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# PLAN BIG DEVELOPMENT FOR LOWER JACKSON

## HAYWOOD STARTS PARK DRIVE WITH BIG SUBSCRIPTIONS

Waynesville, Feb. 9.—One-third of Haywood County's quota of $30,000 for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park purchase fund was subscribed here in less than twenty minutes last Friday night at a mass meeting in the courthouse. After Judge T. D. Bryson and Commissioner Harlan P. Kelsey of the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission had explained the many benefits that would accrue to this county and Wesern North Carolina by the creation of this park, subscriptions were called for, and thirty persons joined in pledging the ten thousand dollars that was raised. The balance will be raised immediately, the committee announced following the meeting.

The initial success of the campaign in this county is particularly gratifying to the committee, because of the organized opposition of the lumber companies in Haywood County to the proposed park. At a park meeting two weeks ago the opponents to the park plan met the park proponents in a spirited debate, and indicated their determination to fight for a national forest.

The campaign here is being directed by Bonner Ray, local merchant and president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce.

## FOODLESS FARMS

During recent years there has been a concerted effort to diversify, to grow food and feed on every farm in addition to the usual money crop. Diversification has been preached until many of us have become to thoroughly dislike the word. From information assembled recently by E. [illegible] Bodman, Vice-President of the Union Trust Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Arkansas Bankers Association and a leader in the banker-farmer movement of twenty years standing, it would seem that there is still a pressing necessity for awakening thousands upon thousands of farmers in the South to the imperative need of mixed farming as a fixed policy.

Mr. Bodman's investigation of so called foodless farms, covering the states of Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina, ten states in all, developed the following astonishing information:

Thirty-seven percent of all or 945,333 farms were found to be without a dairy cow.

Fifty-six percent of all or 1,4[illegible] 726 farms made no butter.

Thirtythree percent of all or 950,[illegible] 560 farms did not raise a chicken.

Twenty percent of all or 500,4[illegible] farms produced no eggs.

Twenty-three percent of all or 59[illegible] 247 farms had no garden.

Fifty-six percent of al ler 1,4[illegible]8 544 farms did not raise a pig.

Fifty-eight percent of all or 1,48[illegible] 227 farms raised no sweet potatoes.

Seventy-nine percent of all or [illegible] 005,593 farms raised no Irish potatoes.

Twelve percent of all or 299,8[illegible] farms raised no corn.

Eighty-six percent of all or 2,18[illegible] 506 farms raised no oats.

Fifty-four percent of all or 1,382 [illegible]19 farms raised no hay or forage.

Seventy-six percent of all or 1,9[illegible]2 445 farms grew no cane for syrup.

Ninety-five percent of all or [illegible] 415,966 farms had no pure-bred animals.

Can your farm be classified as a foodless farm? If so, why not make your plans to get out of this class in 1926?—G. A. Cardwell.

## SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. No preaching at night as I go to Dillshore.

Sunday School 10 A. M. Epworth League 7 P. M.

Those of you who have been staying in this winter especially from church, come out Sunday and take your place again in the Sunday School and the church service, it will do you good. Try it and see. We are going to look for you.

W. M. Robbins, Pastor.

## RECORDER'S COURT HAS SHORT SESSION

It took only until the dinner hour to dispose of the cases before the recorder, Monday morning. Adam C[illegible] convicted on a second offense of manufacturing, drew a sentence of 18 months on the roads, and appealed to the superior court, an appeal bond of $1000.00 being made. Zeb Parris, convicted of the same offense, was fined $50.00 and the costs, it being his first conviction under the Bryson-Galloway act.

Elmer Franklin and Theo. Moore, two little boys charged with larceny of some chickens, were found to be under the 16 year limit and the cases against Dock Nicholson and was remanded to the juvenile court, where they were found not guilty.

Cases of assault and peace warrant John Coward were continued until March 8.

