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Great Smoky Mountain National Park Assured

Laura Spillman Rockefeller Memorial Fund Gift of \$5,000,000 Assures Success of Great Project

Nashville, Tenn., March 6.—With the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park assured by the offer of \$5,000,000 from the Laura Spillman Rockefeller memorial fund, the park commission by unanimous vote requested Governor Henry H. Horton to issue Tennessee's bonds for \$15,000,000 in accordance with the act of the 1926 legislature providing such an issue. The Rockefeller gift will be made on condition that a like amount is raised from outside sources. A total of \$14,800,000 has already been raised by bond issues in Tennessee and North Carolina and from other sources.

The maximum of the tract proposed for the park is 701,000 acres. The federal government is ready to act in the establishment of the tract, lying in both states, as a national park as soon as the designated lands are conveyed to the government. With the impetus of the Rockefeller gift it is believed that the remaining \$14,000 necessary to be raised as a condition to the offer, will almost immediately be available.

SAYS PROHIBITION CAN AND WILL BE ENFORCED

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 6.—The prohibition law is a good law, it can and will be enforced, and it is here to stay, Prohibition Commissioner James M. Doran declared before the Anti-Saloon league's southern states prohibition convention here tonight.

Introduced to an audience that packed the First Baptist church as the man "with the hardest job in the United States," Doran drew prolonged applause when he said:

"Federal enforcement is just getting a good flying start. We don't ask for favor; all we ask is an even break. Next year we expect to show even more impressive results than the preceding one, else it will be time for some of us to get out."

WASHINGTONIAN URGES AID FOR BONE DRY CANDIDATES

Mr. E. C. Moody of Elberton, Wash., in a personal letter to the editor of The Democrat says, "I am still a Democrat, but that which is more important, I am for dry men for any and all offices in this country. Kindly advise your readers to vote for dry men regardless of politics as I think the prohibition issue is the most important of all." Mr. Moody was reared in Watauga county, but has made his home in the state of Washington for many years.

ADVERTISING SCHEMES SCORED AT MEETING

Raleigh, March 5.—The fly by night advertising, which is now flooding the state, should be rejected by secretaries of the North Carolina Merchants Association, R. L. Powell of Durham, told the secretaries in the concluding meeting of the officers' two-day session today. Reliable advertising, he considered, was just as necessary as the reliable news served by the newspapers of the state, he said.

\$2,500,000 IS VOTED FOR WINSTON-SALEM SCHOOLS

Winston-Salem, March 6.—By a majority of 1,686, the voters of Winston-Salem today approved the school board's proposed bond issue of \$2,500,000 for the expansion of the city's school system. Only eleven votes were actually cast against the program, the others counting against it by failure to vote.

COVE CREEK NEWS NOTES

Sugar Grove, March 8.—The negro minstrel presented last week by the Cove Creek high school was a decided success. More than \$90 was raised for the benefit of the school.

The preliminary debating contest for the state triangular debate was held on Monday. Eleven pupils entered the preliminary. The preliminary declaration at recitation contest will be held next Monday when one boy and one girl will be selected to take part in the contest sponsored by the Appalachian State Normal sometime in April.

The Mountain City high school will present a negro minstrel in the Cove Creek school auditorium on Friday night, March 9. This program was presented in Mountain City and was highly successful. The public is cordially invited.

Prof. S. F. Horton, principal of the school is again asking patrons to furnish teams in order that the school grounds may be leveled.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Hoover-Norris in Wisconsin Race
Nomination papers placing Herbert Hoover and Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska in the presidential primary race, were filed at Madison, Wisconsin Thursday with the secretary of state.

Reed Enters California Primary
Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, last Thursday signed his declaration of candidacy in the presidential primary to be held in California on May 1 and announced "we will fight it out. He entered into a race which is expected by his followers to bring a showdown among the forces in that state of Governor Smith of New York, the followers of William G. McAdoo and the Reed supporters.

