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## THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

### HE SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

B. Horace Kepthart. iles in the Somkies from all ineld any revenue to the State or to e people living here.

length with the National Commisoners and they told me what they oposed to do if the land in takes er by the Government. In brief, adapted to reforestation. e simulion is this.

rolling and Tennessee. On our side the snickey divide it would take in in the of Haywood County in the http://dickson County in- the the Tuckaseegee that contains settlements except sawmill locais and tumber camps. No water wer sites, mining developments, or sines of any consequence, ev t in her, would be included.

eg, of the Commission the occupants would be aloriginal forest, with its g

its wonder ully varied under its wild flowers, its animal life, at In last week's Bryson City Times tourists and campers love. N Civ letter attacking the pro- goes out of his way to see a lumberset stokey Mountain National man's slashing. The mountains dea- them have never traveled in Florida This same letter has been sent uded of forest are pitiful sign. or other touring regions. They must other country newspapers in this Look at Mount Mitchell once the be shown. They ask: "What would of the State and has been print-premier attraction of our countier, the park do for ME? Hown soon in one or more of them. Its author but now fire-scarred, desolate at 1 and that the park area would shorn of beauty! Nobody comes barne andraw about a thousand square from a trip to Mitchell without being saddened by the vandalism that ruin strial use and that it would never this scenic masterpiece of the South None of us oppose the work of the

Forest Service. On the contrary we But the fact of this matter is just all see its necessity and agree that along the border of the park it would contrary. I have talked it over we need a great extension of fore is be necessary to have a ring of hotels under Government control. But this is a parctically unlimited acrage of cut-over lands in the South that is Why tunities.

should the small area of virgin for-1. The total area contemplated for est that is left in the Snokies be e park is not a thousand square destroyed? It is all it at is left, in les but about 652 square miles, al- the castern United Stars, to show est equally divided between North future generations what a real wildwood is like. Is those big trees were cut, their output in lumber would be a mere drop in the backet compared Creek and Cataloochee country, with the annual consumption in this country. ( h the other hand, their and Balsanis and Soco Valley, and value as secule attractions is vastly wall that part of Swain greater than their market value as and north of the Tennessee River boards and timbers. We shall consider this aspect of the case a little farther along.

The plea for a National Forest n the Somkies, instead of a National Park, is just camouflage. The virgin timber still left in Swain County is from the timber industry look like face at ew scattered moun- in the hands of one or two lumber in this region. but Mr. companies, all of the companies west assured of Deep Creek having about finished their operations. The corporations nd to stay their undisturbed until holding the big tree area have no idea

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tic ment? What private firm would not trees, its thick moss and ferny ins, be glad to take such business over? 6. Our own people, many of them, are somewhat at sea about this park proposition because they have never seen the thing tried, and most of would it affect my interests?"

Well, the immediate affect of opening the park would be to bring hundreds, thousands of investors and summer residents into this country. No hotels would be allowed inside the park boundary-only camps. But and boarding houses. They would certainly be built; for capital is al ways on the lookout for such oppor-

And wherever hotels are grouped in this way, all the varied industries and stores and amusement resorts associated with tourist life would spring up. Tourists are free spenders. They would leave tens of millions of dollars here, and would take nothing away. If you have not been in Florida within the past two or three years, ask somebody who has been there to tell you what the tourist trade amounts to. Under such conditions real estate

values would soar. The money brought into this country by capitalizing our scenery and climate through a National Park would make our old-time revenue

