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THE WAY NESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Masons Conclude Assembly With Marker Trip, Banquet **Smathers Book**

the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina closed Tuesday with a Council session, a trip to the Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap and a dinner at the Central Elementary cafeteria.

C. B. Shulenberg of Raleigh and J. Edward Rooker of Warrenton were the speakers at the latter occasions

About 100 members of the 250person registration gathered at the marker under a cloudless sky to hear Mr. Shulenberg, a professor at State College, discuss the universality of Masonry, with special emphasis on the marker as its symbol. He outlined the history of the summer assembly, beginning in 1935, and the erection of the marker in 1938. "As these stones, he said, "voluntarily sent from all lands, are cemented into a comso are men of many nalages, creeds and stalife cemented into a tions universal brotherhood by the fellowship, understanding and respect promoted by a mutual attitude of justice, equity, tolerance and impartiality.

Mr. Rooker, a textile manufacturer and Mayor of Warrenton, who spoke at the closing banquet. pointed out that Masonry was a democratic organization. "Masonry respects no man for his worldly wealth or honor," he said. The organization has always stood for high ideals and lofty standards, he emphasized. "Masonry has given men a broader vision and outlook on world problems," he stated, "and a kinder feeling toward their T. Jones of South Carolina, W. C. fellow man.

tending the three-day assembly and M. E. Clark of Florida and were W. W. Hopkins of Durham, Clarence L. Johnston of the Canal 10 E. B. Oldham of High Point, R. M. Zone, now living in Henderson-Wynn of Elizabeth City, E. C. Reynolds of Pennsylvania, Ben ville,



NEW ADDITION to rapidly growing Maggie Valley is this Maggie Chamber of Commerce building, opened recently by the newly formed organization, Secretary at the office is Mrs. Leta Smathers, who worked in the Canton Chamber of Com-

merce for 20 years, and represented Dun and Bradstreet for a number of years before that. The Maggie Chamber office is adjacent to the

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of soft drinks; thousands of hot

dogs will be scorched and more thousands of marshmallows will suddenly turn to cinders if atten-

dance at the Pisgah National Forest lives up to this year's predictions by Ranger Ted Seely.

He estimates that 250,000 picnickers will use the facilities of the area, with another 975,000 coming as campers. Altogether something like 2,000,000 persons arc expected to eat, sleep, fish,

hunt, hike or just relax and enjoy the scenery of the Pisgah district. The opening of the 11-mile Parkway Ilnk between Wagon Road

Gap and Beech Gap is drawing an ever-increasing number of motor-

ists to the area. Leaving Waynesville on Highway 276 driver

ascends Mt. Pisgah to reach the

spectacular panoramas opening to

either side of the Parkway. Return-

ing by way of the old gravelled

Lake Logan road, he finds waterfalls and secluded glens at every

turn as he descends from the head-

Facilities are being expanded to

take care of the influx of visitors.

An entirely new picnicking area

has been opened at Sliding Rock. long one of Pisgah's most popular

spots. The development includes

tables, running water and rest

rooms. The spot is close to the highway, but, surrounded as it is

by tall trees, gives a feeling of

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waters of the Pigeon River.

Hits Front Page Of Miami Herald

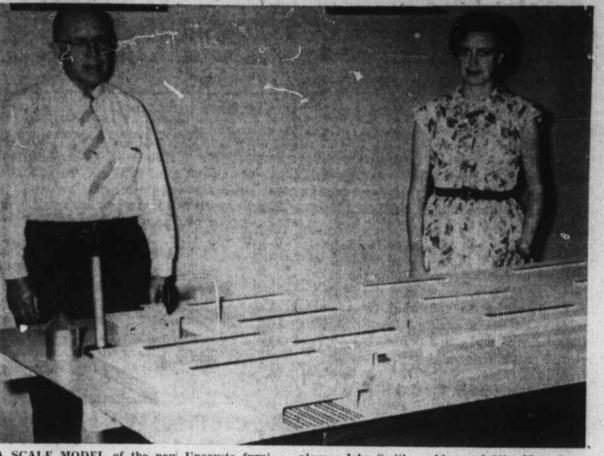
'God's beautiful Waynesville' leaps to prominence on the front page of the Miami Herald for July 6 as columnist Jack Bell reviews Judge Frank Smathers' new book, "The Last Pioneer of Western North Carolina.'

Bell, who writes 'The Town Crier," explains that the book has been reviwed before but that 'Frank's trying to pry me away from that fog-infested Blowing Rock to God's beautiful Waynesville.

In his brief review Bell quotes several paragraphs from the book, including the judge's description of his grandfather, John C. Smathers:

"He was a good brick mason, hoss trader, carpenter, shoemaker. tinner, painter, blacksmith, plumber, harness and saddle maker, farmer, hunter, storekeeper, bee raiser, merchant, physician, lawyer, railsplitter, gardener, Bible reader-and he could run a fast race and win most of his wrestling matches."

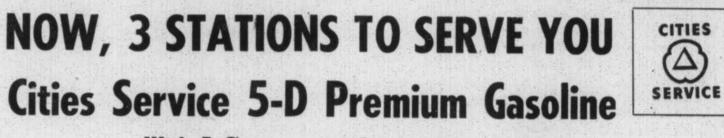
The Chinese were burning natural gas to evaporate brine and produce salt in 940 B. C



A SCALE MODEL of the new Unagusta furniture plant, now under construction, is on display in the window of the First State Bank at Hazelwood. Looking over the model here are bank em-

ployees John Smith, cashier, and Miss Mary Sue Crocker, teller, The model was made by Bill Prevost, an official of the furniture company. (Mountaineer Photo)

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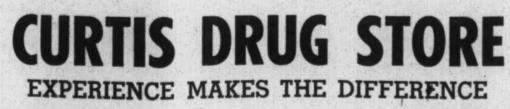
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