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## Work Favors Smoky Mountains for Park

Recommended by the Secretary of the Interior—Important Conference on Park Situation to be held Next Monday—Will Discuss Legislation

Washington, Jan. 10.—What is deemed to be an important conference—that is if North Carolina is to secure a national Appalachian park from Congress is to be held in Senator Simmons' office on Monday January 19. The park commission appointed by the legislature is to confer there with the state delegation in Congress to take steps to secure the passage of some one of the bills that have been introduced for the purpose of creating a park in the state.

Representative Doughton, who is the author of one of these bills, said today that it is highly necessary that the state park commission come to this conference with such detailed concrete information as will aid the author of one or the other of these bills to secure a favorable report on it from the public lands committee of the house. Mr. Doughton emphasized the statement that the conference would be of little value unless the commission brings with it definite information as to the area of the land that can be secured for the park how it is to be secured, its cost, what part of the state is willing to take in securing the park and the attitude of landowners within the proposed park area.

Mr. Doughton said that such information would be required at the hearings before the public lands committee. It is expected these hearings will begin soon after this conference and it is necessary that the information should be thoroughly thrashed out and digested so that it can be presented with an intelligence and force that will impress the committee. Mr. Doughton said the state park commission was appointed with this purpose in view and has had ample time and opportunity to secure all the data that should be required.

Secretary Work of the Interior department declared today that he hopes to see the establishment of two national parks in the eastern section of the United States, one at Blue Ridge in Virginia and another in Smoky Mountain area bordering on Tennessee and North Carolina. In a statement issued today he said: "At the present time legislation is pending in Congress for the creation of a commission to investigate and report the possibility and cost of acquisition of the proposed site at Blue Ridge. An appropriation of \$10,000 is included to cover the necessary expense of this inquiry. It is my opinion that this commission instead of confining its work to the Blue Ridge should also be authorized by Congress to investigate the cost of establishing a second national park in the Great Smoky area.

"Of the existing 19 national parks all with the exception of one are located in the western states. It is time that a definite policy be adopted for the creation of at least two national parks in the eastern section for the benefit of its millions of inhabitants who live in densely populated communities. As a matter of fact the people of the east are probably more in need of opportunities for outdoor life than are those of any part of the country.

"The proposed national park at Blue Ridge with its scenic and recreational qualities, will draw visitors from a population of 40,000,000 inhabitants. A second national park in the Smoky Mountains will also give outdoor and recreational facilities to many millions more in the South. These proposed sites are identical in area, both are small for national park purposes, and one should be operated to supplement the other."

Senator Overman is not only receiving letters from North Carolina, but from residents of Virginia outlining the disadvantages it will put the people to by the government taking over their homes for national park purposes. One prominent citizen of Virginia writes that within the boundary as proposed in Virginia outlining the disadvantages it will put the people to by the government taking over their homes for national park purposes. One prominent citizen of Virginia writes that within the boundary as proposed in Virginia it would affect something like 15,000 people, many of whom together with their descendants have lived in that vicinity for generations, that it will take out of Greene county alone 375 or 400 families and some of the best farming land in the country.

## Hardware Business Changes Hands

Qualls Hardware Stock Purchased by Local Firm to be Known as the Farmers Hardware and Supply Company. Capital \$50,000.

The Farmers Hardware and Supply Company is the name of the new firm incorporated under the laws of North Carolina with an authorized capital stock of \$50,000, which is opening its doors to the people of Boone and Watauga county.

The officers of the corporation are Russel D. Hodges, president; W. C. Greer, vice president, and Clyde K. Green, Secretary and Treasurer. The new firm has bought the entire stock of the Qualls Hardware, which will be moved into the John W. Hodges store rooms, formerly occupied by the Boone Hardware Company. The company proposes to add to the stock in every department.

Green and Greer have been long in the employ of the Boone Hardware people and are good business men. The President Mr. Hodges, has served as Assistant Cashier in the Peoples Bank & Trust Company and his business qualifications are fine.

**BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
R. Y. P. U. 6 p. m.  
Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday 7 p. m.

Pastor preaches Sunday morning on the "Blessedness of Receiving and of Giving," and Sunday night on "Stephen—A Full Man."

