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Drive For Smoky Park Funds to Start Soon

SURVEY IS COMPLETED

Asheville Citizen June 22
The Southern Appalachian National Park Commission which was created by the United States Department of the Interior, will soon launch its national campaign to raise approximately \$10,000,000 for the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountains National park in Western North Carolina and Tennessee and the Shenandoah National park in Virginia according to dispatches received last night from Knoxville, Tenn., where Federal and State park officials were in conference.

Mayor W. A. Welch of Washington, D. C. chairman of the Southern Appalachian commission, said that the campaign will be begun within 10 days and will be pushed intensively in all sections of the United States. It was pointed out that the people of North Carolina and Tennessee as well as the legislatures of both states, have appropriated such large amounts that the country at large should assist in this great undertaking.

This campaign is of paramount interest to the citizens of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, since these sections have for several years given, of their time and money for the advancement of this cause. The State legislatures of North Carolina and Tennessee have appropriated in money and lands approximately \$4,000,000 during the past assemblies and the purchase funds subscribed by the citizens of the two states have been equally as liberal.

Organization of this campaign will be started immediately in the southeastern states and will be extended as rapidly as the forces and success of the campaign permit. The work of surveying and estimating the various privately owned lands of no park area in North Carolina and Tennessee has been done and the park commissions of the two states have established offices in Asheville, Knoxville and Bryson City for the purpose of proceeding with the actual purchase of the lands.

Mark Squires of Lenoir, chairman of the North Carolina Park Commission; Plato Ebbs, of Asheville, a member of the commission; W. H. Whinnant of Lenoir; and Verne Rhoades of Asheville field agent of the North Carolina Park Commission, were in Knoxville yesterday in conference with Arno B. Cammerer, Major Welch and Tennessee members of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Conservation Association.

It is the plan of this group of workers to start the work of getting an outline of the titles of the land in the section and according to Mr. Rhoades immediately after the report is made to Secretary Hubert Work of the findings of Mr. Cammerer, crews of surveyors will be on the ground to start the final survey.

It was reported that Mr. Cammerer has finished his maps and work of the section to be included in the 214,000 acres of land that is to go on the North Carolina side, as well as that of the Tennessee side, and will submit them to Secretary Work at once.

SYLVA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FACES GREAT YEAR

According to telegraphic advice from Principal W. C. Reed, of Sylva Collegiate Institute the prospects for the school are that the coming year will be the greatest in its entire history. Mr. Reed, who is holding a meeting in Henderson, wires that information. Recently the board of trustees reelected the entire faculty.

Tom Tarheel says his cows sent Tom, Junior, to college last year.

When beans are washed thoroughly poison applied for control of bean beetles will not injure humans.

A Good Paper Serves Its People

There are numerous ways in which a good newspaper serves its constituents in addition to furnishing them with the news, and with an advertising service that gives them an insight into local market conditions, and a guide as to where they can best shop—things that they do not pay for, and which they do not expect when they subscribe.

A instance happened a few weeks ago. The Jackson County Journal carried a news story, because it was news of the killing of a large bear in the Balsams, by a party headed by Wilburn Parker of Caney Fork. Charles J. Metz down in Atlanta, a subscriber of and a supporter of The Journal, read the story. It happened that Mr. Metz wanted a bear hide. He wrote the Journal directing it to offer Mr. Parker \$75.000 for the skin of the bear. The Journal communicated with Mr. Parker and wrote Mr. Metz. Mr. Metz mailed The Journal his check for \$75.00 and the bear skin was shipped to him. Mr. Parker got his \$75 and Mr. Metz his bear hide. Buyer and seller were brought together. A service done for which The Journal received nothing, wanted nothing and expected nothing. The paper was only too glad to serve both the principals. This is but one incident showing the thousand and one ways in which a good county paper serves its county.

RIFLE CLUB FOR SYLVA

(Capt. John C. Cutberth)
The National Rifle Association was organized in New York in 1871. For more than a century the association has watched over the interest of the shooters of America. Very few if any of the national sportsman associations of the United States past or present show such a long history. Only the splendid principals of patriotism and sportsmanship on which the association is founded could make such a history possible.

