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A Scenic Country

Under the caption, "Advertise North Carolina," a well known state paper says editorially:

The National Geographic Magazine which, by means of remarkably clear and beautiful pictures in color and half-tone, almost succeeds in picking up the reader and transporting him to the scene depicted, gives long-delayed recognition to the Grandfather-Linville section of the North Carolina mountains in its issue for June.

Several color and half-tone views taken in the vicinity of Grandfather, Blowing Rock, Linville Falls and Lake James, are used in illustrating the article, "Wild Gardens of the Southern Appalachians," written by Leo A. Borah. The photographs were made by a staff photographer of the magazine, under the guidance of Rufus Gwyn, of Lenoir.

Possessing some of the most beautiful scenery of the Western World, scenery which a Frenchman says in the Baltimore Sun, reminds him of the lordly Pyrenees of France and Spain, North Carolina has found it difficult to awake the rest of America to a proper appreciation of it. The mountain peaks around Asheville, thanks to an active chamber of commerce and the advertising of a railroad company, are pretty well known and the Great Smokies are coming into their own by virtue of the establishment of a national park. But the Linville and Grandfather country, which possesses the most picturesque and statey scenery in the Carolinas, perhaps, has been neglected almost as badly as a red-headed step-child.

The publicity given this beautiful region in the National Geographic, one of the outstanding periodicals of its type in the world, should prove of immense and lasting benefit to the Linville-Grandfather area. At last the hill country has found its claim to distinction recognized.

And we cite this as further reasons for the selection of the North Carolina route for the scenic park-to-park highway. The route proposed by North Carolina sponsors is as scenic as any that can be found east of the Mississippi and we urge our congressmen and senators to continue their efforts on behalf of the North Carolina route.

Public Hangings

Three men were executed in New York the other night for the brutal and somewhat clumsy murder of a man who seemingly was immune to death. After hiring a taxi driver to run him down, they tried freezing him to death in a park on a cold winter night. Later they gave him wood alcohol to drink and he liked the flavor. Shortly thereafter they turned on the gas in an apartment and succeeded in ending the man's life.

While it took weeks for them to accomplish their crime, which was committed for the purpose of collecting insurance money, it required only 16 minutes for the state of New York to exact the death penalty of all three.

These facts are stated only as an introduction to another and more important observation. How many people even noticed the item in the newspapers telling of their execution? The average electrocution is scarcely noticed by the public. The thing has become so common that the newspapers carry a brief item and forget about it.

But not many as old as 60 years have forgotten the last public hanging in Wilkes. When Byers was strung up in Wilkesboro in 1888, a crowd was on hand and we have been told that murderers were scarce in the county for several years thereafter. The court records, we believe, will support this statement.

It is admitted that public hangings seem brutal. To feed morbid curiosity in that manner is not an admirable trait of an advanced civilization, but neither is murder a desirable event.

The type of man that will commit murder is of the type that will be impressed with the gruesome picture and the sordid details of a public hanging. Undoubtedly, a mind so impressed is less apt to dwell on doing evil toward fellow man.

But to whisk a murderer away to Raleigh and finish the job in the small death chamber, where only a few spectators are admitted, is to remove the crime-deterrent possibilities from the community that should thereby be benefited.

Many of those believing in capital punishment are inclined to believe that the death chair has been worthless as a crime deterrent.

Not in The Ho

Because a catbird, guarding her home in a thicket in the botanical garden in New York City, would not leave, Superintendent Allen ordered the clump of brush left alone for six months. Who says there isn't sentiment still in the world?

A New York magistrate offered a tip to cities with civic organizations interested in keeping their cities clean and attractive. The magistrate sentenced 17 men, who had been arrested for strewing newspapers in Central Park, to spend three hours each giving the park a general cleaning. It's a tip that if accepted would bring results.

Three lawyers in Brooklyn, N. Y., lost the case for their clients last week when the presiding judge told the jury one of the lawyers had given his pocketbook to an attendant for safekeeping. The five defendants in the case were pickpockets. The jury convicted them.

Questioned for three hours in Parliament several days ago, a witness drank 13 cups of Russian tea. Evidently, the gentleman was in a hot situation.

It was forty years ago that a friend accidentally shot Ferdinand Wagoner, of Springfield, Ind., in the stomach. Doctors thought he couldn't live, but did their best to save him. They made him a whole new stomach which consisted mostly of silver tubes. They still thought he couldn't live. But he did. Today, June 11, he celebrated his 102nd birthday.

Fletcher's Selection

The selection of Henry P. Fletcher, of Pennsylvania, as new chairman of the Republican national committee, is generally interpreted as meaning that the Hoover influence is still dominant in the councils of the party.

