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'Amity' Got Decent Burial It Deserved

THE CITIZENS of the Oakhurst community do not wish to form an incorporation in the fringe area of Charlotte. They are proud of their association with Charlotte. They will accept the obligations of city residence when Charlotte shows that it can provide the services that can be expected from a municipality.

Those who had suggested formation of a separate municipality found that community opinion opposed the plan. Nevertheless, they deserve a just debt of thanks for taking the initiative in setting up the meeting, and gathering estimates on the costs and problems involved in setting up a town.

This Is A Good Time To Start UMT

ONE OF THE main arguments against universal military training, in which The News believes, has been that it would be difficult to set up when combat needs required the drafting of many potential UMT trainees.

A longstanding injustice would be corrected in that World War II and Korean War veterans would be permitted to get out of the reserves, if they so chose, as soon as replacements were trained.

The Great Need For Rehabilitation

THE MOVE to slice North Carolina's prison division from the highway department has given backstage gossip in state government circles a new drift.

The situation is worst considering an early separation is at least possible. Gov. Umstead has said he will recommend it and important legislative support can be expected.

Who Ever Heard Of Hominy Grits?

SOMETHING ought to be done about Vice President Nixon. And something must be done about Miss Universe, or the reporter who put words into her mouth.

Both Nixon and Miss Universe reportedly have been talking about 'hominy grits.' As every true southern knower knows, there ain't no such thing. Hominy is whole kernels of corn from which the hulls have been removed with a live solution.

It's been quite a while since Nixon went to school at Duke, either way, so he has probably forgotten that hominy and grits are different articles. But Miss Universe, being Miriam Stevenson of Winsboro, Greenwood and Union, S. C. (all three towns claim her and we don't want to offend any of them) and a girl

The Great Smokies: America's Top Tourist Attraction

By MIRIAM RABB In State Magazine

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The park, now containing 507,191.6 acres of federally-owned land, was formally dedicated on Sept. 2, 1930, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

NEW ADDITION New during the past year the junction of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park which makes it possible for motorists to reach famous Hometown Overlook over 12 miles of smooth paved highway connecting with U.S. Highway 19 southwest of Asheville.

The new section of the parkway completed in 1933 leads from Soco Gap, on U.S. 19 near Waynesville, to the boundary of the park at Black Camp Gap. Here it connects with a paved park service road leading on up to Haintooga and its spectacular view of the crest of the Great Smokies. The trail terminates in a paved parking circle and a short foot trail leads to the edge of the 5,300-foot overlook.

The vista from Haintooga is considered one of the most magnificent in a park noted for its beauty. In the distance, Clingmans Dome and Mount Cayton tower more than 6,000 feet in the sky at opposite ends of State Line Ridge.

From Newfound Gap, a Park Service road leads to a parking area near the crest of 6,642-foot Clingmans Dome. From the park overlook, there is a view of the Smokies stretching away into the blue haze from which they receive their name.

Clingmans Dome is the highest peak in the park, where there are 16 peaks of over 6,000 feet in altitude. There are over 1,300 varieties of trees, shrubs and herbs in the Great Smokies, and in all of Europe there are not so many species of native trees as are found in the park. Approximately 40 per cent of the park is its original condition.

and gorges which in the 1830's were a refuge for Cherokee Indians seeking to escape removal to the west over the tragic 'Trail of Tears.' This world 'Heintoga' is derived from Haintooga, the name of these refugees, I-yen-to-ga. His hiding place was the nearby ridge and creek gorge which, like the overlook, bear the white man's version of his name.

There are a numerous scenic overlooks along the entire drive through the Smokies park. One of the most famous being from paved turn-outs on the parkway at Mile-High Overlook. Here there is a magnificent view of the Smokies to the southwest and the Balsams to the north.

MUSEUM OPEN From Cherokee, U.S. 441 is the transmountain highway through the Smokies park. A few miles from Cherokee on this route is Smokemont, where the Park Service maintains a modern free campground nearby is the Oxen-lute Ranger Station and the Pioneer Museum, where tools, household objects and farm implements used by the pioneer settlers of the Smokies are displayed.

At Newfound Gap, Highway 441 crosses the Smokies at an elevation of 5,033 feet. As they drive up to the gap, travelers often see black bears along the highway. For the protection of the public, feeding, touching, or teasing the bears is prohibited, but it is often possible to photograph them from automobiles.

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Mile-High Overlook Looking Toward Black Camp Gap in Great Smokies

Attempted Power Grab Seen in Atom Bill

THE LONG drawn-out debate in the U. S. Senate on the President's atomic energy bill represented the fight of honest senators against several things:

1-The organized attempt of the Big Business of our nation to take control of all power sources.

This attempt is directed not at the great and highly beneficial Tennessee Valley Authority but will eventually be directed at every publicly-owned power project however large or small.

2-The international-minded rulers of our financial world and

News Thanked For Recreation Editorials

AS Chairman of the county recreation division of the Social Planning Council, I want to thank you for your kindness and understanding.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

AEC Bill May Trigger New Filibuster

WASHINGTON CHANCES are that Congress has not seen the last of the record-making 15-day filibuster over the future control of atomic energy.

Despite the hot weather and the hot air, however, nothing could be more important to you and your children. For this bill spells out a pattern for the energy that will turn the factory wheels and power plants of the nation beginning perhaps in less than 25 years.

The House conferees are determined to knock these out. Furthermore, the predominant majority of the Senate conferees are old school reactionaries whose neck-risters are already up over the Senate amendments.

WATER POWER SITES and Atomic Energy. The high business firms which will generate atomic power tied down by the rules of the Federal Power Commission.

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for a period of 10 years.

The Eisenhower administration had recognized that new patents developed by private enterprise must be made available to other private concerns for a period of five years. Kerr extended the period to 10 years.

Theory behind this is the same as that existing in the automobile industry, where auto patents are pooled and each company has a right to the patent of his competitor.

That was why Ike-advisers specified a five-year patent pool.