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EAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Augustan Advocates Direct Route Via Sylva To Knoxville

Route To Smokies and Middle West From Jacksonville and Augusta

Augusta, Ga., March 1.—Mr. H. C. Middleton, Augusta realtor, in a article in the Augusta Chronicle, this morning, advocates a direct route from Jacksonville and Augusta, via Sylva, North Carolina to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and to Knoxville, Louisville and Chicago. Figures show that the route would be approximately 75 miles nearer from Augusta to Knoxville via Walhalla, Highlands, Cashiers Valley, Sylva and Cherokee, than the present route, and would be of great benefit to the entire Southeast, and the cities and towns affected, placing Jacksonville, Augusta, Charleston, and Savannah within easy striking distance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

There is said to be much interest in the park and in the proposed road in Augusta and adjacent territory.

The full text of the Chronicle's article follows:

It is doubtful whether the people of Augusta, at large, fully realize the importance to this city of the proposed great National Park in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina above Walhalla.

This park is to comprise some 600,000 acres, if established, which seems assured, and would rival the Yellowstone. The proposed establishment of this park has greatly stimulated highway building in that portion of North Carolina and Tennessee, so that most of the highways in that region are either already paved or will be paved within one or two years. The park will begin about 37 miles west of Asheville and four or five miles of Waynesville and lie between Waynesville, Sylva, Bryson City, Bushnell, Proctor, N. C., and Calderwood, Tenn., on the south and Knoxville, Maryville and Sevierville on the north running to within probably 30 miles of Knoxville. It will start on the south within about 30 miles of the South Carolina line above Walhalla, S. C.

Already several roads are partly paved and other extensive paving is to be done from the park area to Highlands, near the North Carolina and Georgia line, about 35 miles above Walhalla. It is stated at Sylva and Bryson City that this road will be completely paved this summer from those towns down to Highlands. It is State Highway in North Carolina and South Carolina from Highlands to Walhalla and from Walhalla to Augusta via Anderson, Abbeville, McCormick.

Tennessee now has a road paved from Knoxville well toward Gatlinburg, which is far this way into the limits of the park; and a good automobile road continues from this point through the park to Sylva and Bryson City, N. C. This road to Bryson City is to be paved at an early date. Knoxville and that portion of Tennessee are getting into this park as anxiously as we on this side. This is rapidly developing into an almost air line highway soon to be completely paved from Knoxville to the North Carolina-Georgia line, 30 miles from Walhalla.

The stretch through South Carolina and Georgia from the North Carolina-Georgia line above Walhalla will soon only need to be paved to establish a paved highway, Augusta to Knoxville as against via Asheville.

From Knoxville the highway to Cincinnati, Chicago, Toledo, Detroit, is one of the most important in the South. This travel will have an opportunity of coming from Knoxville this much nearer way via the park Anderson and Augusta to the Atlantic seaboard and Florida, and this should mean a great deal to Augusta. This would be the shortest way from Knoxville to Charleston, Beaufort, Savannah, Brunswick and the most practical route to and from East Florida points. It would also be the nearest route from Charleston, Beaufort and Savannah to the Park and its neighboring resorts, which it is expected will be greatly augmented by the development of this park of national importance.

The building of the bridge over the Savannah river at Fury's Ferry 14 miles above Augusta is essential to this road. Without this bridge the travel from Augusta would have to go

via Edgefield, Greenwood and Greenville to the Park. Columbia would reach the park region through Greenville. And Atlanta, Macon and Athens would reach it via Cornelia, Sylva and Franklin.

The paving of this road from Augusta to Walhalla and North Carolina line will of course, become a matter of importance. It is generally agreed that this road will be paved on the Georgia side from Augusta to the Fury's Ferry bridge as soon as that bridge is erected. From that point to Walhalla it is all state and federal road and it is understood is all in the South Carolina legislative act of 1924 legally ordered to be paved under the pay-as-you-go program. It is possible, though under the law, for counties to pave at once and receive annual reimbursements from the state.

It would be well for an Augusta-Anderson committee to begin work together to promote the full development of this road.

