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OUTLOOK TELLS OF SMOKEY PARK

If the old spirit of exploration, which led Columbus and Balboa to their discoveries, were not still extant the men who located the Great Smoky Mountains and the Shenandoah Valley as sites for new national parks, the first in the Eastern United States, would never have succeeded in their quest. Such is the conclusion of William C. Gregg, one of the members of the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission, which at the behest of Secretary of Interior Work undertook the task of locating sites for a national park in the East. In the current number of the "Outlook," Mr. Gregg tells of the search for these parks, and presents a vivid picture of the necessity for the early creation of these great playgrounds. The article, which has a prominent position in this issue of "the Outlook" is entitled "Two New National Parks" and beneath this caption is a map showing the relative location of these proposed parks and the following legend: "You can have them if you want them, as the map on this page shows. The proposed parks lie close to the thickly populated sections of the East, the South and the Middle West. One lies close to the National capital itself. Ask your Congressman if he will help." Six illustrations accompanying Mr. Gregg's article show the beauties of the Great Smoky Mountains section and the devastation done by the lumberman's axe, fire and the consequent erosion. In introduction of his subject Mr. Gregg writes: "Under the shadow of a great tree a man with a microscope may be unfolding new worlds. Thousands of discoverers follow Columbus and Balboa. When did the first white man see Niagara Falls, the big trees of California, the limestone Gysers, and Ausubert's basin? Has everything been fully discovered in the United States? I guess not. A commission of five men, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, last year, with powers to locate a National Park in the South, found two which were unknown to the world. They are the Great Smoky Mountains and the Shenandoah. The spirit of exploration did not spurn them on. Timber cutters cruised the area, but their views were commercial. And many hunters had passed, but in both areas; but the compelling nature was evidently the chase and not the hunt, for they did not pay more attention to the remarkable scenery than did the dogs they were following. This commission composed of five national Parks 'experts' were of a most sceptical before they put their canvas clothes and started to examine a few suggested 'parcels.' 'We Americans hunt oil because we want oil, and by George we find it. We want one or two places worthy to be called National Parks in the East, and we find them.' The Secretary of the Interior Work is according to Mr. Gregg, the first to set about to find national park sites in the East in a scientific manner and he has been a persistent advisor to the park commission in their efforts. Mr. Gregg in his article pays high tribute to Secretary Work and Stephen T. Mather, the director of the National Park Service. Of these men and their work, he writes: "If you ever get the blues and think our government is corrupt and inefficient, just take a look at the National Park Service under Work and Mather. You will find a hard working, economical crew with a high average interest in serving the public. They are protecting our property, that we and our descendant may enjoy it. "If we can save these two Eastern areas and turn them over to the National Park Service, it will make accessible by roads to scenic spots which will rival the best in America. "Why not leave them alone to make roads? Because five million American people who live within a twelve-hour journey of the parks need to be able to get to them. They can give, and because they are getting the remnants of the forest in these small areas of virgin forest."

"The Almighty makes beautiful forms combined with beautiful faces, and we marvel and admire. If either the form or the face is tampered with we lose interest. God made the mountain form and covered it with a face of beautiful plant life. Most of the forests have been cut down by man; but here we find several places where the face of splendid mountains still blossoms in all their virgin beauty. "We are a spendthrift nation; but not a wholly idiotic people to sacrifice scenic gems to the ax of the woodsman, who himself makes little, if any profit. He is only cutting because it is his business to cut so long as there are trees standing. "As an illustration of the disastrous effects of erosion, Mr. Gregg points in his article to the experience of India and China. On this point, he writes: "One reason that China is a decadent, faminestriken country is because individual interest has gradually consumed the trees and left the surface barren. One reason that India has hundreds of abandoned dams and water reservoirs is because the mud has washed down from deforested areas and filled them up of earth. Our own great water reservoirs of the West are slowly filling up with mud, largely because our talk about reforestation is, so far, principally talk. "The two park sites are, Mr. Gregg declares the "most conspicuous in the East as to scenery, trees and plant life. "It may be admitted, that they are secondarily to the West in rugged grandeur, but they are first in beauty of woods, in brilliant fairland glens, and in the warmth of Mother Nature's welcome. When Park roads enable you to motor to the highest points, which our commission only reached on foot, you can get an unobstructed view where we had to climb trees to see, you may argue that the vistas from these tops are finer than those of the West. "Dr. Work, being a physician as well as an administrator, thinks of these parks in terms of outdoor recreation. He has seen the practical advantage of the mingling of the North with the South, of the West with the East. Surely, democracy can have no better school-room than a National Park, where all meet as equals to learn and enjoy."

SHOAL CREEK

Messrs. Wayne and Richard Wells were week end guests of their sister, Mrs. W. E. Bird. Miss Louise Buchanan, of Webster Sunday night with Miss Grace Sunday.

