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We Get The Short End

Congressman Redden, the new member from the mountain district, is beginning his term by seeking the full development of the approaches to the Smoky Mountain Park on the North Carolina side.

The inference is that Senator McKellar of Tennessee, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, has managed to secure the larger share of the development of the Great Smoky Mountain Park, though Tennessee came in on a slow train as to that great national park.

The Great Smokies should be the pride of both States and it is to be hoped Mr. Redden and other North Carolina members will be able to secure the needed developments on the eastern side of this most attractive of all national parks.

"Always On The Job"

In his talk on "The Qualifications of a Teacher" before the Central Elementary P.T.A. last Tuesday Rev. M. R. Williamson pointed out that a teacher is a "marked person in the community and that they are on the job at all times—and that their job does not end for the day when they leave the school room—they are constantly on the job as far as public scrutiny and demands."

This is true, and a teacher should be able to meet these demands not alone for ability, but also for character and influence. We have all heard children quote with confidence "Now my teacher says."

Mr. Williamson further pointed out that for these very reasons a teacher should be paid more salary. We agree with Mr. Williamson, and we also feel that school boards can demand more when the salaries are raised, which in the end will lift the standards of our schools to the desired level.

It is often said that things have to reach a low standard sometimes before the public will be sufficiently aroused to take action. While there have been many teachers, without the required certificates, who have done excellent jobs by virtue of the fact that they have a special talent of handling children and imparting knowledge, but the majority of those who have not the proper credentials, we fear, have been lacking in these attributes, and the students under them are behind in their work.

North Carolina has a great challenge in the present educational situation and with the increase in salaries, which seems to be evident those who employ our teachers will now be in a position to demand the best, which it will take only a few years to show results in our schools and the higher standards of our educational systems.

And a teacher who does not realize that she should be "on the job" at all times is lacking in appreciation of her influence among those she has been employed to teach and guide.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to the officers of the Haywood Home Building and Loan Association for their record of the past year. The record should be of gratification not only to the stockholders who share in the profits, but also to the public in general, for the record is a reflection of the condition of the community.

We like to think of our people in the county being home owners. Owning one's home is a fine thing as a foundational tie to a community. It gives one more pride in the section in which they live. A home gives one a sense of security, and an interest to work for.

The number of loans speaks for itself in that the urge to own one's home is a strong desire in this community, and that through the building and loan people are willing to work hard and save in order to realize the dream of a home of their own.

Surveys

One of the finest steps toward attracting outsiders to this section of the state has been inaugurated by the members and agencies working in the Western North Carolina Associated Communities, in the survey which is to be taken in the communities and counties of this area.

We have needed for sometime information in a definite form to give prospective residents who wish to retire and live here and to the industrialist who is seeking a site for the development and establishment of a business.

With the completion and compilation of the data which is being sponsored by the WNCAC we will have this needed information in a form which will appeal to both the prospective residents and the business man. There will be a stamp of authenticity about the data which will appeal to both groups.

Since there are so many advantages in common in this section of the state, a combined effort of the group will be far more effective than the small work of each county. We feel that vast results will come out of this survey which will lend much toward future development and progress in Western North Carolina.

The meeting held here last Wednesday was one of the most constructive of its kind ever staged by groups working for this area, and each person attending felt the urge of a serious responsibility to their community and county, which should make the people of this section of the state feel that they have chosen well in the leaders who will carry forward this program.

Farm Trails

Due to the contour of the land farmers in this section have always had some difficult problems to solve in their cultivation of the soil. Now with the prospective AAA trails program one of the problems will be solved.

In this county which is so well fitted for the cattle industry, the development of hillside pastures is of vital importance to the industry, as it is necessary to use to the best advantage the "lowlands" for the cultivation of crops.

The development which will make these hillsides more accessible for cultivation of the grass will bring about much change and will give the farmers more productive pastures. The practice should give the stockraisers of Haywood county a great impetus in the number of cattle they produce on their farms, aside from reclaiming and rebuilding many hillsides.