the thirtieth of a cent. Asheville would grow as never is visiting his sister, Mrs. Anna Dock before. She is the strategic center of Western North Carolina commercial-Iv, but she is not yet a city of great and the only restriction placed of turning that region over to the commercial consequence, simply be the being that they would not Gevernment for a National Forest cause the surrounding territory is noon. e and to turn their cattle loose until they have ruined it just as mostly poor. She cannot attain her I wenty Mile and Eagle Creek and due growth in this respect until she Hazel Creek and Forney Creek have has a rich tributary territory. And Messrs. Wishhart and Payne of Ashebeen ruined. And that is all there is the only way to bring riches into that territory is by capitalizing on 4. Now let us consider what would a grand scale the scenic and climatic happen around here if the Smokies advantages that it is so strikingly were made into a National Park .- blessed with. That means a National Waynesville, Sylva, Bryson City and Robbinsville would be direct gateways into the park. Franklin, Andrews and Murphy would be on the main streets leading to it and wide would have to be built across would profit immensely by the traffic the Smokies, from border to border, The influence of this great recrea-"in order," he said," to accommodate tional center would extend, commerthe millions of tourists who would cially, far beyond the limits of the park opened." There would also be built North Georgia would immediately a sky-line drive, forty miles along feel the effect. The Piedmont would wanty nor the people will derive the top of the divide, connecting the feel it. Tennessee, of course, would get her due share.

T. Lee, J., treated everybody to ice cream. The attendance pennant was won by the Beta Baptist Sunday School. The convention will meet at Speedwell next year.

Miss Faye Bryson is recovering rapidly in the Waynesville hospital an additional \$100,000 to be used on where she underwent an operation this road, a great deal of work have for appendicitis.

from Kansas, where he worked for it in that county. some time.

Miss Nannie Knight, Mrs. D. T. Knight, Mrs. W. F.Farwell and Mr. George Knight went to Hazelwood Thursday night to see "The Birth of A Nation."

from Waynesville and attended a dance in Dillsboro Thursday night. Mrs. Perry and Mr. C. R. Jones, Jr. went to Hazelwood to see "The Birth of A Nation".

Misses Katie and Prim Kenney, Margaret, Rena Mae and Ellie Simmons Collins and Messrs. Corbitt Ensley and Geo. T. Knight went to Eagles Nest and had a picnic Saturday.

Mrs. Nelson Beck went to Sylva Saturday.

Mr. Charlie Arrington and little daughter, Ruby, of Canton spent Sunday with Mrs. A. H. Mehaffey and Mrs. Lily Bryson.

Mr. Lloyd Queen was here from Dillsboro Sunday.

Mrs. Maybelle Perry, Messrs Charles Perry and Charles Jones dined on Jones' Knob Sunday. Mr. Roy Dock is spending some time at Balsam Lodge.

Mr. Will Giessler of Newark, N. J. at Balsam Lodge.

Mr. Glenn Beck is quite sick. The little infant babe of Mrs. Williams was buried here Sunday after-

The Grassy Ridge mica mine has opened up under new management, ville.

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

surface or oil surface entirely across the county. It is now practically completed across Transvlvania. Jackson has recently purchased the Ravenel road, and turned it over to the State. Macon is offering to lend the State ing been done on it. Clay offers a Mr. Carter Bryson has returned loan of \$100,000 which will complete

No. 28 will provide a delightful drive, one being able to leave Asheville, Hendersonville, or Brevard drive through the Sapphire country of Transvlvania and Jackson, across Macon, via Highlands and Franklin, Mr. Charles Perry joined a party Murphy and return on Highwayy No. Murphyand return on Highway No. 10 across the Nantahalas by Bryson City, Sylva and Waynesville.

> If a shorter drive is desired, one can turn north in Cashiers, cross the Blue Ridge, and come down the Tuckaseigee via Cullowhee, strike Route No. 10 at Sylva, and thus back to the starting point.

Either of thees routes are at presen comparatively unknown to the tourist business of all Western North Carolina.