SHOAL CREEK

Mr. Chas. Hyatt returned to Asheville after a visit among relatives. Messrs. J. O. and C. B. Terry were supper guests at Mr. Hughes Saturday evening. Mr. H. G. Ferguson and family were dinner guests at Mr. Cooper's at Sylva Christmas day. Mrs. J. J. Ferguson spent Christmas at Mr. P. H. Ferguson's. Messrs. P. C. Shelton, J. L. II and Terry Johnson returned to Haywood after spending holidays with homefolks. Miss Nancy Keener, who is attending school went to her boarding school to spend Christmas. Miss Elsie Hoyle spent 1 day night at Mr. Nute Snyder's. Our school trucks have had trouble on account of bad roads. We are hoping that some provision be made before many days to bring students to school again.

SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Churching Sunday morning at 11 but no preaching at the church, as the pastor goes to Dillsboro. Sunday School 10 A. M. Epworth League. A cordial invitation to all to join with us, who do not belong elsewhere.

ONE COW \$152.00

Mr. W. M. Harris, of Sylva R. F. D. 1 has one pure bred Jersey cow which she sold 200 pounds of butter at a total of \$140.00, and \$12.00 worth of milk, during the year 1925.

JACKSON COUNTY GROUP COMMENCEMENT CONTEST PROGRAM

The Jackson County group commencement contests which will be held at the five group center schools, Webster, Qualla, Sylva, Glenville and Cullowhee, will be held during the month of January.

Practically the same program will be followed through out the meetings, and, on the whole, be composed of various types of contests, in which the schools of the group will compete with each other. Below is a list of the contests:

- #### Literary Contests:
1. First Grade Dramatization.
 2. Primary Story Telling.
 3. Second Grade Reproduction.
 4. Reading Contests-Third Grade.
 5. Fourth Grade Dramatization.
 6. Fifth Grade Reading Contests.
 7. Grammar Grade Singing Contests.
 8. History Dramatization, Grammar Grades.
- #### Boys
1. Water-barrow relay.
 2. Hampered yard dash.
 3. Four hundred yard relay.
 4. Potato Relay.
 5. Running broad jump.
 6. Pole vaulting.
- #### Girls
1. Chariot race.
 2. Basket ball throw for distance.
 3. Two hundred yard relay.

A banner will be given to each school of each group winning the most number of points. Winners of first place will be given three points, second two points and third one point. The community points (above ten) will be given extra to be added to the points in each contest at the meetings and county convocations to be held at Sylva at a later date. A schedule of the meetings to be held at the group center schools is as follows: Friday, January 8th. Saturday, January 9th. Friday, January 15th. Saturday, January 16th. Saturday, January 22nd. Each school is urged to have an entry for each contest, and it is hoped that some communities will have a per cent attendance.

LOVE'S CHAPEL ITEMS

Miss Fannie Belle and Nettie Clark. Claude Stafford were guests of Miss Nola Ashe Sunday afternoon. Mr. Bumgarner has returned from Wagonville. Miss Lou Brown spent New Year with Miss Myrtle Green. The people of Love's Chapel were notified of the death of Mrs. Annie Shuler has purchased a new piano.

Miss Parker, a student of the normal school has returned from her home. Miss Myrtle Green and Cecil Watson of the normal school were guests of the school Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Parker.

COUNTY AGENTS ATTEND COLLEGE SHORT COURSE

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—The home and farm agents of the agricultural extension service of State College began their annual short course and conference at the College today and will continue the work until January 15.

While attending this conference, the agents will plan their agricultural work for the year 1926 on a state-wide basis using the recommendations which have been worked out for each individual county during the latter part of 1925. Regular lectures and classroom work will be the program for each morning session, followed by laboratory and practical instruction in the afternoon.

The meeting is held under the auspices of the School of Agriculture of which L. O. Schaub is the newly appointed dean. Dr. E. C. Brooks, President of the College, delivered the opening address at the first joint conference held on January 6. Other speakers, in addition to the regular college faculty, are J. E. Purdie, a prominent farmer of Cumberland County; W. E. Hearn, in charge of soil survey work for the United States Department of Agriculture; Dr. I. W. Hill, of the office of Extension Work at Washington; O. B. Martin of the office of Extension Work; Dr. Paul Kruse, Professor of Rural Education at Cornell University; Harry Fagan of Raleigh; George E. Farrell of the United States Department of Agriculture and J. Harper Alexander, of Scotland Neck.

Dean Schaub, assisted by J. M. Gray and Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon of the farm and home demonstration divisions, is in charge of the conference. An effort is being made to discuss all those live questions now affecting the rural progress of North Carolina and to make plans for promoting their solution in the coming year.

Mrs. R. J. Bryson, Miss May Christy and Mr. George T. Knight motored to Asheville December 26th.