Future Leaders

Last issue we carried a long list of officers of the Haywood County 4-H Clubs who will serve during 1947. It would be interesting to look ten or more years into the future and review the same lists. We are quite sure that many of the leaders of the county of tomorrow are listed among those teen-agers of today.

With the fine training that our boys and girls get in the projects of the 4-H Clubs they are receiving preparation for the place they will take both in their communities and the high type of work they will continue on the farms of Haywood in the years to come.

While we have our own problems here in America, to the outside world we seem to be a promised land of plenty, judging from the thousands of persons, who are reported to be waiting at European ports for transportation.

Despite the fact that President Truman issued a directive months ago designed to aid the entry of European refugees in to this country, it is said that only a little more than half as many have arrived as were issued visas. Now the president has issued orders for four Liberty ships, each with accommodations for 900 passengers to be dispatched to Germany for bringing these immigrants to America. We trust those coming here will not be disappointed in our country, and that in turn we will like the type of citizens they become.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

The First National Bank here had a rather unusual visitor during the past week—a Good Will Ambassador, Robert J. Nyren, district Representative of the Travelers' Cheque section of the International Department of The Bank of America, of San Francisco.

Speaking of money just naturally brings up taxes which are such an absorbing question just now—when we are all trying to make out income taxes—we read this week that unlike other industry, the liquor industry likes to pay big taxes and while others grumble, pay and try to forget, the liquor industry makes charts of its tax payments and broadcasts them to the world and turns them into assets. They use their taxes to justify themselves and the industry is portrayed as a notable supporter of government and a public benefactor for making possible through taxation many agencies. Naturally this information makes impressive statistics. On the other hand this is not the whole story for regardless of how one feels on the subject—whether they drink wet or

Tar Heel a native of Stokes county.

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Inside WASHINGTON

Bumpy Weather Forecast For the Nation's Airlines | Republican Open Forum Draws Capital's Notice

WASHINGTON—Look for the nation's airlines to fly through some bumpy weather before they are able to get back on the beam again. Air crashes, reduced passenger mileage, the recent TWA pilot's strike and growing pains have combined to give the major lines a rough time.

To cap it all, came the bad weather which "socked in" all eastern fields during both the Christmas and New Year holidays. Thousands had to turn to the railroads at the last minute, which induced many not to rely on plane reservations in the future for any "must" trip.

Economic observers hold that the airlines, despite their war-time growth, are still in the fledgling stage as far as realizing full potentialities are concerned.

They note that most major firms, in expanding, have spread themselves pretty thin. Moreover, they note, the airlines have not been able to complete their programs, including modernization of terminals, as fast as they wished and the public has grown tired of the inconveniences at many major airports.

The result has been a decline in revenues which, in turn, forces some lines to curtail operations in order to weather the emergency. However, there is considerable confidence that, by a thorough overhauling, including the elimination of some "window dressing" personnel and the adoption of strict business methods, the airlines will come through, because of the inherent steady demand for fast transportation.

THE MOVEMENT KNOWN as the Republican Open Forum has been making itself heard around Washington lately. Known more commonly as the ROF, it is actually an association of local groups, spread around the country, which gathers the opinions of Republicans, as expressed at meetings, and makes reports on "grass roots" thinking for party leaders in and out of Congress.

The Republican National committee acknowledged the "excellent work" of the ROF, but refused support. Observers find little difficulty in understanding this lack of direct assistance, since the organization was formed under the protective wing of Harold Stassen, an avowed presidential candidate, who remains chairman of the ROF advisory board.

However, Henry T. McKnight, ROF executive director and a Stassen adherent, maintains the organization will not develop into a group of Stassen-for-President clubs, despite the liberal contributions to ROF by the "Minnesota Fund" which also contributes to the Stassen campaign.

Washington politicians agree with McKnight that the forum would lose some party value if they became too Stassen-minded, but they have grave doubts that the present impartiality will last.