Capiases were issued for a number of defendants who had failed to pay costs in cases tried at previous sittings of the court.

## MESSER GETS 10 YEARS

Waynesville Feb. 10.—After deliberating nine hours the jury in the case of Melvin Messer charged with killing his wife, Lillie Messer, on January 17, returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter and Judge Oglesby sentenced the defendant to 10 years in the prison [illegible]

The jury did not agree [illegible] before a verdict could be reached [illegible] understood that at one time [illegible] consider the first degree murder charge, asked for by Solicitor Day and with four members of the body standing in favor of manslaughter and eight for second degree murder the [illegible] deadlocked, and after [illegible] hours of deliberation the [illegible] the ninth ballot that read manslaughter.

When the jury filed into the courtroom Judge John M. Oglesby [illegible] warned the spectators that there would be no demonstration of any kind regardless of the verdict and instructed Sheriff Cabe to watch for any person violating this order. As Foreman Freel arose and spoke in a low voice that the defendant was guilty of manslaughter there was not a sound in the court room, Messer standing to receive the sentence and supporting himself on the back of the attorney's chair, he listened to his honor's sentence with a calm and quiet attitude that had followed him during the entire trial.

Attorneys Ward and Alley filed an appeal on behalf of Messer. Mr. Alley stated late this afternoon that he did not deem it advisable to take the case to a higher court anr that in all probability the decision would stand.

Messer was taken from the court room to the Haywood County jail in preparatory to making the trip to Raleigh which will be made the latter part of this week.

Messer contended through the trial that his wife came to her death from falling enroute home on the fatal day but the presence of wounds and cuts on his wife's body he was never able to explain to the jury. Messer after learning of his wife's death did not notify any one of the incident until the next day.

Solicitor Grover Davis and Sheriff John Cabe were today receiving praise from fellow citizens on the case. It was these men who, after hearing of the death of the deceased proceeded to the mountain home and found Mrs. Messer being, prepared for burial and there placed her husband under arrest after viewing the body of the dead woman.

Shortly after the jury had left the room in the courthouse last night fire was discovered in an attic room of the courthouse. Prompt work on the part of the clerk of the court and a deputy Sheriff prevented the fire from spreading until the arrival of the fire department. Damage done by the blaze will not exceed $25[illegible].

## C. H. JARRETT REAPPOINTED POST MASTER

Andrews News, Feb. 5.—Clyde [illegible] Jarrett has been reappointed postmaster at Andrews.

His nomination was sent to the Senate by President Coolidge [illegible] confirmed on January 26, 1926 for a term of four years.

Mr. Jarrett was first appointed [illegible] President Harding January 14, 1922 [illegible] and has made an efficient postmaster [illegible] and has served for two years as President of North Carolina Postmasters' Association.

# To Build Large Lake On Shoal Creek

## 3000 Acres Optioned

Plans are taking shape for the promotion of one of the largest developments yet projected, in Western North Carolina, in the Qualla section of Jackson county, according to authentic reports from lower Jackson and the Swain border.

It is stated that options on between three and four thousand acres of land at a price around one million three hundred thousand dollars, have been secured by R. A. L. Hyatt and others said to be representing a Florida realty concern, and engineers are now on the property making the preliminary survey, and it is expected that operations will be taken up early in the summer and work will be started on the gigantic development.

It is said that the optioners of the property plan to build a forty foot lake on Shoal Creek, at the present site of Hayes' mill, and cover several hundred acres of land with a beautiful lake, which is surrounded by a chain of stoping hills, and lies between [illegible] Balsams and the Great [illegible] plans are also said to call for the erection of one or more large hotels and the laying out of beaches, golf courses and other playgrounds, and the sale of lots for summer cottages and homes.