There are 18 national parks in the west, comprising 11,000 square miles. There is but one east of the Mississippi—a small one eight square miles far up in Maine.

The secretary of the interior in 1924 appointed a commission to examine the Alleghenies and Blue Ridge with a view to setting apart that scenic portion of them which would possess the greatest national interest. In December, 1924, after eight months' work, the commission reported: "Of these possible sites, the Great Smoky Mountains easily stand first", and they recommended the park establishment there; also a much smaller park in the Blue Ridge in Virginia adjoining the Shenandoah.

So we are likely to have a national park in the Smokies near here, rivaling the Yellowstone, to be an attraction for people from all over the union. Not only will they visit it but will pass through the highway to Knoxville though it will be a short line—the shortest or most practical between Chicago and the northwest and Florida, through Walhalla, Anderson and Augusta. To avail ourselves of it, to the fullest, will require that road be paved from Augusta to the South Carolina line, above Walhalla to join the pavement continuing north from that point. As is generally known this road is paved from Knoxville to Cincinnati, Chicago and Detroit. From Anderson the road can go on to Greenville, Hendersonville and Asheville as at present almost all the way.

HAYWOOD RECEIVES WORK'S CONGRATULATIONS

Asheville, March 9. Official appreciation of the work of the people of Haywood county in raising the county's quota of \$30,000 for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park purchase fund was given by Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work. In reply to a telegram to Secretary Work, who is sponsoring the campaign for the purchase of the mountain lands for a national park, announcing that the county quota had been raised in face of bitter opposition, the secretary wired as follows to C. M. Dicus, chairman of the Haywood County campaign committee:

"My congratulations on your telegram of yesterday. Prospects for your success are very bright."

The quota of \$30,000 has been over subscribed by about \$600, it was announced at a victory rally at Waynesville last Thursday night, but there is no intention to stop work now that the quota has been raised. A large over-subscription is sought.

Not only was this money subscribed in the face of organized opposition of the industries of Haywood County, and newspapers of the county, but it was necessary to confine the fund-raising activities to Waynesville, as the other sections of the county had been intimidated by the opposition of the large industries, which for selfish reasons sought to block movement. The sum of \$206,000 was therefore, entirely subscribed by the people of Waynesville and vicinity.



CELEBRATES 102ND BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Jane Childers was 102 years of age, Monday and a birthday celebration of which 50 guests were present, was held at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Sam Ballew.

Born in Spartanburg county, South Carolina 102 years ago, Mrs. Childers has made her home in Jackson county for many years. Her first husband, Loranza Mason, was a major in the Mexican war and her

second husband was Nicholas Childers, who was a private in the Confederate Army.

She has a large number of great-grand children, thirty-five grand-children, and six living children, J. M. Mason, of Dillsboro, other Mason, of Asheville, Mrs. Lena Luther, Cherokee, Lyden Mason, Dillsboro, Mrs. N. L. Sutton, Sylva, and Mrs. Susie Gummels, Gastonia.

STONE MOUNTAIN

As the Pyramids are monuments to the Pharaohs to succeeding ages, so will Stone Mountain be a grand monument to the soldiers of the Confederate Army.

The Federal Army recognized the fact that the Southern soldiers were foremen "worthy of their land" and now the whole North, by representatives in Congress, recognize the valor of the Southern Soldier by carrying and issuing 2,600,000 Southern Memorial Coins to the world.

This superb work will perpetuate Southern Valor to all the coming ages. 150,000 of these coins is North Carolina's quota. The great state whose brave soldiers were "First at Bull Run, farthest to the Front at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, and last at Appomattox" will surely go "over the top" purchasing these coins—guaranteeing the completion of the Stone Mountain Monument—which will commemorate and perpetuate the valor of her men, and the heroism of her women during the long years of the Sixties—in the souls of men and the hearts of women.

Every child in the State should have one of these coins, a precious inspiring memorial. The patriotic Sons and Daughters who love and venerate their fathers and their enduring unconquered mothers, will not fail to purchase these 150,000 coins.