WHILE POLITICIANS ROAR in strictly political speeches in demands for "open diplomacy" they are generally reluctant to having the same principle apply to party politics. Hence a number were somewhat shocked when Senator Wilson of Iowa, swept in in the Republican landslide, proposed that the recent Republican conference of senators prior to taking over Senate control be open to the public.

He didn't push the suggestion but he thoroughly believes in such conduct of political matters. Semi-official as well as official proceedings, he is convinced, should be thrown open. He has proved the sincerity of his convictions, too. While governor of Iowa he insisted that the door of his private office be kept open at all times. Waiting visitors could always see who sat across the desk from Wilson. Some politicians who liked to decide things in secret huddles were annoyed.

In Iowa, he also threw open sessions of his executive council, which transacts most of the state's executive business. Officials participating were at first embarrassed, but Wilson insists the plan worked. "There were no misunderstandings about what we were doing," he says, "and we had nothing to hide."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What is your favorite comic strip?

Bill Robinson: "Alley Oop. It's not at all true to life, and just for fun."

Dot Martia: "Little Orphan Annie. There's something new developing all the time."

Ned Tucker: "Al Capp's Li'l Abner. He's the only guy I've ever found dumber than myself."

Edith McCracken: "I like Right Around Home best. It's true to life, and always gives me a laugh."

Hilliard Frazer: "Dick Tracy is one of my favorites. There's a lot of action, and yet there is humor as well."

dry—a visit to any courtroom in the United States, might find that the liquor industry is a pretty expensive item to a lot of tax payers.

If the rising generations in Haywood county are no good public speakers it will not be the fault of the older generation, for there have never been as many oratorical contests as this year—to encourage the art of public speaking. The Haywood attorneys deserve special mention of the seven medals they have given in the seven high schools of the county and the bond and cash prizes in the county-wide event. Then we note that the UDC's are branching out and had two contests this year instead of one. Then there is the Good Health Association contest which started in the high schools and will end Thursday night in the State Capitol, and Haywood folks are mighty proud to know that one of our own girls, Theresa Alley will be among the four to compete. Again on Feb. 2 the DAR chapter will sponsor their annual contest.

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NEW YORK—It probably is no more than right to warn the citizens of hamlets, villages and farms of the nation that another swoon-style singer is being given the sort of buildup to put him in the footsteps of Sinatra, Como and Haymes.

No telling how far this buildup will scout him along the popularity ski-chute, but he already has attracted a good deal of attention among youngsters of the short-sox set, as well as quite a few folk who take their swing music seriously. His name is Mel Torme. The last name is pronounced "Tormay," which, if he becomes a national

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

VISITORS—They aren't saying much about it yet, but the "Lost Colony" enthusiasts are hoping to have President Harry Truman and daughter, Margaret, down for the tenth anniversary of this Paul Green masterpiece this summer.

Plans for this year's presentation were discussed at a meeting held in Raleigh last week. . . . Harry and Margaret were not featured in this talking. However, they will be invited very shortly now.

You recall that President Roosevelt came down on August 18, 1937, if memory serves correctly, to see the show and to make a speech.

Mrs. Truman will also be invited, but she, unlike her predecessor is "averse to travel" . . . except in

Washington Letters

GOP DOORKEEPER STARTS CHECKING UP ON EMPLOYEES

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Monroe L. Meletio of St. Louis, who wears pince nez glasses, a brown suit with a thin white stripe in it and tan shoes, and looks like a cross between a business man and a banker, has been "on the hill" 30 years.

For 29 years he was Republican pair clerk of the House of Representatives.

A pair clerk is the man who arranges for a pairing of votes. After the roll is called, the majority and minority leaders of the House, or somebody designated by them, tell

the pair clerk that an absentee member is paired with another member of the opposite party. Thus, though absent, he is reported as having voted.

This is what some members during the long drawing debate last summer themselves permanently in the subject and never left the chamber.

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