This is the largest development to be promoted in Jackson county, and when completed Jackson will be one big, summer playground from Cashiers Valley, where is Lake Fairfield, the oldest artificial lake in Western North Carolina, on through by the High Falls of the Tuckaseigee, the towering Balsams, Cullowhee, Canada, Sylva, The Hood Development of Jones' Knob and the Balsam Gap developments, to Soco Creek, Oconaluftee River and the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

## BALSAM

[illegible] Bryson died Sunday afternoon at the home of his youngest son, Mr. Carter Bryson and the remains were laid to rest in the Crawford Cemetery Monday afternoon by the side of his wife, Ollie Jane Bryson who died July 28, 1916. The funeral service was conducted at the cemetery by Rev. Wm. Pruitt, of Hazelwood. Mr. Bryson was the father of ten children, five of whom are still living: Mrs. Maggie Ensley, of Hamilton, Wash., Mrs. D. W. Ensley Messrs. D. E. Bryson and Carter Bryson, and Mrs. Lettie Parris of Addie. He is also survived by one brother, Mr. Thad G. Bryson of Willets, one sister, Mrs. Margaret Jane Snyder of Rocky Mount, one half sister, Mrs. Fanny Morrow of Bryson City and three half brothers, Messrs. Amos, Theodore and Hebe Bryson of Balsam. Mr. Bryson was 79 years of age and a Confederate veteran. The family wish to thank their friends for the beautiful floral offerings and other kindnesses extended during the illness and death of their beloved father.

Mrs. Gola Buchanan and children of [illegible] Creek are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jones took their little daughter, Freda, to Way[illegible] Monday to have her onsils removed.

[illegible] Crawford of Sylva spent last week end with Miss Evelyn [illegible]

[illegible] Barnes and Mr. Sam [illegible] tered to Sylva Sunday.

[illegible] supper at the Baptist [illegible] Friday night was a success financially, the amount raised being [illegible] They are having the church recovered with metal shingles.

## SUPERIOR COURT NEXT WEEK

The February term of Jackson superior court will convene Monday, February 15, with Judge John Oglesby presiding.

The term will be for the trial of criminal and civil cases and will continue for two weeks if it is necessary to complete the trial of all the cases on the docket.

There are no outstanding cases to be heard.

## CHILD DIES IN BURNING HOUSE

The 4 months old baby of Roy Pickens, colored, was burned to death, early this afternoon, when the home of the child's grandfather, Tom Pickens, was destroyed by fire, in the tannery section of Sylva.

The baby was sleeping in one room of the house, and when the fire was discovered the room was covered with flames, making it impossible to get to the child.

The fire is said to have originated from an electric iron, and with practically all its contents was completely destroyed.

## COUNTY FARM AGENT TO HOLD COMMUNITY FARMERS' MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

The County Farm Agent will meet the farmers in various communities next week to discuss with them plans for this year's farm work including lime and Soy beans for soil building, and dairying, poultry, hogs and sheep as cash crops.

In order that the farmers may buy their lime or beans or cows with any satisfaction it is necessary to pool our orders and buy in car lots, so it is absolutely essential that the farmers in each community come out to their meetings in order to cooperate fully in this and in starting the community demonstration.

We can't afford to let the muddy roads or rough weather or some little job on the farm that can easily be done on another day keep us from attending our own community meetings and starting our work with some system and cooperate for the year.

The meetings are announced by Mr. Tilson as follows:

Shoal Creek School House Monday afternoon. Wilmot School House Tuesday morning at 10 and Cay School House Tuesday afternoon, at 2, Webster School House Wednesday morning at 10 and Addie at John Allman's farm at 2 in the afternoon. Thursday the farmers of John's Creek will meet at the School House at 10 A. M. and those of Cullowhee community will meet at 2 P. M. at the school house. Friday at 10 A. M. the farmers of Tuckaseigee community will meet at their school house.

Come out to your meeting and let's plan to make this a profitable one for farm operations.

## N.C. TO FRONT IN AUTO DEATHS

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 8.—North Carolina and Florida tied last week for the doubtful honor of leading the South in the number of traffic fatalities. Each state reported eight killed. The regional total was 45 killed and 298 injured.