Lowden Is Optimistic

Chicago, March 5.—Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, was back in his home state today tanned and clear-eyed from four weeks "riding and hiking" in Arizona, and with his opinion regarding his presidential candidacy unchanged. Lowden said he had signed a statement for the North Dakota primary at the behest of friends there; had "heard" he had the Iowa delegation to the Republican convention and "understood" other states wanted him as the party chief. He has not made plans for any speeches, he said.

Tucker is Willing to Run for Governor

Irving B. Tucker, district attorney for the United States court of the eastern district of North Carolina, will accept the nomination for governor if it is offered him. That information is given out by W. G. Brantham, former chairman of the Republican state executive committee, and one of the leaders of the party in the state. There has been mention of Mr. Tucker's name, in connection with the nomination for governor and Mr. Brantham says that Mr. Tucker would accept if nominated.

Mr. Tucker is one of the most popular of the younger leaders in the Republican party in the state. He was prominently mentioned for the position of national committeeman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Johnson J. Hayes.

Smith Holds Whip Hand in California

Senator Walsh's entrance into the California primaries under the guidance of William G. McAdoo depends for its importance on how much of an impression Senator Reid has made on the Pacific coast. The majority of the Democratic voters being wet in that state it was taken for granted that Smith would hold the delegation. Now, however, there is apparently a very slight possibility that Reid may split the vote with the New Yorker, leaving the dry faction for Walsh. This state of affairs is extremely unlikely, however, in view of the fact that Reid is practically unknown to Californians in general and that they really believe victory is in sight with Smith at the head of the ticket. Governor Smith's supporters remember that it hasn't been so long since Democracy had a look-in in California and hope of presidential success is more potent than prohibition, even among many of the dregs. Furthermore, indications seem to point to an increase in the Smith prestige as a result of the Missouri's liberal speeches. In the Rocky Mountain region and in the extreme northwest the New York governor has united followings. Idaho, where Smith sentiment was almost nil four years ago, has already instructed her 24 delegates for the governor, while Utah, Nevada and other states where the Mormons are strong are expected to follow suit. The tendency of the mountain states is manifest from the circumstance that most of the men who came as delegates for McAdoo in 1924 are now candidates for places on Smith delegations. Should Walsh do better in the west than is now indicated, he may be taken up by the south with little enthusiasm, because of his religion and because of a senate speech in which he referred to the technical treason of southern congressmen at the beginning of the Civil war, for which expression he was taken to task by southerners.

Judge Council States Position on Governor Smith

From the Hickory Daily Record.
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Casless Motor Inventor



Lester J. Hendershot of Pittsburgh who has just invented a "fuelless" motor, a free energy generator which is claimed to get its running power from the air.

High Peaks in Western Carolina

Raleigh, March 4.—There are 19 mountains in Western North Carolina with peaks all rising higher than 6,000 feet, all within a radius of 50 miles of Asheville, the state department of conservation shows and cites as proof the United States Geological survey, which released the figures.

The publication of the U. S. Geological survey gives the altitude of King, of the White mountain peaks in New Hampshire as 6,393 feet, and that of Mount Mitchell, in North Carolina, monarch of all eastern summits, as towering 6,711 skyward. The figures giving the altitude of the various peaks in the state are as follows:

- 6,711 feet—Mount Mitchell.
- 6,690 feet—Black Brother.
- 6,680 feet—Clingman's Dome.
- 6,645 feet—Balsam Cove.
- 6,620 feet—Mount Guyot.
- 6,620 feet—Black Brother (No. 2).
- 6,611 feet—Clingman's Peak.
- 6,609 feet—Cattail Peak.
- 6,500 feet—Le Conte.
- 6,500 feet—Mount Gibbs.
- 6,500 feet—Four unnamed peaks.
- 6,540 feet—Richard Balsam.
- 6,500 feet—One unnamed peak.
- 6,487 feet—Potato Hill.
- 6,400 feet—Mount Collins.
- 6,400 feet—Three unnamed peaks, one Guyot and two Pisgah.
- 6,400 feet—Waterrock Knob.
- 6,385 feet—Blackstone Knob.
- 6,351 feet—Celo Mountain.
- 6,318 feet—Roan High Knob.
- 6,300 feet—Five unnamed peaks, three Mount Mitchell, one Pisgah and one Guyot.