Next Sunday has been designated by the Southern Baptist Convention as Relief Day. Free will offerings are asked to supply, food, clothing and shelter for the thousands of orphan children of the persecuted Armenian Christians and other countries of the Near East, and also to help the starving in Russia. Let every one make a free will offering to meet these desperate needs.

"In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

## THE WORLD FOR HIM

Sir John Herschel has said: "Were I to pray for a taste which should stand me in stead under every variety of circumstances and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me during life, and a shield against its ills, however things might go amiss and the world frown upon me, it would be a taste for reading. Give a man that taste and the means of gratifying it, and you can hardly fail if making him a happy man unless indeed you put into his hands a most perverse selection of books. You place him in contact with the best society in every period of history—with the wisest, the wittiest, the tenderest and the bravest and the purest characters that adorned humanity. You must make him a denizen of all ages, a contemporary of all nations. The world has been created for him."

## BROWN ATTRACTS WIDE ATTENTION

Special to Winston Journal.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—Senator John E. Brown, democrat of Boone representing the twenty-ninth senatorial district, carried every county in his district by a good majority although his home county of Watauga, elected a republican Representative I. G. Greer.

Senator Brown made the record in the November election of carrying the 29th district by the biggest majority ever given a democrat there for the office of State Senator. The district is composed of the counties of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany, sometimes called the "Lost Provinces" of the region of the state beyond the Blue Ridge.

Senator Brown is a native of Alleghany county but has been a resident of Boone for a number of years. His republican opponent W. L. Winkler, of Boone is perhaps one of the most popular leaders in the district, but despite this, the democrat won out.

Senator Brown carried Watauga by 347; Ashe by 632; and Alleghany by 595, making his total majorities in the three counties 1,494.

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## Organization of Assembly Complete without Incident

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—The General Assembly of 1925 went to the bat at noon on Wednesday of last week. The organization of both branches of the Assembly was without incident. All contests had been settled at caucus on the evening previous. The members simply "promised to be good" and went right to business. Chief Justice Hoke administered the oath in the Senate and Associate Justice Clarkson in the House.

Representative Edgar W. Pharr of Mecklenburg, had it all his own way in the speakership contest and no other name was presented to the democratic caucus for that honor. Mecklenburgers were here in large number to see the high honor bestowed. The bus time this distinction went to that great county was when Cary Dowd "put the fix" on the boys in 1911. Mr. Pharr therefore has a precedent to which he may look back for the Mecklenburg brand of information.

Other officers of the house are Alex Laxater of Bertie, principal clerk, Dr. C. M. Higgins of Anson sergeant-at-arms; E. M. Woodhouse of Currituck, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Miss Rosa Mund of Cabarrus engrossing clerk; Needum W. Mangum of Wake, reading clerk; succeeding David P. Dellinger one of the present representatives from Gaston who has done the reading stand for the House during the last five consecutive sessions.

The Senate caucus Tuesday night made short work of the task before it. There was no contest for anything after the withdrawal of Senator Paul Grady for President Pro-temporary of that august body, and Senator Burgwyn of Northampton is wielder of the gavel in the north chamber of the capitol this winter. He has been to the Legislature many times before and knows pretty well what is required to operate the machinery to the best advantage. Senator Grady becomes chairman of Judiciary committee no. 1 of that body.

The Senate re-elected Frank D. Hackett of Wilkes principal clerk, W. D. Gaster, Cumberland; Sergeant-at-arms; J. A. Bryson, Henderson assistant sergeant-at-arms; Rev. A. Coffey of Martin, engrossing clerk; Bark Arendell of Wake, reading clerk. Mr. Hawes of Pender who was defeated for reading clerk by Mr. Arendell will it is understood accept the clerkship to the Finance Committee of the Senate.

There is a pronounced tendency toward entrenchment in the ranks of both the senators and representatives, which is a bit disconcerting to many faithful party workers who came down looking for positions in the legislature. It is proposed to reduce the number of clerks employed by the General Assembly of 1923 at least fifty per cent. During that session the clerks drew around \$25,000 more in salaries than did the members themselves and a lot of folks are wondering "how come." The answer is obvious. There will be a different story to relate on the subject of overhead expenses when the record of the present General Assembly shall be written, unless somebody takes back water.