A conservative of the old school, Fletcher was the choice of Mills and Brown, two of Hoover's chief lieutenants.

The Republican battle cry in the forthcoming congressional races has been sounded with a plea for a "square deal" rather than a "new deal." That will probably be the slogan until 1936.

Whether the hold of the "new deal" has been broken sufficiently for the Republicans to win additional seats in the House of Representatives this fall is problematical. Political observers are doubtful.

That a reaction from the tremendous popularity of President Roosevelt would be natural is universally admitted. But at this point in the program, political observers fail to see the break.

Whatever one's own political affiliations, it should be interesting to watch developments from now until November 6.

The Book

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

LUKE USHERS IN WOMEN

Paul, the most adventurous of the early Christian missionaries, was often sick, and had as a physician a Greek gentleman named Luke. Luke had a friend named Theophilus who, as he thought, would be interested in the story of Jesus, but not in the form set forth by Mark or Matthew. Accordingly, Luke wrote:

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

It seems good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus.

You will note that he does not criticize the accounts already written but observes merely that he does not find them adapted to Theophilus. He did not claim to have been, and in fact was not, an original disciple, but he said that he had enjoyed exceptional opportunities for hearing the story from reliable men who had first-hand knowledge. These are perfectly straightforward reasons for writing a book and they furnish a pleasing introduction to the Good News as Luke wrote it and to that later book, partly compiled from his own experiences as a companion of Paul, the Acts.

Luke did not care a fig about quotations from the Old Testament which might be very convincing to a Jew, for Theophilus was not a Jew. But he did tell of the Good Samaritan, and of the Prodigal Son, and some other exalted stories of the appreciation of Jesus for folks beyond the narrow walls of Judaism. Matthew never could have written this book any more than Luke could have written Matthew's.

One other fact is significant about the third Gospel. In some way the writer got hold of a fresh source of information about the women of that early Jerusalem community. Who told him and what was told we can only guess, but the fact is clear that Luke knew more and tells more about the women who were friends of Jesus than any of the other writers. That element gives an added quality of fineness to his book, which is probably the most beautiful book in the world.

Years later, in Ephesus, where Greek philosophy had tinged the thought and vocabulary of all educated people, a man named John wrote another story of Jesus. It is hardly the life-story; rather is it an interpretation, and a very fine one. We should have lost some of the most beautiful sayings of Jesus if it were not for this fourth Gospel, and one has only to read it through to understand why in every age it has been so greatly loved.

Confederate Veteran Remembers

Lee's Surrender At Appomattox

Hope To Complete No. 18 This Week

Highway 18 will be hard-surfaced through to Laurel Springs soon.

Kiker and Yount, contractors, who are laying the oil treatment pavement on highway No. 18 between Fairplains and McGrady, are expecting to complete the road this week, according to information given out here.

Five miles of the road out from Fairplains toward McGrady were paved several days ago and the contractors were called to the Smoky Mountain National Park to complete a tourist road. They resumed work on No. 18 last week and weather conditions prevented the completion of the paving as soon as was expected. The road will be finished this week, provided weather conditions are favorable.

Teacher Load Is Lowered

Raleigh.—Despite a decrease in average daily attendance, it appeared today that the number of North Carolina school teachers would not be reduced next year.

The state school commission, meeting here, decided tentatively to lower the teacher load in elementary schools. The high school quota, however, was not changed.

Had the teacher load not been reduced, the number of teachers would automatically have been slashed since the quotas are based on average daily attendance, which dropped during the current year.

The new teacher load for elementary schools was set at six teachers for the first 180 pupils and one additional instructor for each 35 additional pupils. The former quota called for an additional teacher for each 35 additional children.

All attendance reports have not yet been received. The commission will meet again in two weeks to make definite teacher allotments for 1934-35 on the basis of complete reports.

MAN KILLED TRYING TO PREVENT SUICIDE

Rocky Mount, June 8.—Failing to wrest a pistol from his wife's hand as she attempted to kill herself here yesterday, Willie Gay, 39, was fatally wounded and his wife, 29, sent to a hospital with two bullet holes in her lungs.

The shooting occurred as the couple with their daughter, Audrey Lewis Gay, 11, rode along a highway just north of the city limits. F. W. Dudley, city employe working at the airport, was first attracted when he saw a car career into a ditch near the airfield, heard a pistol shot and a woman scream. Dudley said that he found Gay slumped under the steering wheel of the car, a bullet wound in the right side, and the woman with the gun in her hand and a wound in her chest.