So the United States Geological survey shows 30 peaks all higher than Mount Washington, New Hampshire, bearing out the North Carolina department's claim to the state's having the loftiest and most majestic mountain peaks east of the Mississippi.

JOHN DULA FOUND DEAD IN AVERY, NECK BROKEN

John Dula, well known resident of Avery county, a former Wilkes citizen, was found dead near his home in Avery last week. His neck was broken and his face badly lacerated, indicating foul play.

Mr. Dula was an important state witness in the case of Hub Wagner, who yet faces trial for one of the killings in Watauga county on December 25, 1926.

Dula was the son of T. F. Dula, of Ready Branch, and was about 37 years old.—Wilkes Patriot.

(Information from Newland is to the effect that a coroner's jury returned a verdict that Dula came to his death due to an accident. It is thought that he missed his footing and fell over the cliff, death resulting. It is also reported that warrants have been issued for a man by the name of Taylor in connection with the case, Taylor being the last man Dula was seen with. Taylor is said to be a notorious moonshiner.

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DOUGHTON MAY HAVE OPPOSITION

Understood that W. R. Baugess of Jefferson is Considering Making Race Against "Farmer Bob" if Al Smith is Nominated.

Congressman R. L. Doughton of the eighth North Carolina district, is to be opposed for the seat in congress by W. R. Baugess of Jefferson, well known Republican politician, according to word brought to the city yesterday by friends and supporters of the Jefferson man, says the Greensboro News of Tuesday.

Mr. Baugess, it was said, has made no formal statement of having an intention to run, but friends who have "felt him out" recently declare he is in a receptive mood. Mr. Baugess, it is said, is a scrapper from away back and has a strong following in the eighth district, which is one of those the G. O. P. forces would like to snatch from the Democratic fire.

The report from Jefferson was about the only political development here yesterday other than the failure of any sentiment for a Hoover club to flare up. Hoover has many supporters among the Republicans in Greensboro, but so do Governor Lowden, Vice President Daves, Nick Longworth and others. In fact, the G. O. P. stalwarts in Greensboro are about as evenly divided as possible with a number of them admittedly on the fence awaiting the passing of the hand wagon. They do not want to leap and then learn they are in wrong—plenty of time to be right, they confess.

WHEELER SAYS DEMOCRATIC PARTY MUST BE PROGRESSIVE

Washington, March 5.—Outlining his views on a campaign platform, Senator Wheeler of Montana, declared today that "unless the Democratic party becomes progressive and liberal it will be wiped off the map." He spoke before the Women's National Democratic club and avoided any reference to candidates. The Montana Democrat, who in 1924 ran for vice president on the LaFollette ticket, said the Democratic party must take a fearless stand to protect the rights of the masses against special privilege, which he contended had been benefiting under Republican rule.

ANOTHER LITTLE WAR

"Another little war" that may cost Great Britain much blood and money has burst unexpectedly on the empire. Ibn Saud, formidable ruler of nearly all Arabia, has in effect declared war on Britain, is behind the attack on Mesopotamia and has authorized attempts to impose his brand of Moslem orthodoxy "by the sword" on the English protected kingdom of Transjordan and Irak. Indications are that Great Britain will be compelled to enter the field against practically the whole of Arabia with a population of about 7,000,000.