The object of this Association shall be to educate the youth of the nation in marksmanship throughout the United States particularly among civilians both as a sport and for the purpose of qualifying as finished marksmen.

There are not many cities in North Carolina that have this opportunity to have a National Rifle Club but through a strong effort Sylva has the pleasure to have a rifle club from the War Department and the government will furnish rifles, target ammunition for outdoor and indoor shooting free for the benefit of making our citizens sharp shooters and sportsmen. There is a world of pleasure to be derived from a organized rifle club.

A Rifle Club is exactly like any other sportsman organization. It is a group of men (or men and women) who like to shoot or who want to learn how to shoot and who get together into a club so that they may have matches and may enjoy the social activities of any high grade clubs. A rifle club differs from many sportsman association and athletic clubs and is a 100 percent American organization. Any citizen between the ages of 16 to 60 can become a charter member. Citizens desiring to become a member of the Sylva National Rifle Club will write to Capt. John C. Cutberth, O. D. Box 244, Sylva N. C. Membership closes June 27th 1927. Make application at once. High school students join.

WILL HOLD B. Y. P. U. ENCAMPMENT

The Baptist Young People's Union encampment for the Western counties of North Carolina will be held at Sylva Collegiate Institute from August 7 to August 12. Prof. and Mrs. W. C. Reed will be in charge of the encampment, and some 200 young people are expected to be in attendance.

Halifax farmers sold 800 pounds of wool last week for 32c a pound.

Greens Creek Will Have W. M. U. Meeting

Meeting at Greens Creek Baptist church, the annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Tuckaseige Association will be held on next Wednesday. The meeting opens at ten o'clock with a devotional service, led by Mrs. T. F. Deitz. Mrs. Edna Harris, of Raleigh, one of the state officers of the Union, will be one of the speakers.

The programs as announced by the associational superintendent, Mrs. T. C. Bryson, follows:
Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."
10:00 A. M. Devotional, Mrs. T. F. Deitz.
10:15 Welcome—Response.
10:30 Roll call of societies.
10:50 Report of officers.
11:00 Talk—Superintendent of Association, Mrs. T. C. Bryson.
Recognition A-1 societies.
11:20 Value of our Missionary Magazines and of the Recorder, Mrs. H. T. Hunter.
11:30 Talk—State officers, Mrs. Edna Harris.
12:00 Ruby Anniversary Plans.
12:15 P. M. Appointment of Committees.
Nomination, time and place, resolutions.
12:30 Open conference for question on: Reports, Standard of Excellence, Personal Service, Apportionment, General Information.
1:00 Lunch.
2:00 Devotional—Webster, Mrs. Lawrence Cowan.
2:10 Gifts: Co-Operative Program, Margaret Fund, Sunday School Board, Bible Fund, W. M. U. Training School, our State Expense Fund, Blanch Barrus Nurses' Home, Mrs. John R. Jones.
2:20 God's Plan of Giving—Have you a better one?, Mrs. J. G. Murray.
2:30 Young Peoples' Work, Mrs. I. K. Stafford.
2:45 Roll call of societies.
3:30 Mission study, Mrs. W. C. Reed.

GREATEST WORD JOB NEARS END

Oxford, Eng. June 18—It is expected that this year, will record the successful completion of the greatest lexicographical undertaking the world has ever known, the New English Dictionary, after more than 48 years of constant work.

Already the Magnum opus of Samuel Johnson is referred to as "an incomplete piece of hack work!" and his definition of the word "network"—"anything reticulated or be cusated at equal distances between the intersections"—is cited as an example of how not to write dictionaries.

It was in 1879 that Sir James Murray started work on the Oxford Dictionary, as it is familiarly known. It was first proposed in 1857 by Dean Trench in his noted "Study of Words."

The main feature throughout the work has been to select and gather quotations to illustrate fully the historic development of every English word and its minutest shades of meaning, and for this purpose all English books written before 1600 have been read by scholars all over the world, as well as thousands of books written since 1600.