Mrs. Gay said, according to Dudley, that she intended to kill herself but that in the struggle with her husband for possession of the .32 calibre revolver she took from her purse, the weapon discharged and Gay was fatally wounded. When Dudley arrived at the car the woman handed him the gun and immediately after jerked it out of his hand and shot herself a second time.

Both Gay and his wife were rushed to a local hospital but Gay was dead when he arrived. Physicians said that Mrs. Gay was in a serious condition but gave her a chance to recover unless complications develop.

FULFILLMENT

I sought the doubtful comfort of my grief
Wherewith to meet Time's annual disaster.
For I was burdened with the falling leaf,
And subject to the wind as to a master.

All winter long my heart was in the grave,
Doubtful of life and all departed glory;
Unmindful that the naked trees were brave
And still believed the resurrection story.

But not I have no cynic's word to say,
As Time fulfills her old perpetual pledges:
As, inch by inch and day on growing day,
The green creeps back along the wintered hedges.
—James Larkin Pearson in New York Times.

Oil Code Meeting To Be Held Tomorrow Night

Distributors and dealers of petroleum products in this territory will meet at the courthouse in Wilkesboro tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing provisions of the petroleum code and to hear complaints of code violators.

J. T. Edwards Writes On Experiences In War Between the States

CONFEDERATE VETERAN — Believing that actual accounts of real happenings by people who are known are of more interest than fiction, The Journal-Patriot is publishing at regular intervals letters written by Wilkes veterans of the Confederacy.

Below is a letter written by J. T. Edwards, of Ronda. Mr. Edwards was a member of Company F, 37th North Carolina Regiment:

On the 2nd day of April, 1865, I was on picket duty in front of Battery 48, when the Federals broke our lines on the extreme right. Just as the sun was rising we could see their army marching in line of battle toward Battery 45. Their guns and bayonets shinning in the sun presented a grand spectacle.

The Federals had a line of pickets to the south of us and when we would rise out of our dugouts they would shoot at us. Our lieutenant, Tom Norwood, who had charge of the picket line at this place, saw the Federal picket line being reinforced, ordered our lines to fall back to Battery 45, our picket line being weak. When we reached our battery, we found our regiment there. They gave us the sad news that our captain, John Petty, had been killed.

In the evening just after dark, orders were given to retreat. Then for seven days we retreated in the direction of Appomattox Court House, throwing up temporary breastworks every evening.

On April 9, 1865, when we were in sight of Appomattox Court House, two couriers were met with flags of truce. One was said to be Gen. Custer, who later was killed by the Indians. Orders were then given to fall back and go into camp.

The following day we marched between two lines of Federal soldiers and stacked arms.

In going back to camp we passed a crowd of soldiers cutting up an apple tree that was said to be the tree under which Gen. Lee surrendered, each soldier getting a chip or piece of wood as a souvenir.

On the evening of the 12th of April, after getting honorable discharges, we left camp for home. I arrived home April 20, 1865.

Mrs. Mary Jane Walters

Elkin, June 8.—Mrs. Mary Jane Lawrence Walters, 74, died Friday morning at her home at State Road after a lingering illness. Her death followed closely the passing of her husband, Robert Walters, 12 days ago, with whom she had lived happily for 60 years.

Mrs. Walters is survived by five sons and one daughter; John Walters, of Benham, Wilkes county; Richard and Luther Walters, of State Road; Grove Walters, of Ronda, and Mrs. Rachel Key, of Austin, Wilkes county. Other survivors are a brother, James Lawrence, two sisters, Mrs. D. Wagoner and Mrs. Rebecca Swift and 31 grandchildren.

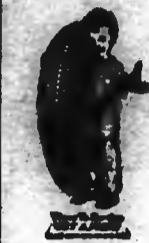
The funeral rites were conducted Saturday morning from Mount Pleasant Baptist church.

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President Roosevelt Pledges Better Living For American Citizens

Washington, June 8.—President Roosevelt told Congress today that he was working out a plan to make it possible for "Americans to live as Americans should."

The plan, which he promised to submit to the next Congress, will comprise better housing, the planned use of natural resources and provision against unemployment and dependent old age.

Immediately, Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, said "legislation during the next session will be based on the message."

In the message, Mr. Roosevelt informed both friends and enemies that criticism had not swerved him from his vision of a planned national economy to prevent periodical jarring falls into depression.

"It is childish," he said, "to talk of recovery first and reconstruction afterward. In the very nature of the processes of recovery we must avoid the destructive influences of the past."

After scanning the trenchant phrases in the message, many Democrats came to the conclusion that it could serve as an admirable campaign document for the fall campaigns.

PLAYED OUT!



AND THEN HE SMOKED A CAMEL

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