ARTISTS' MODEL INHERITS FORTUNE, WON'T QUIT WORK

Philadelphia, Pa., March 8.— Peggy Burns, pretty artist's model gets a real birthday surprise, as she reaches the age of 21. Visiting her home in Washington, Pa., she learned that her grandfather, Michael J. Burns, who died seven years ago had willed her over \$500,000.

She said her new found wealth would not turn her head and that she would continue to work.

VALLE CRUCIS NEWS

Valle Crucis, March 7.—Mrs. George Moose of Boone was a visitor in Valle Crucis on Wednesday.

Mrs. Monroe Herman, who has been sick for over a month, is not improving as steadily as her friends wish for.

A joint meeting of the Women's Missionary Society and the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. T. H. Taylor Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Graves of Yanceyville are visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Burke.

E. H. Yates is suffering from mastoiditis, and was taken to the Banner Elk hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Rowe, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

M. C. Wagner and Willis Kiser of Montclair, W. Va., spent Sunday night in the valley.

All the medical resources of Japan's capital are engaged in a life and death battle with an influenza epidemic which already has killed nearly 2,000 people and has attacked the country's rulers. More than half a million persons have been stricken and the sick are dying at the rate of 58 a day. The emperor is suffering with cold and fever and Princess Hisa, 6 months old, is declared to be ill with pneumonia.

Burned to Death



Margaret Brown, middle aged woman of Park Avenue, New York, who was battered into unconsciousness and then burned to death by a bomb.

New Fire Company Organized Here

As a result of the recent flare-up between members of the board of aldermen and the volunteer fire department, a new organization has been perfected, with the following personnel:

- Hook and ladder, Ed Greene, Ed Culler, D. L. Wilcox.
- Chemical hose—S. M. Ayers.
- Nozzleman—Dallas Wilson, L. W. Timmons, Granville Norris.
- Drivers, L. S. South (nozzleman) Ed Hodges.
- Hose couplers, Stuart Winkler (signalman), Al Adams, Rudolph Moore.
- Hydrantmen—Ray Estes and E. F. Fox.

Chief of Police Garland is acting as fire chief until a suitable man can be located for this position.

Chief Garland stated Monday morning that new equipment, rain-coats, helmets, boots, wrenches, etc., had been purchased by the town board and already been purchased and will be on hand in the near future.

LAW ON FISH LICENSES WESTERN CAROLINA GIVEN

Fifteen western North Carolina counties are now included among those where licenses are required for all types of fishing in trout streams, according to Wade H. Phillips, director, and J. K. Dixon, assistant director of the department of conservation and development.

Although the state angler's law passed by the 1927 general assembly only required licenses for those persons engaged in sport angling or who fish with rod and reel or by casting, a special provision empowered the board of conservation and development to extend the requirement of a license to any trout stream in the state on petition of county commissioners.

As a result of this authorization, this extension has been made in the following counties: Madison, Clay, Graham, Mitchell, Surry, Jackson, Haywood, Avery, Buncombe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Ashe, Transylvania, Watauga and Swain.

"The fisherman who uses only a pun hook and line," asserted Director Phillips, "benefits as much from stocking the streams with fish as do those who use other kinds of tackle and it is only fitting that they should help bear a part of the expense of populating the streams with more fish."

Four of the present five state-operated hatcheries are located in the mountain counties and the larger part of the benefits are derived therefrom in the counties in which they are and those adjacent. Part of the operating expenses of the hatcheries are borne from the funds received from license collections, and part of which also goes toward furnishing warden service by which the laws are administered.

HAMMER SLAYER GETS LIFE

Painesville, Ohio, March 6.—Mrs. Velma West, the blond hammer slayer of Perry, Ohio, will enter the women's reformatory at Marysville tomorrow to begin a life sentence for the slaying of her young husband, Thomas Edward West, son of a wealthy nurseryman. She escaped trial for first-degree murder this morning when the state accepted a plea of guilty to a second-degree charge.

