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Work Favors Two Southern Parks

One in Virginia, Second in the Appalachians—Tar Heels Active—North Carolina Commission Will Present Bill to Congress.

Washington, Jan. 27.—At the request of a representative here of the North Carolina Park Commission, Senator Simmons has asked the legislative drafting service of the senate to render any help possible to the North Carolina Park Commission and the North Carolina delegation in formulating a bill that will follow exactly the resolution recently adopted by the North Carolina Park Commission at its meeting in Senator Simmons' office with the North Carolina delegation. It is assumed that the bill when formulated, will be submitted to the North Carolina park commission for approval of its exact form, and that the North Carolina delegation will then have it introduced in the house by one of the Western North Carolina representatives. Mr. J. D. Doughton, Bulwinkle or Weaver and it is considered probable that the bill will be introduced upon by the delegation and the North Carolina Park Commission will be introduced in the senate by Senator Overman. The bill will seek to create a congressional commission to investigate all the sites that have been presented for consideration for the location of the national park to be established in the Southern Appalachian mountain system.

Steps for the creation of a "Smoky Mountain National Park" in Tennessee and North Carolina would be authorized under a bill introduced today by Senator McKellar.

The secretary of the interior would be directed to determine the boundaries and areas of land desired for the park and to receive offers for donations of land or money, and to secure options. Appointment of an expert commission to advise with him in laying out the park also would be provided.

The section to be surveyed under the bill would comprise Johnson, Carter, Union, Washington, Greene, Coche, Sevier, Blount, Monroe, and Polk Counties in Tennessee, and Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Haywood, Madison, Yancey, Mitchell, Watauga and Ashe counties in North Carolina.

Carrying the approval of the director of the bureau of the budget and the President of the United States, Secretary of the Interior Work today sent to Congress recommendations for the establishment of two national parks in southern Appalachian mountain range.

The first park, which will be authorized under a bill now in the house, introduced by Representative Henry W. Temple, of Pennsylvania, would be established at Blue Ridge, Va. The Secretary also recommended that an appropriation of \$10,000 already approved for a survey of the Blue Ridge site be increased to \$15,000 for a similar study and report on the proposed second national park in the Great Smokies area of North Carolina and Tennessee.

The Temple bill, which was sent to the secretary of the interior and budget bureau for consideration, would authorize the interior secretary to report to congress on the boundaries and areas of such portions of the two park sites as may be recommended by him to be acquired for national park purposes and the best means for acquiring such land. He would be further authorized to appoint an advisory commission of five park experts to make the surveys.

Secretary Work declared without qualification that he was in favor of establishment of both proposed national parks, adding that one would be operated to supplement the other.

Referring to the facts that 18 of the 19 national parks now in operation are west of the Mississippi river while 70 per cent of the population of the United States is east of the Mississippi Mr. Work said it was his opinion that a "definite policy" should be adopted by the government for the creation of additional national parks in the eastern section for the public use and general welfare of its millions of inhabitants. Most of these live in densely populated communities, and cannot afford time or money required to visit the western national parks. The east contributes its share to the upkeep and maintenance of the existing national park system, and for that reason too, should be entitled to recognition.

McLean to Wage Fight on \$35,000,000 Bonds

Governor Will Appear Before the Legislature to Oppose Bill; Afraid of Debt Burden; Will State Views as to Plausible Amount.

Governor McLean is opposed to the issuance of \$35,000,000 additional highway bonds at this time as proposed in the Bowie-Heath bill now before the General Assembly, it has been authoritatively learned, on the heels of an announcement by the executive himself that he would appear before legislators this week to state definitely his position on the finance question, and state how much he thinks the state should issue in road bonds now.

The executive's opposition to the \$35,000,000 in new road bonds, close associates say, is based not on any desire to halt the progress of road reclamation but to maintain a sane and well balanced financial policy for the state.

He realizes, fully, it is declared, that 32 counties said to have failed to get their share of the former appropriations of \$50,000,000 and \$15,000,000, are clamoring for a sufficient amount now, that will assure all of them hard surfaced highways. However, he explains he also realizes that it is practically impossible for the state to continue its county seat or county seat paving program at any time in the near future.

Sixty five million dollars, it is pointed out, has been or is being spent in fulfilling approximately a quarter of this program. It would take a sum vastly greater than thirty five million to supply the program launched four years ago, it is said. The original program called for approximately 5,500 miles of improved highways.

