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## N. C. AND TENNESSEE TO RAISE MILLION DOLLARS FOR SMOKY MT. PARK

Asheville, N. C.—With the creation by Congress of a National Park in the Great Smoky Mountains of Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina as their objective, the two States, primarily interested in the project—North Carolina and Tennessee—have joined hands to make the park a reality. During the past few weeks the organizations, which have been working separately toward the same end, have organized a joint committee, which will co-operate their efforts. Col. D. C. Chapman, of Knoxville, a prime mover in the endeavor to save the Great Smokies from the ravages of the loggers, has been named Chairman of the Inter-State Committee, and State Senator Plato D. Ebbs of Asheville, Secretary.

The immediate good of the two organizations, the Great Smoky Mountain Conservation, Association of Tennessee, and the North Carolina Park Commission, is to obtain funds to purchase at least a part of the area to be set aside as a park. The goal set by the Inter State Executive Committee is one million dollars to be raised jointly in the two States. An intensive campaign for North Carolina's share began late in November. Tennessee's work began intensively on December 7th.

Campaign offices have been opened in each State. Asheville is the base of operations in North Carolina and headquarters have been established at the rooms of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. At Knoxville, where the Tennessee campaign will be centered, officers have been opened in the headquarters of the Knoxville Automobile Club.

The sponsors of the movement to acquire the Park are speeding up their efforts to have a National Park created before the mountains in the proposed Park area are further despoiled of their virgin forests. The timber interests, which hold the bulk of the Park lands, are rapidly encroaching on the primeval forests of the Great Smokies, regarded by botanists as the most remarkable examples of forestation in the western hemisphere. Unless these sections are soon set aside for a Park, it is inevitable that the beauty of the mountains with their unexampled variety of trees and shrubs will be despoiled by the invading loggers.

The area of the proposed Park is roughly a minimum of 435,000 acres. The State of Tennessee thought its State Legislature has authorized the purchase of 80,000 acres. It is hoped that funds will be raised in the coming Inter-State campaign to purchase several hundred thousand acres more, and that the interest of the Nation can be roused to provide funds for the balance, or that Congress may make appropriation for that purpose.

The Park area, as tentatively planned, is located within the confines of Sevier, Monroe, Cocke and Blount Counties of Tennessee, and Swain, Graham and Haywood Counties of North Carolina.

The establishment of the Great Smokies as National Park has the approval of Secretary of Interior.

## ANDREWS WINS OVER MURPHY QUINTETTE

The Andrews basketball team bested the Murphy Quintet in a hotly contested game on the Andrews court last Friday night. The two teams played neck and neck throughout the game. At the end of the first half the score stood eleven to eleven. In the end of the last half, the score was seventeen to seventeen. In the five minutes of extra play Andrews made four points and won the game. This was the third game of the series; Andrews having won two of the three.

Young Harris high school is expected to play on the local court today of this week.

—Night of December 2nd or 3rd a bound dog, color white with black spots, medium size answers name of Pepper, was last seen near Regal, N. C. This dog was recovered by Jake F. Dewesse and Joe Sawyers of Bryson City. A reasonable reward paid if returned to Frank D. Dickey.

## The Annual Toboggan Slide



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## COUNTY AGENT WORK CONTINUED ANOTHER YEAR BY COMMISSIONERS

Public Meeting At Court House Monday Well Attended—Only 4 Dissenting Votes Cast

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of County Commissioners Monday and Tuesday of this week the county agent work was continued for another year.

This action followed a public meeting of some four hundred people from over the county Monday afternoon at which the status of the county agent work in Cherokee county was discussed. The meeting went on record as favoring the continuance of the work, only four votes being cast against it.

The commissioners reserved the right to counsel and supervise the county agent's activities in the county fair. No action was taken with regard to the selling of the county's interest in the fair grounds due to lack of bids, and the proposition was left open.

## UPPER BEAVERDAM

Mr. G. O. Radford has moved to Cook Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dockery announce the birth of twin sons on Dec. 3rd.

Mr. Jessie Horton was unfortunate in getting one of his fine oxen crippled this week while logging.

Dr. S. H. Melmore of Grape Creek was in this section Monday on business.

Mr. S. P. Mason, our assistant teacher, made a business trip to Grandview Saturday.

Despite the rainy weather the school attendance is holding up fine.

Mrs. A. Z. Roberts is reported on the sick list this week

## A CORRECTION

Last week in the letter from Mr. John H. Dillard, at the conclusion, a verse of poetry was quoted and made to read "precious spring." It should have been "Pierian Spring." The full quotation follows:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing; Drink deep, or touch not the Pierian Spring." This correction is gladly made.

The Baptist Women are trying to raise \$1,000 to pay on the new church building. Every Baptist woman wants to have a part and they will meet at the church Tuesday afternoon, December 15th, at two o'clock to take the offering. An interesting program will be rendered, after which a social hour will be enjoyed.