#### MISS BROGDON ACCEPTS **IMPORTANT FLORIDA POST**

Miss Nettie Brogdon, who for the past two years has been rural school supervisor in Jackson County, has recently accepted a position as State Supervisor of Rural Schools in Florida. Miss Brogdon expects to leave Cullowhee, where she has had headquarters, about the middle of August to take up her new post at Shuford, and Mr. Arrendale. Tallahassee.

perience will equip her well for the will be held at 2:30, at which time responsibilities of her new office. She a splendid herd will be sold at pubholds B. S. and M. A. degrees from ilc auction. Mr. Robert Patton. the George Peabody Teachers' Col- auctioneer.

lege where she made a special study

CHAUTAUQUA FARMERS' **OPENS TOMORROW** 

Among the notables who will be on the program of the Farmers' Chautauqua, which opens, here, tomorrow, are Miss Hattie M. Berry, prime mover of the good roads movement in North Carolina, and to whom probably more than to any one person is due the progress of the state along that line, Dr. George R. Sturat, of nation-wide reputation as lecturer and pulpit orator, James G. K. Mc-Clure, president of the Buncombe County Farmers' Federation, Mr. George Ross, Mr. Harry Roberts. Mr. B. T. Farnum, Mr. R. L. Shufard, Mr. W. V. Arrendale, Mrs. McKimmon, Prof. Collier Cobb, Chairman Frank Page of the state highway commission and others.

The chatutauqua opens tomorrow morning at 8:30 with community singing for a prize of \$25.00 for the best class or quartette and and \$10. for the second best.

Following the singing Mr. McClure will deliver an address, the Possibilities of Western North Caroling, agriculturally.

11:00 Mr. Ross speaks on the beef cattle industry.

A recess will be taken for dinner at 12:00.

At the 1:00 o'clock hour the dairying industry and its relation to the future of this region will be discussed by Mr. Roberts, Mr. Farnum, Mr.

The sale of Polled Angus, register-Miss Brogdon's training and ex- ed cattle, by the SylvaSupply Co.,

> There will be a base ball game 3:30.

will be seen from this that park area would be in interv, and that the only inas acbed would be the timber

is the situation, Control with regard to timber there are about 102,999 or releaver lands in the county merchantable of acres . Two-thirds of our timber Two-thirds of the old forest mer times is now classified on as books as "waste land" that scarcely any tax at all. The and third will not last ten

at present rate of cutting. where will we be? The timdustry will be gone. Neither thing worth talking about form that maste land until a new forest a HIGHway indeed; for most of it grown up on it. How many of will live to see that day? What e is (there, that a really good es will'ever grow up on it, taking into consideration? And what we do when the timber is gone, be true, as some say, that our is depends on the timber trade? The opponents of a National mswer that all this terriotry ad be turned into a National test, and that the Government for is would then keep out fires and dress the country. But they do say whether this should be done or not until the present ownet through with their operations. cannot be done at once, because Unter Forester, in Washington, decided to stop negotiations for ase of this area in order to the way for its acquisition as tional Park. But even if this altered, what good would it do own generation? It is the policy to make a good cal showing with their opera-There is only one way they 10 it. and that is by cutting out merchantable timber, just as mbermen do. The only differbetween their operations and Forest Service tries to preserve aphilizs so that they may grow the their utmost to keep

the hig frees would have to go ". They would come a long inof waiting for new growth to ". Rist as if the lumber comthemselves had skinned the

The Jackson County Sunday School and stressed the point that he has comes to Cullowhee highly recommend on the 3rd day of August. All teachturn into the first year would turn into the State treasury \$60,000: The actual Convention which convened in the always been interested in highway ed. He is now attending the Wake ers are requested to meet in the ional Forest would offer the return over a period of years would Forest Summer School and plans to Court House on Friday, July respectional facilities and at-Methodist church, here, last week No. 28. be far greater than this rate, judging was well attended and interesting The present status of the road was go later to the Coaching School at 31 at one o'clock P. M. for a short ous to tourists as a National from beginning to end. Good speak- presented by men from the various the University of North Carolina. conference and receiving supplies etc. bare, cut-over mountains from what we actually know of conbunists! Does anyone care ditions in other tourist resorts. ers, and good singing and good din- counties. In Henderson it will be Mr. Beach will also teach some for the year. among such thickets and WOULD GO ON FOREVER. Would not this be a good invest- ner. Mrs. Maybelle Perry and Mr. W. completed by next summer, with hard' courses in Mathematics. J. N. WILSON, Supt No: it is the grand old ab-

to that.