Both branches of the General Assembly have already practically completed their organizations, the announcement of committees on Thursday being the first real act in the drama. The Senate chairmen are: Agriculture, Johnson of Beaufort; Appropriations, Woodson of Rowan; Banks and Currency, Mendenhall, of Guilford; Caswell Training School, Carter of Surry; Claims, Bailey of Wilson; Commerce, Townsend of Davidson; Congressional Districts, McKeithan of Cumberland; Consolidated Statutes, Gaston of Gaston; Constitutional Amendments, Johnson of Robeson; Corporations, Howard of Edgecombe; Corporation Commission, Moss of Nash; Senatorial Apportionment, Folt of Cabarrus; Trustees of the University, Harris of Wake; Distribution of Governor's Message, McQueen of Hoke; Education, Seawell of Lee; Election Laws, Hargett of Jones; Journal, Bacon of Polk; Judicial District, Jones of Mecklenburg; Mining, Bryson of Jackson; Rules, Burgwyn of Northampton; Senate Expenditures, Alderman of Vance; Water Commerce, McMullan of Cho-

## BROWN AND GREER NAMED ON MANY COMMITTEES

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—Representative I. G. Greer has been chosen a member of the following committees: Corporations, Counties, Cities and Towns, Election Laws, Finance, Private and Public Local Laws, Public Welfare.

Senator John E. Brown, member of the following committees: Library (Chairman); Agriculture, Commerce, Consolidated Statutes, Counties, Cities and Towns, Distribution of Gov. Message, State Expenditure, Welfare, Proposition and Grievances, Railroads, Fish and Fisheries, Immigration, Institutions for Deaf and Dumb, Judiciary No. 2, Trustees State College.

## Tax on Autos and Gas Make Large Amount

North Carolina Gets \$3,975,658.37 From Auto Plates and \$3,979,855.49 on Gas Tax—Enormous Expansion in Ten Years.

Raleigh.—In 1913 the state of North Carolina derived an income of \$11,181 from auto taxes, and in 1924 the state took in from this source \$3,975,658.37.

Gasoline taxes in 1924 amounted to \$3,979,855.50, as compared with \$1,427,390 the previous year.

These figures have been made public here as a part of the biennial report of Secretary of State Everett to the governor and the council of state. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, the state increased its income through the secretary of state's office by more than \$2,000,000 over the previous fiscal year. The total collections reported by Mr. Everett for the last fiscal year were \$7,386,291 as compared with \$5,319,356.55, the previous fiscal period.

Proof of the immense growth of the automobile business in North Carolina is shown by the fact that there are now 1,008 automobile dealers in the state as compared with 150 in 1914. On June 30th of last year there were 288,546 registered motor vehicles in the state as compared with 209,441 on the same day in 1923.

The legislative hopper Senator Squires introduced a bill, prepared by the legislative committee, selected by the special session last August, entitled an act to control bus traffic in the state. It would regulate, supervise and control persons, firms, corporations and associations, owning, controlling, operating or managing motor vehicles used in the business of transporting persons or property for compensation on the improved public highways of the state which are, or hereafter may be declared to be parts of the state highway system or any of the country highways, prescribing and imposing license fees, and providing for the disposition of the revenue raised by the same. The bill was referred to the committee on public roads, and ordered printed on pamphlet form for the convenience of the members.

Representative King of Guilford, seeks to repeal the act passed by the last regular session of the general assembly exempting from taxation the stocks owned in foreign corporations. The 1923 session wrestled over this amendment to the revenue bill for days and the vote on its adoption was very close. The question of taxing foreign stocks was an issue in the primary campaign for Governor and has been much discussed in recent months. The King bill is likely to provoke a lively fight before the Finance committee, to which it was referred by the Speaker.

The inauguration of Governor-Elect McLean will take place Wednesday as outlined in this correspondence last week, after which the general assembly will turn its attention to other activities. With the organization in both branches perfected it will not be difficult to show results right along.