Mr. McLean would not indicate in his conference to newspaper men today the exact amount he favors for highway construction, saying that he wished to withhold his final opinion until after the budget commission and the state board of assessments have submitted their reports to the general assembly. This is expected to be done about the middle of the week. The time limit given them is Jan. 31.

The governor said he would deliver his second message to the general assembly as soon as possible after these reports had been filed, which he indicated would be some time next week. He has frequently reiterated that he was in favor of building roads as fast as advisable under the condition of the state's finances, but he also has frequently declared that the state should be cautious not to strain its credit. It is the consensus of opinion that he believes a bond issue of thirty five million for roads, together with other expected bond issues, would not be advisable at this time. How much he thinks the state should raise by bonds for continuing the highway program remains to be seen.

A WINTER SCENE

(James M. Downum, Boone, N. C.)
A gorgeous scene so wondrous
On mountain, hill and dale,
The glorious sunlight full
Rebounds so true.
From millions of icy forms
On tree and shrub and land
As though each form of earth
By cloud and colds and wind
A crystal now is made
Of beauteous diamond fair,
Not carved by human skill
But by the hand divine,
Reflecting true from earthly scenes
The ure and wondrous lands
Of His great World Beyond.

TWO CYNICS TALK

"She's a woman who has the courage of her convictions."
"Yes—and she stands up for her husband."
"Well, he's one of her convictions."
"Or should we say—one of her victims?"

Mr. Work recommended that the Temple bill receive favorable consideration of the public lands committee. Turning to the second bill, providing for the establishment of the second national park in the Great Smokies area in Tennessee and North Carolina, the director of the bureau of the budget took up the twin appropriations totalling \$15,000 referred to in the two bills, with the President and told the secretary of the interior that such an expenditure would not be in conflict with the President's financial program.

OUR WEEKLY RESUME OF LEGISLATIVE EVENTS

(By M. L. Shipman)

Special to the Democrat.

RALEIGH, Jan. 27.—The outstanding feature of the week in legislative circles was the message of Governor McLean to a joint session on Wednesday in the hall of the house.

The address was a comprehensive survey of the state's business, accompanied with important and valuable recommendations looking to the application of needed remedies to meet the urgent needs of the hour. The Governor would not retard the progress of the commonwealth in any sense but he wants to proceed on a "safe and sane" basis. Enlargement of public institutions, to an extent that will enable them to keep pace with the state's steady and solid development, meets the governor's approval, yet he would have all garments "cut to fit the cloth."

The Governor's suggestions were received with the closest attention by the senate and a crowd which packed the lobby and galleries of the hall. The need for an economical administration was one of the points in the message which received the "gold band." The speaker wanted the financial condition of the state disclosed in its entirety and will be satisfied with nothing less. The governor conveyed a number of subjects in his address, viz: Training in Agriculture, Health, Economy in Administration, the Budget System, Reforms in Judicial Procedure, Freight Rates, Development of Water Transportation, Highways, Treatment of the Afflicted, the Pardoning Power, Blue Sky Law, Conservation and Development, Our Natural Resources, Industrial Development, Development of Coastal Plains, Treatment of Labor Workman's Compensation, the Treatment of Prisoners, The state's Prison, Commercial Traffic on the Highways, Fish and Oysters etc.

The question of deficit or no deficit has passed the debatable stage. It is here and the size is yet to be determined. The most authentic information fixes the amount as of June 30, 1924 at \$6,560,000. The Budget Commission estimates that a couple of millions may as well be added to the shortages reported by the auditor. Governor McLean insists that "all the cards be laid on the table" so that the General Assembly and the public may know "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." It is the governor's purpose to get the state's expenditures back in line with its deficient revenues, and members of the general assembly appear to be in accord with the views of the executive.

The proposed \$5-million bond bill for the further extension of the state highway system was trotted out for the inspection of both houses on Thursday. It was introduced in the House by Representative Bowie of Ashe; in the Senate by Senator Heath of Union. It will not take the course of the Port Terminals measure which the voters of the state rejected in November. The Legislature is either to accept or reject it. If it passes the gasoline tax will be increased to four cents a gallon, and short term notes issued to take care of expenditures for road purposes until the bonds are issued and sold. It will likely "pass muster" for good roads are the subject for genteel and polite conversation with most everybody in the State these days. So long as those who use the public highways most are willing to pay for the privilege will the state risk its credit in further extending the system.