BARKER'S CREEK

We are having some cold weather at this place for the past week. Rev. G. C. Snyder filled his appointment here Sunday and Sunday. A large crowd was present. We were glad to have the East Sylva choir with us Sunday afternoon and we hope to have them with us again the third Sunday in January. Miss Bessie Brooks was the guest of Miss Elsie Sutton Saturday night. Messrs. Elsie Fisher and Ben Jones left for Winter Haven, Fla. New Year's day. Miss Louise Hoyle was the guest of Miss Bird Sunday. Mrs. F. J. Jones is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Jones. Miss I. Brooks was the guest of Miss Elsie Sutton Saturday night. Mrs. J. S. Brooks visited Mrs. Joel Messer Sunday. Mrs. Joe Messer spent Saturday night with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks. Mr. Avery Green has moved to the Martin farm. Misses Elven Jones and Mae Dills were the guests of Miss Bessie Brooks Sunday. Mr. Jewel Revis made a trip to Dillsboro Sunday. Mr. Sam Batis was here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carter are visiting here, from Felt, Va. Mrs. J. J. Jones visited her parents Sunday.

LEN HARRIS SHOT TO DEATH

Len Harris, a citizen of Cullowhee, died at the lumber dock, at the New Year's Day, 1926, on the ground below, breaking his neck by falling from the Blackwood Lumber Company, was working on the dock, and it is not known how he fell. He is survived by his wife and eight children.

FATE COPE SHOT TO DEATH

Investigation is being made in Swain county, of the death of Fate Cope, whose body, pierced with gun shot wounds, was found in the mountains, near Judson, late yesterday. Up to this time the death of Cope remains a mystery, which the officers are trying to unravel. Cope is known by a number of Jackson county people, and has relatives in this county.

JOHN ALLEN DEAD

The death of John Allen, painter, who died between Sylva and Dillsboro, was held in Dillsboro, yesterday afternoon, following a protracted illness.

CITY CONTEMPLATES BIG PAVING PROGRAM

A big paving program for Sylva, sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce, is being projected by the city council, and tentative plans have been made. It is proposed to pave all the principal streets of the town, the city to pay 1-3 the cost and the property owners on each side the street 1-3 each, on the streets where a majority of the property owners petition the city council for the paving the cost to be met by issuing bonds maturing each year for ten years, thus spreading out the paving assessments to the property owners over that period of time. As a preliminary step, the city has employed Mr. Thomas A. Cox and Mr. H. R. Queen, to make a survey of the town, definitely locating all the streets and lots of the town, and making a map to be put to record, so that there will be no disputes over the location of the property of the city and its citizens. It is expected that the survey work will begin about the middle of this month, and the petitions for paving will be circulated by interested citizens within a very short time. The plans of the city council call for paving of practically all the principal streets of the town, and will total something near four miles of streets in addition to those already paved.

STATE WILL BUILD 700 MILES OF ROAD

The State Highway Commission announces its purpose of starting on the construction of 700 miles of roads early in the new year, 200 to be hard surfaced and 500 miles of top soil, the program, when completed, to represent an expenditure of approximately \$12,000,000. Added to this will be hundreds of miles constructed through cooperation with counties that are taking advantage of the opportunity to secure the services of road experts by making loans to the State Highway Commission with the view to making important connections "while the going is good."

KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN GRAHAM

T. W. Hampton, 50, woods superintendent of the Champion Fibre Company, at Smokemont, was killed in a railway accident at 12 o'clock Dec. 23. Mr. Hampton, it is stated, was aiding the workmen in switching a train at Smokemont, preparatory to quitting at 12 o'clock in order that all might go home for the holidays, when the accident occurred. The superintendent's foot slipped, the report says, and he fell in front of the train, which ran over a leg. He bled to death. All efforts to the workmen to aid him being fruitless. The deceased made his home at Smokemont. He was considered an unusually fine type of man, of splendid personality and character and, in his loss, the fibre company lost one of its most valuable employes.

BUNCOMBE SCENE OF ACCIDENTAL TRAGEDY

Asheville.—When the gun which Frank Chatham, 16, was cleaning, was accidentally discharged, the heavy load of shot lodged in the breast of his brother, Ernest Chatham, 18, killing him almost instantly Wednesday morning. The accident occurred at the Chatham, home a few miles beyond Biltmore near the Hendersonville road, and Sheriff E. M. Mitchell, who was called to the scene, made an investigation and concluded that the shooting was purely accidental.

MRS. W. B. STYLES IS DEAD

Mrs. W. B. Styles, died at her home, on the Cullowhee Road, early Sunday morning, after having been ill for many months. The funeral was held at Lavedale Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Haywood county. Mrs. Styles was a member of the First Baptist church, of Sylva, and was known throughout the community as a conscientious, active Christian woman. She leaves her husband and several children.

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