## THE GREAT AWAKENING

(The Cleveland Star.)

This is the way Senator Giles of Marion refers to the wonderful development that is taking place in Western North Carolina. It is an awakening to the realization of the fact that the mountains of Western North Carolina are rapidly becoming the greatest source of revenue North Carolina has. At the meeting of the Western Carolina Press association at Marion club house Friday, President Dan Tompkins editor of the Jackson County Journal declared that the state's net revenue from the tourist trade this year will exceed that from the cotton mills, the tobacco factories or the lumber plants. Down here at the foothills we hear of the marvelous developments but one has to get back in the mountains to really appreciate the magnitude of the progress and Senator Giles was right in declaring that the "great awakening" is under way. The mountain people are just coming into a full realization of the rich treasures the mountains hold. These treasures lie in superb mountain scenery, healthful climate, rich minerals and broad forests. It is not uncommon to hear of million dollar resort developments all the way from Hendersonville to the Tennessee line that will make of that section in a few years a veritable fairland whose sheer beauty and unending fascination for the lover of outdoors will make it the goal of hundreds of thousands of people every year.

Mr. Quince Gilkey of Marion, one of the really big men in finance and vision has bought with his associates five thousand or more acres on Buch Creek which will be one of the outstanding resort developments in Western North Carolina. Mr. Gilkey is a prince of a fellow who will be one of the outstanding figures in the building of that section. Mr. Gilkey is being urged for Congress in the tenth district and if he is sent to that body, we believe he would throw his influence toward the realization of the "Great Smoky Mountain National park. He has a flaming ambition and enthusiasm for that section and is sponsoring the national park with no ulterior motives.

The Smoky Mountain National Park would embrace thousands of acres in North Carolina. If the people of North Carolina will get behind the project and enlist the co-operation of the National government, the government would re-stock the forest with wild game, build hotels and roads and preserve the natural beauty of the forests with over 35 varieties of native trees which are now being developed by lumbermen.

The great awakening is in its infancy and Shelby and the balance of the foothill country will soon begin to feel the good effects of it.

## HAWKINS PAINFULLY BURNED IN ACID BATH MONDAY

E. P. Hawkins, member of the city council and chief of the fire department, is suffering painful burns on the left leg, both feet and one arm this week as a result of being saturated with sulphuric acid.

After the fire at the Bowles residence, Monday, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Hall were refilling the acid tank of the fire engine, and when he lifted the large glass bottle containing the sulphuric acid the bottom fell out. His pants leg was burned off from just above the knee down, his sock burned off, as was also the fabric lining of his shoes. Medical aid was immediately summoned and Mr. Hawkins is able to be up and about.

It is believed that the glass container had become cracked and when he picked it up it fell apart.

## MEETING OF MURPHY WELFARE BOARD

The Murphy Welfare Board held its monthly meeting last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Several cases were discussed and plans made to secure Christmas baskets to be delivered to families outside the city who will not be able to attend the local church Christmas trees. The next meeting will be held in the office of the Welfare Department the third Thursday in January.

## LETITIA

Rev. C. F. Conley filled his regular appointment at Oak Grove church Saturday and Sunday and everyone present seemed to enjoy his sermons.

Messrs. W. W. Barton, E. W. Taylor, and Columbus Walker made a business trip to Murphy Monday.

Our Sunday School Superintendent L. P. Payne, is able to attend Sunday School again, and we hope his health will continue to improve.

Messrs. B. H. and W. M. Clonts are busy putting in telegraph poles.

Everybody in our community is looking forward to Christmas, expecting to have a good time.

J. E. Graham made a business trip to Asheville, Knoxville, and other points last week.

Mr. Lon Anderson, a prominent farmer of this place, has sold out and moved to his other farm near Culberson.

Messrs. Isaac and Henry Taylor and Howard Wiley are engaged in the crostie business.

Our Sunday School is still very good. Everybody come next Sunday and make it better.

## E. C. MOORE PURCHASES VALENTINE PROPERTY

Tract Composes Some 140 Acres Lying Almost in Heart of Murphy

One of the largest real estate deals transacted here in many months was consummated Tuesday when E. C. Moore, a local business man, acquired the valuable Valentine estate lying in the heart of the town. The property comprises about 140 acres, most of which lies well for development. It fronts on Valley River Avenue, Valley River and overlooks the beautiful Hiwassee River and the Town. Sunset drive and Dillard Street enter the property from Valley River Avenue. The property is only a few blocks from the heart of the business district.

The amount of the consideration was not learned. J. M. Vaughn of Murphy, who has had charge of the Valentine property in Murphy for the last thirty years, made the deal on the part of the Valentine estate, of which G. G. Valentine of Richmond, Va. was the trustee. Attorney S. J. Doswell of Richmond, counsel for the Valentine interests drew the legal papers, which he brought here today to file with the Register of Deeds.