Democratic State Convention

The Democratic state executive committee, meeting in Raleigh Tuesday night, fixed May 26 as the date for precinct meetings, June for county conventions and Tuesday, June 12, for the state convention. The state meeting will be held in the Raleigh city auditorium.

WAGNER CASE SET FOR MARCH 13TH

Report Circulated Here that Trial Had Been Continued Until Special Term of Wilkes Superior Court is Without Foundation

Solicitor John K. Jones informed The Democrat over long distance telephone Tuesday night that the Hub Wagner murder case would be called for trial in Wilkes superior court next Tuesday morning.

It was reported here Sunday that the case would be continued until a special term to be called in May, but the solicitor said there was no foundation for the report.

A special venire of 100 Wilkes county men will be summoned by Sheriff Ellidge and his deputies next Saturday to be on hand when the trial opens. Wagner will be tried at this time for the alleged slaying of Dexter Bryd on Christmas day, 1926. He has already been placed under sentence of 15 to 20 years in the state prison for the slaying of Earl Moody.

About eighty witnesses from Watauga county will go to Wilkesboro Tuesday for the trial.

"DR. CLEMENT" EXONERATED IN TORCH LIGHT MURDER CASE

New York, March 6.—As quickly as he had appeared in the picture by his unannounced surrender to the police, Louis Clement Van Norden, alias "Dr. Clement," was cleared today of connection with the slaying of Miss Margaret Brown, governess.

New York, March 5.—Dr. Louis Clement, who was sought by police for questioning in connection with the killing of Miss Margaret Brown, governess, who was burned to death on a New Jersey road, surrendered to police today.

Detectives working on the Brown case said repeatedly since they began their search for Dr. Clement that they had nothing by which to connect him with the death of the governess and merely sought him in the hope that he might furnish information which would aid in solution of the crime.

Dr. Clement walked into police headquarters and announced he wanted to give himself up, saying he had learned from the newspapers that police were seeking him.

BLIND FOR 30 YEARS, WOMAN REGAINS SIGHT

Carpentersville, Ind., March 8.—After 30 years of blindness, Mrs. Carrie Sillery, seventy years old, sees again. Awakening from a nap, Mrs. Sillery, who lives on a farm, suddenly began to depict various objects in the room. The cause has baffled physicians.

ZIONVILLE HAPPENINGS

Zionville, March 7.—The friends of John M. Hodges will regret to learn of his death, which occurred on March 1st. Funeral services and interment were at Union church. The children present during his sickness and death were: Hart, Roy and Charlie Hodges and Mrs. Zora Davis of Bristol, Tenn., Mrs. Z. D. Stout of Nixa, Tenn., Mrs. Lawson Isaacs of Lynchburg, Va., and Will Hodges of Mabel.

E. G. Greer returned last week from a business trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Greer has two daughters residing in Cincinnati, Mesdames Chas. Isaacs and Dana Farthing.

Mrs. J. C. Jones is quite sick at the present time.

M. W. Eller of Butler, Tenn., was transacting business in the village during the past week.

Mrs. W. M. Brown and son of Bristol, Tenn., were here Friday to attend the funeral of Mr. Hodge.

Rev. R. C. Eggers filed his appointments at Zionville church Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday school, under the superintendency of J. R. Isaacs, is progressing nicely.

N. W. Thomas has been on the sick list for the past week. E. H. Wilson is filling his place as R. F. D. carrier.

Two small children of J. A. Castle are confined to their home with mumps.

Sherman Wineberger is home again after an absence of several months.

G. C. Greer and Hunter Grogan of Mountain City, spent the weekend with their families in Zionville.

C. T. Warner returned Saturday from a Florida hospital where he has been taking treatment for several months.

Claude Grogan with his family have moved to Sutherland, where he has purchased property.

Miss Vera Byers of Silverstone spent Monday night in the village.

Howard Greer is rapidly recuperating from his recent illness and was able on Monday to accompany his brother to Boone where they are opening the Greer cafe.

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