The survey included deaths and injuries by automobile, train, street car and motorcycles.

Louisiana had the lowest score for number killed during the week, reporting only one. Georgia showed her lowest for several weeks with three.

Virginia led in the same number injured, 46 being her score in that column, Florida being a close second with a total of 43. South Carolina with five reported the lowest.

A tabulation by states followed.

| State | Dead | Injured |
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| Virginia | 5 | 46 |
| North Carolina | 16 | 39 |
| South Carolina | 3 | 5 |
| Georgia | 3 | 38 |
| Florida | 8 | 43 |
| Alabama | 5 | 21 |
| Mississippi | 2 | 13 |
| Louisiana | 1 | 30 |
| Arkansas | 2 | 18 |
| Tennessee | 4 | 25 |
| Kentucky | 4 | 25 |
| Totals | 52 | 298 |

## TO SELECT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMEN

Durham, Feb. 9.—The North Carolina Republican executive committee meets in Durham today to elect a national committeeman to succeed Judge John J. Parker, circuit court judge and fix the place and date for the Republican state convention. William G. Bramham, of Durham, is state chairman.

## SIX PERSONS ESCAPE CHEROKEE JAIL

Murphy News, Feb. 5.—A daring wholesale jail breaking was effected by six prisoners from the county jail here last Friday night shortly after or during the supper hour. The prisoners who escaped are:

Rich Pickensmer, charged with violation of the prohibition law.

George Bryant, charged with breaking into J. W. Odom's store at Ogreeta some two months ago.

Grover Taylor charged with violating the prohibition law.

Cliff Taylor, charged with stealing an automobile.

Dock Groves, charged with barn burning in Clay county and brought here for safe keeping.

George Sm[illegible], charged with white slavery, a negro was apprehended in Georgia and was brought [illegible]

Much con[illegible] prevalent as to how the p[illegible] made their escape. Standridge [illegible] apprehended, has re[illegible] to say that another prisoner found the [illegible] and the door open, and [illegible]

Sheriff [illegible] at the time and P. C. Gentry, a deputy, was in charge.

The front of the jail has had to be left open since the burning of the court house [illegible] public entering [illegible] of the clerk of the [illegible] and the [illegible] Lint's [illegible] the third [illegible] necessitat[illegible] be closed.

The [illegible] that a key to the cage [illegible] jail, which was in the p[illegible] of W. A. Hoyle, the janitor [illegible] under the care in t[illegible] and it was his opinion that [illegible] by the prisoners [illegible] that the h[illegible] on the cages being open [illegible] a friend of some of [illegible] could easily have see[illegible] locked the door [illegible] the key [illegible] ing and could not [illegible]

A rew[illegible] being offered fo[illegible] pt. [illegible] ers, Mr. M[illegible] had he hoped to have [illegible] jail before many mor[illegible]

## S[illegible] CREEK

Prof. M[illegible] teaching in ou[illegible] d of Mrs. Roy Benn[illegible] moved to her home in Jo[illegible], Tenn., Wednesday. Mrs. [illegible] was a good instructor. She has taught our school for the past two year[illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ferguson spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. S. E. Vanner's of Whittier.

Mrs. J. G. Hooper was a guest of Mrs. Bill Howell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall of Whittier, spent Wednesday night at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

Mr. G. T. Cooper called at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James S[illegible] spent last week with her parents [illegible] and Mrs. Johnson Thomas [illegible] Creek.

Mr. and M[illegible] A. Kinsland called at Mr. J. H. [illegible] Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. [illegible] and Mrs. Ed Oxner spent [illegible] with Mrs. Troy Turpin.

Rev. E. [illegible] stopped at Mr. C. M. [illegible]

Mrs. D. [illegible] called on Mrs. A. C. Ho[illegible] afternoon.