Somehow, I feel that Robert E. Lee is looking down at his soldiers who loved him and affectionately called him "Marse Robert" and I hear him saying, "Let us rise to this opportunity—Men Do your Duty." Let us meet his approbation and hear him repeat, "GOD BLESS OLD NORTH CAROLINA!"

W. A. SMITH, Major General, Comander N. C. D. U. C. V.

LITTLE GIRL DIES

Little Hazel Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Snyder of Wilnot, died at the Bryson City hospital on March 5, 1926. She was only sick a few days and died of pneumonia. She was up to within a week or ten days of her death she had attended the Wilnot school. She was an obedient and affectionate student and was loved by her teachers and school mates.

PARK VICTORY IN SIGHT

Asheville, March 9.—(Special)—North Carolina has raised two-thirds of the half million dollars, which must be pledged by April 1 if the Great Smoky Mountain National Park is to be created at this session of Congress. Unless in the neighborhood of \$166,000 is pledged by the people of North Carolina this month, the creation of the proposed national park is in doubt.

The pledges in the hands of the campaign headquarters here approximate \$100,000 of this the great state's quota, of which the people of the Western district, only \$13,123 have been actually subscribed by the people of the central district of North Carolina.

Five counties have raised their full quotas—Swain, Haywood, Clay, Wayne, Rutherford and Mitchell. None of these counties have ceased their efforts to gather subscriptions, and all expect a large over-subscription.

Western North Carolina, which has assumed a quota of \$400,000 has raised, according to the pledges in hand, \$319,551. A number of county chairmen have not made recent reports on the progress of their county activities and this amount will be swelled considerably, it is believed when reports are all in.

It is important it was said at campaign headquarters here today, that all pledges be in before April 1, when the final report of the campaign is to be made to the Secretary of the Interior, and a bill for the creation of the proposed park presented to Congress.

DR. JESSIE ZACHARY HEADS DENTISTS.

Raleigh—The fourth district dental society in session here elected as its head a woman, Dr. Jessie Zachary of Raleigh. As vice president the dentists chose Dr. J. W. Whitehead of Smithfield. Dr. E. A. Branch, Raleigh is secretary-treasurer of the organization for the next year.

Dr. Zachary is a native of Jackson county, a daughter of the late Dr. James Zachary, and has a large number of friends and relatives in this county who will be interested to learn of the honor conferred upon her by the members of her profession. She is a sister of Mrs. O. B. Coward, of Webster, and of Dr. Daisy Z. McGuire and Mrs. J. R. Cochran, of Sylva and a daughter of Mrs. B. Norton.

SYLVA AND BOWEN

Colwell's high school boys and the Iola high school girls' basketball teams won the M. V. Moore loving cup entered winners in the boys' and girls' divisions of the annual Colwell Normal invitation basketball tournament, which closed on the gym court this afternoon.

The Sylva boys ran rough-shod over the Franklin high school team in the final match by a score of 40 to 8, which was featured by the accurate goal shooting of Ensey and Morgan, Sylva forwards. The Macon county team displayed a brilliant brand of floor work was unable to score with any consistency.

The Iola girls' team dark horse entry of the tournament, flashed to a 40 to 24 victory over the Sylva high school girls' team in the finals of that division.

In the semi-final rounds the Sylva high school boys gained a 41 to 19 victory over the strong Sylva College Institute quintet, which was featured by the work of Finemann of the high school team, and Grindstaff of the Institute. Barringer, Institute center, displayed a clever grade of floor work.

In another battle in the boys' division, the City quintet by a score of 35 to 24 most closely contested the entire tournament. Up to the end of the last quarter, the Bryson City team showed some promise, but never seemed to get into the game.

In the girls' division, the City quintet eliminated the Franklin team 24 to 15 after the latter had defeated Qualla Qualla girls 24 to 15.

The line-up for the game of the boys' division was: Sylva (40) Ensey (14), Morgan (10), Roden (1), Finemann (8), Clayton (3), Barnes (2), Substitution: Hodge (2), Franklin (15) Wilcox (5), Higdon (4), Hester, Carter.

