plan—whichever they prefer. The Veterans Administration will help them make that choice by sending them a form to be filled out. They will receive this form automatically; writing to VA will not speed things up.

If you are a veteran, the requirements haven't changed. You must still have 90 days of war-time service, a discharge other than dishonorable and be totally and permanently disabled for reasons not necessarily related to service.

Financial Need
But the amount of pension will be based on your financial need. Under the present system, an annual income limitation was set at \$1,400 for single veterans and \$2,700 for veterans with one or more dependents. But the amount of pension remains the same for each class. . . \$66.15 per month until the veteran reaches 65 years of age or has been on the pension rolls ten years. Then it jumps to \$78.75 per month.

Under the new law effective next July 1, a payment of \$85 per month will go to a veteran without dependents if his annual income does not exceed \$600. This payment drops to \$70 per month if his annual income is between \$600 and \$1,200. It drops further to \$60 per month for single veterans whose income lies between \$1,200 and \$1,800 and ceases entirely over \$1,800.

One Dependent
Veterans with one dependent are similarly scaled: one about the date of Groundhog Day. He saw his shadow twice and Winter's here to stay. (Ed. note: Hush!)

representative at Oteen VA Hospital, and its Swannanoa Division.

ed for possible active duty at all of the 18 air stations and NARTUS in the Naval Air Reserve Training Command. Three choices of duty stations will be indicated by the applicant upon submission of his application. Orders do not have to be accepted unless the applicant's choice of duty station is approved. Applicants will receive a combined GCT/ARI score of 100 or above.

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This the 20 day of January, 1960.
Mrs. Mary Cordell Nesbitt
47 Oakley Road
Asheville, N. C.
Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; 1960.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE
Having this day qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of (Mrs.) IRENE FORTUNE, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before one year from the date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This the 27th day of January, 1960.
(Mrs.) ANGELINE FORTUNE CONNELLY,
Box 157, Swannanoa, N. C.
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 3, 10, 1960.

NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Fredric O'Kelley, Administratrix of the Estate of Willie Watson, Deceased, Petitioner,
vs.
Louella Fawcett, Creasia Dunlap, Elizabeth Harris, Joe Watson, LeRoy Watson and Ray Watson, Defendant-Respondents,
TO—Louella Fawcett, Creasia Dunlap, Elizabeth Harris, Joe Watson, LeRoy Watson and Ray Watson,
The Defendants above named will take notice that a Special Proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff as Administratrix of Willie Watson, deceased, to sell the real estate of the deceased or so much thereof as may be necessary for payment of the debts of the deceased.
And said defendants are notified that notice of such proceeding is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, on or before the 11th day of February, 1960, the date of the Order for Service of Summons by Publication, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Petition.
This the 11th day of February, 1960.
EDNA TURNBULL, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina.
Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 3, 10, 1960.

NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE
IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
JO ANN ADKINS, Plaintiff,
vs.
RAY B. ADKINS, Defendant.
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the General County Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff through her Attorney, George Pennell, Esquire, against the defendant for divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between them; that the defendant will further take notice that he is required to

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