Miss Om[illegible] spent Tuesday night with [illegible]

Misses [illegible] Winnie Cooper, P[illegible] and Cooper and Mr. Carl [illegible] called on Misses Gertrude a[illegible] Ferguson Sunday afternoon.

Miss M[illegible] was a week en[illegible] Oscar Gibson.

Misses [illegible] Evelyn Kinsland and [illegible] called on Miss Claudia [illegible] afternoon.

The C[illegible] Mr. Tilson spoke to [illegible] ers Tuesday morning.

We are [illegible] in the embrace of a young blizzard [illegible] are hoping it will soon turn [illegible]

## EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Service[illegible] at St. David's Cullowhee [illegible] o'clock Sunday morning [illegible] at St. John's, Sylva at 7 [illegible] evening. Archdeacon J. H. Griffith will conduct the services.

## ATLANTA PAPER FEATURES SMOKIES

Two full pages of the rotogravure section of the Atlanta Constitution (Sunday February 7) was given over to a display of the beauties of the Great Smoky Mountains, the site of the proposed national park. Pictures showing the great trees, the luxuriant growth of ferns, myrtle, the balsam, the vast expanse of mountain tops, and the winding roads and deep coves. In addition to ten pictures of the mountain scenery of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, the pages carry a map showing the relation of the proposed park area to the nearby cities.

Of particular interest is a picture of a group of mountaineers atop Mount Le Conte, where according to the caption "seven states spread before your eyes on a clear day from the observation tower atop Mount Le Conte, 6,600 feet above sea level". The remarkable effect of the clouds which gather in the valleys is shown in another picture, which was taken from one of the ridges, showing "under the feet of the tourist the billowing beds of clouds."

The photographs, utilized in the display are from the studios of Thompson Brothers, of Knoxville, and the Asheville-Biltmore Film Company of Asheville.

## U. D. C. WILL GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

The letter which follows was received by Mrs. J.H. Cathey, president of the B. H. Cathey Chapter U. D. C. and explains itself:

My dear Friend and Madam President:—

As chairman of Education for the North Carolina Division U. D. C. I am writing to put before you the vacancies in the schools and I would appreciate if you would put a copy of my letter, or substance therein, in your local newspaper.

Four scholarships at N. C. C. W. valued $130.00 each.

One scholarship at N. C. C. W. valued $130.00 given to a girl who is or has been a member of the C. of C.

One scholarship at University of N. C. for boy, valued $200.00. This is the General Robert Ransom Scholarship.

One scholarship at Greensboro College valued $150.00.

One scholarship at Eastern Carolina Teachers College, valued $130.00.

Now, I would like for you to go before your High School and announce that we have a scholarship named the "Jefferson Davis Essay Scholarship", valued $200.44, to be given to the boy or girl, who writes the best essay on the Life of Jefferson Davis. If a girl wins it she can go to N. C. C. W. If a boy wins it he can go to the University of North Carolina. These essays must not exceed twenty-five hundred words, must be typewritten and in my hands not later than June 1st.

We also have a loan fund of $190. If applicants for scholarships will get in touch with me I will, forward blanks immediately. Only lineal descendents of Confederate Veterans are eligible.

For any further help or information write me,

With best wishes, I am,

Most sincerely,

Mrs. L. B. Newell,

Chairman of Education.

## JUDGE BRYSON WILL NOT SEEK JUDGESHIP AGAIN

Salisbury.—Superior Court Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, whose resident district is the 20th, who is presiding over Rowan County Superior Court here this week, made the statement for publication this morning that he would not be a candidate for renomination.

This declaration was in answer to a question relative to his probable resignation. He said that published reports were not authorized by him. He further said that when he retired from the pudgeship he did not intend to devote his entire time to the Smoky Mountain Park project as had been intimated in published reports.

Judge Bryson is now completing his eighth year as superior court judge, his present term expiring next January.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Jenkins to Minnie Duvall.

Daniel M. Allison to Emma Johnson.