The girls' line-up was: Sylva (34) Fouts (14), Edwards (12), Ray (17), Garrett (5), A. Gibson (19), A. Stein (6), C. Gibson (1), Crawford, Bryant (1), E. Stein, Mason (1), Moody (1).

Time of quarters: eight minutes. Referee, Alexander (Peabody).

WILKES ADDRESSES PARENT-TEACHERS

Dr. Grover C. Wilkes, county health officer, addressed the parent-teacher association, at its regular meeting, this week, on the subject of sanitation and personal hygiene, as they affect the conservation of child health.

There were a large number of the children and parents present, and the instructive lecture of the health officer, laying out simple plans to be followed to preserve the health of the children, was well received.

A picture show in the grade room was presented to the Sixth grade, by Mrs. C. Lovelace, for having the largest number of parents present at the meeting. A second picture will be presented by Mrs. Davis to the largest number of parents present, at the next meeting.

Mr. J. C. Oliver, principal of the school, and the committee that went to the county board of education to secure a new school building, were present; but was unable to discuss the question of financing the new building at the present time.

SYLVA AND BOWEN

Preaching at the church Sunday evening, at the usual time. If you do not attend church anywhere else, have a cordial invitation to worship with us.

ALLEY FAMILY HURT WHEN CARS COLLIDE

(From The Citizen Bureau)

Hendersonville, March 6.—Morris Alley, his wife and two sisters are in Patton Memorial Hospital here tonight for treatment of minor injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the Brevard Road late this afternoon, it was learned from the hospital authorities tonight.

Mr. Alley and his family were motored toward Brevard when they accidentally ran into a car driven by Tom Shipman, Brevard. The cause of the accident was not learned beyond the fact that the road was covered with ice and Mr. Alley stated that there was ice on the windshield and he did not see the approaching car. No one in Shipman's car was injured and Shipman brought the occupants of the Alley car to the hospital for treatment. The hospital authorities reported that their injuries were not considered very dangerous.

Mr. Shipman had just been released from the hospital and was driving home when the accident occurred.

THE PHONE IS FIFTY YEARS OLD

The year 1926 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the telephone. Though not the year this anniversary will be observed in various ways. The first observance of a national character will center about March 10th the anniversary of the date upon which the first spoken sentence was heard over the telephone line. This was the wire stretching between two floors in Alexander Graham Bell's workshop in Boston, and on that date Thomas Watson, Bell's assistant, heard him say on the crude instrument with which they were experimenting the words "Watson come here. I want you."

As a means of concentrating the attention of telephone people on this particular date arrangements have been made whereby all people in the Bell System and independent telephone companies throughout the United States on March 10th will wear a specially designed button. This is perhaps the first and last time in this generation at least when every employee of the Bell System will have an opportunity simultaneously to observe with other people in the telephone business an occasion of significance to all.

The Western Electric Company's participation in this general program has been provided for in accordance with the following schedule:

March 1st Statement in Company publication covering the observance and release of information to the press.

March 4th, Display on bulletin boards of poster containing a message of W. E. Gifford, President of the A. T. & T. Co.

March 8th, Display of Western Electric poster explaining the significance of the date of March 10th.

March 9th, Distribution of buttons to employees.

March 10th, Wearing of buttons by employees.

POULTRY SHIPMENT A SUCCESS

Last Thursday the farmers from various sections of the county brought in to the poultry car at Sylva over four thousand pounds of cull hens and old roosters. This lot of poultry brought the farmers approximately one thousand dollars in cash. Several men received checks of \$18, \$23 and \$31 dollars for their lot of cull hens brought in and this was cash right in hand when the poultry was weighed. Many of these folks are going to buy purchased hatching eggs or baby chicks from the sale of these culls.

Mr. A. G. Oliver, State Poultry Specialist, who is in the county this week says by all means we should cull out three fourths of our hens in April and sell them and make room for the early growing pullets to have the full range of the farm this summer. Then those pullets next fall and winter will pay three to three times the profit of a hen one year old or over.

Keep Mr. Oliver's shipment in mind and when we ship again in April every farmer should bring in three fourths of his least valuable hens and get cash for them before prices fall in May.