The request of Governor McLean for a pardon commissioner is to be seriously considered. Representative Womble of Forsyth has offered a bill which would authorize the appointment of an official to assist the Governor in connection with application for pardon and commutations. He would be paid a salary of four thousand, and allowed to employ a stenographer at a salary of not more than \$150 a month. The commissioner would be under the immediate direction of the governor, the final arbiter in all pardon cases. It is the purpose of Governor McLean to devote his entire time to the weightier matters of state, instead of wearing himself out in the consideration of petty affairs. It is not in the mind of the governor to shirk any duty but to discharge every obligation to the best of his ability. A capable man as commissioner of pardons, one who could prepare all cases in a proper way, would relieve the Executive of no little worry and detail.

The General Assembly "took a day off" and visited the State University in a body on Friday to witness the formal dedication of the new law building. Owing to pressing official duties Governor McLean could not attend and Lieutenant Governor J. Elmer Long presented Manning Hall to that institution, while the acceptance speech was made by Mr. Josephus Daniels on behalf of the board of trustees. Members of the General Assembly occupied seats on the speakers' platform. Special seats were provided for the wives of the legislators and other invited guests who were also handed tickets to the luncheon at New Carolina inn, following the exercises. State officials, members of the Supreme Court and distinguished personages from afar graced the occasion with their presence. Developments at the University were given "the once over" by many members of the Legislature during their visit to the Hill and first-hand information may be helpful to some when the appropriation bill comes up for consideration later on.

Both branches of the Assembly were in action again on Friday evening but neither had a full house. The third week of the session has practically expired with no bills ratified except a few of routine character. The fourth week will start with prospects of accomplishment. Governor McLean has shown himself a man of action and makes plain his conviction that he is not one of those who is content with "making promises to the ear to be broken by the hope." He finds fault with the state fiscal policy and wants the system changed. He stands for progress but does not look with favor upon extravagance of any kind. It is his conviction that the state is a big business institution and he believes that sound business methods and prudent business management should be applied in handling its fiscal affairs.

A number of legislators were heavy losers in a disastrous fire which destroyed the Motor Service Storage Building, near the Sir Walter Hotel on Thursday morning, in which more than 200 automobiles and trucks were burned. Serving as a member of the General Assembly this winter will to them be an expensive experiment. Few of them carried insurance on their cars. These will have to take total losses and make the best of the misfortune.

A bill by Senator Sans of Forsyth would change the constitutional requirement relative to the canvass of the vote for Governor and others of the state officers by committees of the General Assembly. The Senator is of the opinion that this should be attended to not later than January 1, before the Legislature convenes. With the submission of this amendment, goes, for the third time, the proposal to increase the compensation of members of the General Assembly which has twice been rejected the last time by a very close margin.

Several administration measures are in the making and will soon be ready for presentation. The Governor will insist upon the budget system of handling the affairs of all the state departments, and revision in the judicial system. The claim of congested dockets has reached the ear of the Executive. Whether the legislature is in accord with his views in this particular proposition remains to be ascertained. His Excellency indicates plainly his desire to evolve a plan for the expansion of the Geological and Economic Survey, as outlined in his message to the General Assembly, rather than the creation of an additional department for the purpose of collecting and collating information touching the industrial progress of the state.

The Legislative mill has begun to operate with a greater degree of regularity and the lobbyist is no stranger these days around the hotel lobbies and even the capitol itself.

Public Bills
The following public bills have been presented during the week:
An act to amend section 2591 of the consolidated statutes relative to

Shot Her Mother



Dorothy Ellington, 16, of San Francisco, who shot and killed her mother in a quarrel because of objections to her night life. Dorothy admits she is a "Jazz Maniac" and shows no remorse at her act. The night she killed her mother she went to a dance. Two days later she was located in a cheap rooming house. Her father and brother advocate hanging or life imprisonment for her.

