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GREAT SMOKY MT. PARK BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS

Weaver Confident Bill Will Pass Both Houses at This Session

A bill for creating a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee has been presented to Congress in the House by Congressman Temple, of Pennsylvania, in the Senate by Senator Ernest, of Kentucky.

Congressman Weaver stated Carolina, expressed the opinion that he was confident the bill would pass both houses at the present session.

The park is being endorsed and its creation urged by the entire press of Eastern America.

TEXT OF MEASURE

The Temple bill, as now drawn, reads:

"That when title to lands within areas hereinafter referred to shall in fee simple, there shall be and are hereby established, dedicated, and set apart as public parks for the benefit and enjoyment of the people a tract of land in the Blue Ridge in the state of Virginia being approximately 521,000 acres recommended by the secretary of the interior in his report of April 14, 1926, which area or any part or parts thereof may be accepted on behalf of the United States in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be known as the Shenandoah National Park; and the tract of land in the great Smoky Mountains in the states of North Carolina and Tennessee being approximately 70,400 acres recommended by the secretary of interior in his report of April 14, 1926, which area or any parts thereof as may be accepted by the United States in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be known as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; provided, that the United States shall not purchase by appropriation of public moneys any land within the aforesaid areas, but that such lands shall be secured by the United States only by private or public donation.

"Sec. 2. The secretary of the interior is hereby authorized, in his dis-

cretion, to accept as hereinafter provided on behalf of the United States title to the lands referred to in the previous section hereof and to be purchased with the \$1,200,000 which has been subscribed by the state of Virginia, and the Shenandoah National Park Association of Virginia, and with other contributions for the purchase of lands in the Shenandoah National Park area, and with the \$1,066,693 which has been subscribed by the state of Tennessee, and the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association and by the Great Smoky Mountains, Incorporated (North Carolina and Tennessee) being contributions for the purchase of lands in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area.

"Sec. 3. That the administration, protection, and development of the aforesaid parks shall be exercised under the direction of the secretary of the interior, by the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916, entitled 'An act to establish a national park service, and for other purposes,' as amended; provided, that the provisions of the act approved June 10, 1920 known as the Federal Water Power Act, shall not apply to these parks; and provided further, that the minimum area to be administered and protected by the national park service shall be for the Shenandoah National Park Area, 225,000 acres and for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area, 300,000 acres; provided further, that no general development of either of these parks or shall be undertaken until a major portion of the remainder in such areas shall have been accepted by said secretary.

"Sec. 4. The secretary of the interior may for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act employ the commission authorized by the act approved February 21, 1925. If no objections are raised the words here written shall become law. The boundaries of the proposed Smoky Mountains National Park follow the south bank of the Pigeon River from Tennessee to the mouth of Cataloochee Creek, in Haywood county. It runs up stream to the mouth of the little Cataloochee where the highway crosses; thence in a southerly direction along this highway and the Cataloochee and Caldwell fork to its head on the boundary line between

Haywood and Swain. The line then goes to Soco Bald to the corner of Jackson, Swain and Haywood counties; thence to Balsam Gap, where the Appalachian Scenic Highway intersects the county line. It then runs along the scenic Highway to the Asheville and Murphy branch of the Southern railway. The right of way of the railroad is followed, on the north side, to a point near Sylva. The line then goes southerly and westerly to the Tuckasee River Valley to the works of the highway then along the highway to Soco Creek then west along the boundary between Jackson and Swain counties where it joins the Oconalufis River. It passes through Birdtown to Cooper's Creek, near its junction with the Tuckasee River, then to the boundary line of Swain and Blount Tennessee.

Corn Fed Hogs Bring New Wealth

Raleigh April 26—The great corn belt of the middle west is not the sole section where corn may be fed to hogs with profit. Farmers of North Carolina are finding that it is profitable to grow corn for feeding to swine and that the hogs properly fed will bring in new wealth.

The trainload of demonstration fed hogs which recently moved from New Bern in Craven County brought to the farmers of that section about \$21,000 in new money. The pigs were largely grown on the farms of the county and fed with corn grown in the same section. Eleven cars of the trainload were grown in Craven County while two cars came from the adjoining county of Pamlico. During the same week, however, two cars of hogs were shipped from Chowan County, one from Onslow, two from Davidson, one from Pender, and one from Bladen. Nearly all of these animals were fed according to the recommendations of W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at State College.

Mr. Shay states that at least five counties in the State have definitely adopted a swine growing and feeding program and that he looks for the movement to spread from these counties to others. The number of demonstrations and the number of hogs entered in the demonstrations in 1926

have already exceeded those of 1925. Hought in nearly \$26,000 in cash. In 1925, there were 107 such demonstrations in 16 counties with 1,100 hogs. Mr. Shay finds 693 hogs in the tests. These hogs farmers in various parts of the State returned an average of \$2.13 for each bushel of corn consumed and about good marketable animals

weighing about 200 pounds at the time when the market ranges highest. This usually comes about the first of April and the first of September, states Mr. Shay.

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