## Dr. J. W. Jones Dies in Knoxville Hospital

Widely Known Physician Succumbs to Illness of Few Weeks Duration. Remains Will Arrive Today on No. 4—Interment Tomorrow.

Dr. J. Walter Jones, who has been taking treatment in a Knoxville Hospital for more than two weeks died there yesterday morning at six o'clock.

A telegram Tuesday was to the effect that conditions were not favorable but there was nothing indicating his condition was necessarily serious. Remains will be interred in the town cemetery tomorrow.

Dr. Jones had been a practitioner in Watauga county for almost 25 years coming here from Alleghany of which county he was a native. He was married to Miss Mattie Blackburn, who with two children, Maisie Jean and J. W. Jr., survive him.

Perhaps no doctor ever had a stronger hold on the people of this county than did he. His income from professional services has always been lucrative, and he was considered an able authority along this line.

## Largest Enrollment Ever at the A. T. S.

People Beginning to Realize What School is doing in Normal College Work Basket Ball Team Defeated by Tennesseans.

The Appalachian Training School now has the largest enrollment in its history at this time of the year. Thirty new came since the holidays most of them in the college department, making the enrollment in that department now 109, and including those in the high school department there are now 336 enrolled and others are expected at the beginning of the next term, February 17th. The Senior class is very much the largest the school has ever had, in fact one of the very largest in the state outside of the larger cities, the number being 85. President Dougherty reports that he believes there will be 200 or more in the college department next year, that the people are just beginning to realize that the school is doing Normal College work. The President with members of the Board of Trustees presented the claims of the school to the proper state authorities just before the holidays. Prof. Williams of the school faculty, made a talk to the students on Friday describing in a most attractive manner the many interesting things he and Mrs. Williams witnessed on a trip that they took to Florida during the holidays. On the next day President Dougherty gave an interesting account to the student body of the events that led up to and bringing the annexation of Florida to the United States. Prof. Jones of the Farm Life School at China Grove Rowan county, spent the day at the school during the last week looking over the plant.

The young men's basket ball team from the Training school went to Tennessee on Friday morning where on Friday night they played the boys of the East Tennessee Normal at Johnson City, and on Saturday night the team at Milligan College. In both of these games the Training School boys came out second best, but not discouraged by their defeat they expect to try the East Tennessee Normal boys in the school gymnasium on Monday the night of the 19th.

President Dougherty went to Lenoir Tuesday morning on business.

**MRS. R. M. GREENE ENTERTAINS FRIDAY CLUB**  
Mrs. R. M. Greene was delightful hostess to the Friday Afternoon Club at the Greene Inn January 9th. The depression that is usually evident just after Christmas was lacking in the congenial group as handwork was brought out and comments made on the different stitches started for the New Year.

Early in the afternoon the unusually beautiful musical program was rendered as follows:

Piano Solo, "Chapel Chimes," Mrs. South.

Voice solos, "O Sole Mio" and "Cielito Lindo" Mrs. O. L. Hardin.

Piano solos, "To a Wild Rose" and "To a Water Lily" by McDowell, Mrs. Frink.

Violin solos, "Humoresque" and "Pal, Why Don't You Answer Me" Mrs. Frink, with Mrs. Cleve Johnson as accompanist.

The contest was one of lighted candles in which the participants were to jump without extinguishing the flame, lest some dire calamity befall for the month represented. Dignity was forgotten in the conscientious effort to make each month successful and everyone enjoyed the fun.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. David Greene, served a delightful fruit salad course, followed by ice cream and cake and delicious stuffed dates.

The President read a letter of thanks and a word of greeting from Mrs. Wooley who has been in a hospital. She also asked Mrs. B. J. Council to read a letter of appreciation and thanks from Mrs. Buckner, of the Federated Clubs in Asheville for the Christmas stockings sent to Oteen. In this letter Mrs. Buckner gave a beautiful description of Christmas at Oteen, and all the club members felt good to have had a part in it.

After exchanging books the club adjourned to meet again with Mrs. O. L. Hardin.

**BLONDE BESS OPINES**  
"These old adages don't all run true. Frinstance, I have found that he who laughs last—is dumbest."