Judicial sales; to amend sections 1396, 1599, 1641, 1642, 1651 and 564 of the consolidated statutes by authorizing cities of a population of 2000 and over to establish recorder's courts, and providing for a schedule of fees in said courts; to amend sections 564 of the consolidated statutes prohibiting the judge from criticizing the verdict of the jury; to amend section 169 of the consolidated statutes relative to authorization by clerk to executor or administrator for grave-stones; to repeal sections 8018 to 6055 inclusive of the consolidated statutes relating to the primary law; to amend statute relative to immunity of witness in bribery case; to aid in the development of any city incorporated town or county; to amend statutes relating to the establishment of recorder's courts and providing for a mode and manner of establishment of township recorder's courts, an act to forbid a person carrying arms to protect himself while engaged in making intoxicating liquors; an act appropriating moneys to settle claim of the western Wake highway district against the state of North Carolina by reason of the location of the state prison farm; the state highway shops in said highway district; an act to amend statute charging the date of arbor day; joint resolution for appointment of committee to investigate Fort Macon and report with recommendations for the care and preservation of same; an act to amend statute relating to the corporation commission; an act to amend statute providing for the licensing of motor vehicles for the calendar year; and act to amend the constitution relative to the rotation of judges of the Superior Courts; an act relating to the procedure in hearings in the superior court in matters pertaining to allowances; an act to amend statute with reference to husband and wife as witnesses in criminal actions; an act to regulate the size of nets to be used for catching food fish and the time to begin fishing; an act to amend statutes relative to ex parte account of judges; to provide for an additional issue of \$35,000,000 of bonds to be used by the State Highway Commission for the further extension of the state highway system of public roads; an act to amend the statute relative to caveats to wells; an act to relieve the congestion of court dockets by authorizing any county in the state to establish a county court; an act to regulate the hours of service of state employees; to authorize the governor to appoint a commissioner of pardons, to regulate the practice of continuing cases in superior courts of the state (civil); to prevent the erection of signs on the state highway; amend statutes relating to payment of damage for injury of property by dogs; amend statutes relating to the time for entering judgments; amend-

Recent Interesting Happenings at A. T. S.

Basket Ball Game with Tennessee Normal Team, Social Gathering, and Other Minor Activities Make Up Eventful Week at School.

President Dougherty was called to Raleigh on business the first of the past week and at this writing has not returned.

Some interesting events have transpired at the Training School during the past week. On Monday evening the basket ball team from the East Tennessee Normal at Johnson City came over for a match game with the Training School team and won out over the team here by a score of 35 to 17. On Tuesday evening the two young men's literary societies of the High School, the Watauga and the Appalachian, entertained the young ladies' Society, the Calliopean and the Euterpean in a most pleasing manner in the auditorium of the Administration Building. After an interesting literary program rendered, delicious refreshments were served by the young men in their most tasteful and gallant manner. Several social hours followed and all departed, pleased with the occasion.

On a Friday night of the past week the entire Sunday School was entertained by the church people. A delicious supper was served in the basement of the church with the best of good cheer prevailing, after which the large crowd present assembled in the church auditorium to hear a number of pleasing, entertaining and helpful talks by Dr. J. D. Rankin, Rev. M. B. Wooley, Hon. F. A. Lantry, Presiding Elder Taylor, Mr. Dixon and Miss Annie Stanbury. Superintendent John B. Steele presided and made a number of appropriate remarks. He announced the fact that all the churches of the town are planning to make a canvass with the view of getting a hundred per cent attendance of all the people at Sunday School, and appointed a committee to co-operate with committees from other churches.

Presiding Elder Taylor preached at 11 o'clock on Saturday, held the second quarterly conference on Saturday night, and preached a most excellent sermon on Sunday at eleven. Reports show the church in good condition. An intermediate Epworth League was organized Sunday night. J. M. Downum.

ONLY FIVE STATES OUTRANK N. C. AS REVENUE PRODUCER

Washington, Jan. 27.—A comparative statement of internal revenue receipts for the first six months of the fiscal years 1924 and 1925, by states, has been issued by the bureau of internal revenue. Among the ones reporting the largest collections of revenues are New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, North Carolina, New Jersey, California, Ohio and Massachusetts.

In a bulletin issued today North Carolina is given special mention and the figures show that her total payments for 1923 were \$78,448,062.15 and for 1924 \$79,112,496.06. New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Illinois are the only ones that outrank her in a total. The report includes income and miscellaneous taxes. The income tax this year is slightly behind that of last year.

"The world owes you a living, alright, but I find one has to specialize in collecting to get it."

ing public laws increasing exemption allowed widows and minors under the inheritance tax law; authorizing the sale of life estates in the capital stock of foreign corporations; an act to provide for a suitable memorial to the late Judge Henry G. Connor.

To enable each county in the state to have county Agricultural Agent; to make exemptions of North Carolina income tax; relating to speed limit for automobiles; to provide for State Fish and Game Commission and regulations of wild animals; to make it unlawful for notaries and magistrates to charge for attesting affidavits for ensions; to authorize clerks of superior courts to allow executors and administrators to purchase gravestones; to amend constitutional requirement of joint session of legislature to canvass election returns for state officers; to protect county and city agricultural fairs from certain competitive shows, to allow creation of county courts and extending service of their processes.