Immediately the Government would Park. begin building highways and trails through the park. Mr. Gregge told me that, in his judgement, at least three, and probobly four hard-surfaced roads not less than fifty feet flock here as soon as the park was counties bording on the over-mountain roads. This would be

would be a mile or more above sealevel. It would be the grandest scenicroad in the world.

Note that he said "the millions of tourists who would flock here." He is no visionary. The members 01 the National Park Commission are experts in park matters. They have intimate personal knowledge of all the eighteen National Parks in our country. They thoroughly know what

the tourist trade is They are hardheaded business men who are in the habit of understating, rather than overstating, facts and probabilities. They are not boosters but seekers

after exact facts. Then, when the roads are built, the Government must cestablish camps

and recreational centers on a grand scale. These activities, including the surveying, would at once give em-

ployment to a host of our people at good wages.

5. But it is objected that either the State legislature or the people by popular subscription must provide the fund needed to buy the park area.

Well, suppose the State does it. This would not in any sense be a gift. It would be, on the contrary, of the lumber companies is that an investment paying a handsome return for all time to come. Suppose 50,000 cars we brought here the metime into a new forest, and first year after he park is opened, out over and above those that would be here anyway. That is certainly a moderate estimate. And suppose their average mileage in the State were 400 miles per car. Our four-

ed that he will construct all the per mile (in exact figures, it is .294 By direction of the Board of Edroads in the district asrapidly as he Department of Athletics at Wake one can see, now, the falsity of cents per mile). Those 50,000 cars BALSAM secures the finances to do the work, Forest under Coach Garrity, and ucation the Public Schools will open

'I hese are some of the reasons why our western region should organize at once for concerted action toward

getting the park. God has given us the finest location in all eastern America for this national recreational center. The National Park Commision has definitely refused to consider any other location south of Virginia. And so the only question for us is this:

SHALL THE SMOKY MOUN-TAINS BECOME A NATIONAL PARK OR A DESERT?

TO PLAN MADI-SON MEMORIAL

H. T. Hunter, President of the Cullowhee Normal School, and E. H. Stillwell, President of the Alumni Association, have called a meeting of the citizens and alumni on July to order on the spacious lawn, under 25, at Cullowhee, to consider plans for the memorial entrance which will honor Professor R. L. Madison, founder of the School. At the annual banquet of the Alumni in May, it was voted that the objective for the year be the crection of this structure. It is to be thoroughly modern, and in keeping with the dignity and beauty of the new buildings on the campus. The new structure will grace the entrance to the main driveway of the campus.

A stone wall and gutter, about 720 feet long, and averaging about three feet in height, which is being erected on the entrance road, in nearing completion. It will serve not only as an object of beauty but as a retaincent gasoline tax is the same as a ing wall to prevent wash-outs from

Misses Ruth and Pauline Bryson have returned home after an extended visit in Canton.



Number 28 Highway Association was formed at High Hampton, when a large and representative body of men and women from the counties af fected, gathered at that resort.

O. L. Anderson, Hayesville, was elected president of the association, J. B. Gray, secretary, and vicepresidents as follows: Jackson County, E. L. McKee; Macon County, T. G. Harbison; Clay County, P. B. Gray; Transylvania County, W. E. Breese, and Henderson County John

Eubank. Highway No. 28 starts at Bat Cave in Henderson County and traverses parts of Henderson and goes through Brevard and a big section of Tran sylvania, to Fairfield, in Jackson County, through Cashiers Valley, Highlands, Franklin, down Shooting Creek to Hayesville, thence to Mur-

phy where it intersects No. 10. Thus located on the map, this important highway traverses a large and beautiful section of Western North Carolina, and a region that is practically virgin, yet possessing great potentialities. It is the object of the as-

sociation to promote the construction of this highway as rapidly as possible. Following a banquet at High Hampton, attended by 102 citizens of the five counties, the meeting was called the centuries-old oaks, by J. B. Gray, who briefly stated the object of the meeting, and in troduced O. L. Anderson, who told of the riches of the region that Highway No. 28 will traverse, and urged the construction of the road, in order to develp those resources for the State, as well as to provide a magnificent scenic highway. He pointed out that this road, unlike a number of the State's great highways, does not follow the rail

roads, but goes through a region that is entirely dependent upon the highways to get their products to the markets.