Mr. Moore announces that he will lay the property off in lots and put on the market as quickly as possible. Because of its location and its topography it has long since been recognized as ideal for summer hotel and residential property and Mr. Moore says that he hopes to interest people in it who will develop it for this purpose. Some of the acreage on the back will probably be sold for small farms, it was said.

The marketing of this valuable piece of property promises to stimulate real estate dealings and buildings here during the next few months. This property has been held by the Valentines of Richmond for the past forty years. Mr. Moore, who is not a real estate dealer, bought the property simply that it might be marketed. Mr. Vaughn will aid in selling it.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nelson and son Billie, returned the latter part of the week to their home in Marion.

Mr. W. H. Woodbury of Asheville was in town this week looking after his business interests.

Miss Elizabeth Gentry who has charge of the school at Grape Creek spent the weekend at home.

The floor of the Presbyterian Church is being recovered with a layer of new flooring this week, and several other minor repairs made.

The many friends of Mrs. D. T. McNabb of near Suit, who has been seriously ill, will be glad to learn that she is better.

Sad news was received Monday, Dec. 9th, of the death of Mrs. Lizzie Smith, age 64 years, sister of Mrs. F. A. Hawkins and aunt of the Hawkins brothers of Murphy. She was found dead in bed. She was the widow of Isaac Smith, of Dalton, Ga., and was the mother of 13 children, eight of whom are living. She was the daughter of Mr. J. N. Craig, of this county. Funeral services were held at Dalton, Ga. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Baptist church for more than forty years, having professed faith in her early years.

Messrs. Gay Johnson, Sam Rogers, Clinton Cook, and Howell Bedden left Monday for Lemon City, Fla. for the winter.

Mrs. F. W. Hubbell who has been spending the past two weeks at the home of her sister, Miss Hattie Axley, returned to her home in Atlanta on Monday. Among the many courtesies paid her was an informal entertainment at the home of Mrs. W. A. Eryson on Wednesday afternoon, December the second. A few of the intimate friends of the honoree were the guests of the occasion. Mrs. Hubbell is a former Murphy girl and is always a welcome visitor.

## MRS. COVER RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

Action Due to Appointment as Commissioner to Pan-American Congress

Mrs. G. W. Cover, of Andrews, announced this week her resignation as chairman of the women's committee of Cherokee County for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park Fund. Mrs. Cover stated that this action followed her appointment last week by Governor McLean as commissioner to the Pan-American Congress which meets at New York December 14th to 17th, which opens with an elaborate banquet to all the Panconsuls and their wives.

Following Mrs. Cover's resignation, Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, of Sylva, general chairman of the women's committee, visited the county and appointed Mrs. W. B. Fisher, of Andrews, and Mrs. A. M. Brittain, of Murphy, as joint chairmen for Cherokee County. Mr. P. B. Ferber, of Andrews, is chairman for Cherokee county.

The campaign for raising Cherokee's quota of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of the park site has already been launched. Following is a copy of the pledge card now being distributed by the women: Great Smoky Mountains National Park Purchase and Promotion Subscription Form.

In consideration of the gifts of others and for the purpose of securing a National Park in the Great Smoky Mountains, I hereby agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Great Smoky Mountains, Inc., at Asheville, N. C., the sum of \$.....

Payment to be made as follows: \$..... cash or within thirty days, and the balance in three equal payments on or before January 1, 1927, January 1, 1928, and January 1, 1929.

Or, I agree to donate for National Park purposes land as indicated on the reverse side hereof.

Paid with pledge \$..... Name..... Street and No..... Postoffice..... Make Checks payable to F. Roger Miller, Treas. Secured by.....

## DISPLAY WINDOWS OF STORES TAKE ON XMAS HOLIDAY APPEARANCE

The display windows of the stores of Murphy have taken on the annual Christmas holiday appearance. Most of them are especially inviting with an extensive and brilliant array of Christmas goods, and the holiday trade this year promises to eclipse any previous year. The merchants are displaying an exceedingly high class of goods this year, and our readers are requested to look over the advertisements in this issue. They will prove a ready help in solving the gift problem which is uppermost in every mind at this season of the year. Read them and let them help you do your shopping.

Dr. W. M. Gilmore, recording secretary of the State Baptist Convention, will fill the pulpit at the Baptist Church at both the evening and morning hours Sunday. Dr. Gilmore

is a pastor of wide experience, and those failing to hear him will miss a treat. His subject for the evening hour will be "The High Cost of Loving."

Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Sasser left Monday, Mr. Sasser going to Louisville to complete a course of study in the Baptist Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Sasser to Brookhaven, Miss., to visit relatives. They will return the first of January.

There is an English saying that if a man's shoes and hat are correct he is well dressed. For that matter the upkeep and overhead are the important parts of any concern.

"Maybe the magazines one finds in the dentist's waiting room are put there to indicate how long he has been practicing."—Arkansas Gazette Or possible they show how long the patients have been waiting.