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Charlie Lynch's barbecue at Harmon Field Saturday night was a big event. It celebrated the opening of the new Harmon Field road. It also was a testimony to the spirit of fellowship and cooperation existing among the civic leaders of North and South Carolina. The barbecue and refreshments were all the entertainment needed to have the men mix and mingle with one another. The host served barbecued pork and lamb, potatoes, rice, corn bread, pickles, green tomato pickles, cole slaw, quartered firm red tomatoes and coffee. Representative Carroll P. Rogers was toastmaster. Malcolm Ainsworth manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce led the 200 guests in a song of praise to Charlie for his hospitality. Highway Commissioners Tom Wolfe and T. Max Watson gave entertaining accounts of how the Harmon Field road was built. Tryon Town Commissioners, the Polk County Commissioners, county and town officers were present as well as many citizens of the community. Other distinguished guests included State Highway Commissioner Ben Prince of Raleigh, Commissioner Carroll L. Wilson of Roanoke Rapids, State Equipment Engineer S. C. Austin of Asheville; Lt. W. B. Lentz, Corp. Chas. A. Speed, and Patrolmen Robert Miller and E. L. Kemp of the Highway Department. From Columbia, S. C., to celebrate the event came Mayor L. B. Owens, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce William Lykes, Jr., Dr. J. May Macaulay, George W. Collins and Chief of Police L. J. Campbell and Sam Sweeney, all old friends of Mr. Lynch when he lived in Columbia and was an alderman there. The Asheville delegation of civic leaders included

Deacon Green, Don Elias, co-publisher of the Asheville Citizen-Times and president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, Otis Price, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Railway, Burnham S. Colburn, Sr., president of the First National Bank and B. S. Colburn, Jr., Lemuel Bridges, president of Smoky Mt. Tours, Frank Coxe, president Wheat-Heart Co., Roy P. Booth, John S. Carroll, Judge Hubert Jarvis, Jack Atkinson, Charles Parker, Harlan Sanders, Brandon Hodges, Albert Bauman, Jack Enright, Bill Penland, Al Reynolds, all of them civic leaders of Western North Carolina. Others noted there included Div. Highway Engineer Hugh Noell of Shelby, F. I. Barber of the Forest City Coca-Cola Bottling Co., who was a big supporter of Harmon Field, Chas. Z. Flack and Oscar J. Mooneyham of Forest City, Judge Chas. Gold of Ruthersfordton, Monroe Reddin of Hendersonville, Representative A. B. Storey of Morganton and other guests throughout the county. Frank L. Jenkins, General Passenger Agent of Southern Railway telephoned from Washington his regret at being unable to attend. The visitors from Columbia presented to a number of guests histories of the City of Columbia commemorating the 150th anniversary of the South Carolina capital. They also left wooden nickel souvenirs for all the guests present. These wooden nickels were used in connection with the sesqui-centennial celebration. Someone asked why Charlie Lynch gave the party. I didn't ask him, but if you had given a lot of your time day after day for years to give the community and county one of the most attractive recreational centers in the world, and had the thrill of friends coming to the rescue following a fire to rebuild the place, and then have the governor of the state and the highway commission to build a road to serve that field, wouldn't you want to celebrate, too! The

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