A vote of confidence and thanks for the work of J. G. Stickeleather, commissioner of the district, was unanimously given by a standing vote.

In response Mr. Stikeleather stattoll rate of three-tenths of a cent the hill adjacent. was intimately connected with the

of rural school supervision. She has taught at that Institution, a the University of Maryland, and at the Cullowhee Normal School. For three years she did supervisory work in Montgomery County, Maryland.

For the past two years, Miss Brogdon has been employed by the General Board of Education in New York to do a piece of experimental work in Jackson County. The object was to ascertain the type of supervision that would meet the needs of the Western Counties. Miss Brogdon has been located at the Cullowhee Normal School which she has used as an agency to assist in putting her program across The Normal School teachers have helped with the presentation of dif ferent phases of her activity. Each year, Miss Brogdon has spent ter days at the school in conference with the teachers with the object of correlating the work in Jackson County with that at the School. During the summers she has taught at the Normal School, making her courses as practical as possible by basing them on the needs of the teachers as she seen them while working in the County.

Miss Brogdon has introduced an extensive testing program in the schools of Jackson County whereby children are classified and promoted in a scinetific manner and promoted ty commencement to be held in any western county in North Carolina was held in Jackson this spring under the direction of Miss Brogdon and Superintendent O. S. Dillard. It the heating system. These repairs was remarkably successful in spite will include the placement of tunnels, of the forebodings of many. Group teachers' meetings, and annual conferences extending over two days have been held. At these, the aims, plans, and problems of the teacher have been discussed. Miss Brogdon's work has been recognized by educat ional leaders in the State who were responsible for the printing of a detailed account of her work, in bulletin form, giving information as to her program, methods of procedure, and results.

#### BEACH WILL COACH CULLOWHEE

J. W. Beach, graduate of Wake Forest where he was manager of the varsity football team and coach of basket balls for three years, has been engaged as coach of athletics at Cullowhee for the regular session be ginning September 8th. Mr. Beach

In the evening Miss Berry and Prof. Cobb will speak, and a pageant will be held. On Friday Chairman Page will speak at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

Mr. V. W. Lewis and Mr. John Goodman will give some interesting information in regard to the poultry industry at 11:00.

Dinner will be at 12:00.

Mrs. McKimmon is on the progarm for an address on The Making of A Home, at 1:30.

Two teams from the Cherokee Indian Reservation will play a game of Indian Ball at 3:00.

At 8:00 Dr. George R. Stuart will deliver one of his delightful lectures. A large crowd of people is expected to be present at all the features of the Chautauqua, and it is hoped that it will be the dawning of a new day in Jackson County, and other western provinces of the state.

There will be no admission charges to any of the addresses or athletic events.

#### PLAN IMPROVEMENTS AT CULLOWHEE NORMAL

President Hunter of the Cullowhee Normal School, upon the instruction of Mr. Reuben Roberson, Chariman of the Board of Trustees, has called a meeting of the Board at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville for August 4th. Bids will be considered and the contract let for repairs on the installation of a circulating hot water system with pumps, a high pressure steam boiler, etc., and the repair of machine lines in the Davies and Madison Buildings.

The Board is also planning to repair the latter two buildings this summer. A number of improvements in the physical equipment have been made recently. About four hundred new books have been added to the Library. A large supply of shades arrived recently so that every building on the campus is now equipped with shades. New blackboards have been supplied to all the needy class rooms.

Following President Hunter's recent conference with the Governor, additional lands, inculding the Fannie Frizzle farm were purchased for the water shed.

#### NOTICE TO TEACHERS