The nearest approach to the New English Dictionary is the great German lexicon of the brothers Grimm who also wrote fairy tales in idle moments. It was begun in 1853, but after 69 years it had reached only its thirteenth volume down to WEG. Even with its supplements, Little's French Dictionary is a small affair compared with the Oxford Dictionary. Students find that Webster's Dictionary cannot be compared to the New English Dictionary for scope and thoroughness.

Most of the work on the Oxford Dictionary has been done in the Scriptorium a little tin tabernacle erected in Dr. Murray's own garden at Mill Hill and in 1891 taken over by Oxford university.

When the editor started work he had more than 5,000,000 quotations at hand and since then has handled countless numbers.

The county agents of State College have shipped over 300 solid cars of properly fed hogs to eastern markets this spring and have helped to bring thousands of dollars in new money for poultry shipments.

PREPARING TO ENFORCE NEW STATE TRAFFIC LAWS

Officers throughout the State are preparing the new and more stringent traffic laws effective July 1st.

The new laws embodying the old traffic and automobile regulations were passed by the last General Assembly and many new features were incorporated in the long list of provisions in some cases, the new laws affect only the operation of motor vehicles on the highways outside of cities, but in some all thoroughfares are embraced in the territory of traffic rules.

The new State traffic laws carry a number of new features and among the most important are the following:

Speed limit on the highways increased to forty five miles an hour.

Speed on curves, in business districts, cross intersections in school zones when children are going to and from school, limited to fifteen miles an hour.

All accidents on the highways must be reported to the State Vehicle Commissioner. Blanks for these reports must be supplied to the police and sheriffs of the state.

Registration of motor vehicles car must carry its own title card in car must carry its own title card in a special holder.

All registration will be held up in case of the theft of any vehicle being registered until the final status of the car is settled.

All drivers must observe crossing signals and no one will be permitted to drive through a safety zone.

Police, fire and ambulance vehicles are exempted from the speed limit when responding to calls.

Windshields, side-wings, or rear windows cannot carry any sign, poster or other non-transparent material.

All head-lamps can not be operated to cast any ray of light higher than 42 inches and 75 feet ahead of the vehicle.

All vehicles except those propelled by human hand must carry a light when operated on any public road embraced within the State Highway System.

Change in the date of the motor registration from June to December 31st.

After July 1 defendants convicted in any justice court, police court or court of record must pay an addition-

Mitchell Tower Presented to State

The tower, recently erected of granite rocks, on the summit of Mount Mitchell, was presented to the state, with appropriate exercises, by Col. C. J. Harris, one of Jackson county's leading citizens.

The tower will serve as a lookout for the North Carolina Forestry Service, as well as a suitable memorial to Prof. Elisha Mitchell, who lost his life on the mountain, in making explorations, and for whom the peak is named.

Mr. James G. K. McClure, of Asheville presided over the exercises, and introduced Col. Harris, who formally presented the tower to the state. It was received by Major Wadd H. Phillips, director of the department of conservation and development, on behalf of the state of North Carolina.

A number of Jackson county people attended the exercises, and it was stated that more than 200 people were present on the mountain, despite the inclement weather.

QUALLA

Last Week—
Mrs. Martha Medford of Clyde spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. York Howell.

Mrs. Faye Varner and children of Whittier were guests at Mr. P. C. Shelton's.

Mrs. T. T. Varner of Whittier visited Mrs. J. M. Hughes.

Prof. C. R. Bird and family of Guilford spent the week end among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Terrell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell.

Mr. Lonnie Crisp and Misses Essie and Bonnie Anthony and Sadie and Elsie Hoyle made a trip to Smoke-

Messrs. J. O. Terrell and Golman Kinsland motored to Sylva.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bradburn called at Mrs. A. J. Freeman's.

Mrs. Will Freeman visited Mrs. W. F. House.

Miss Bessie Martin was guest of Miss Ruth Ferguson.

Mrs. W. F. Battle visited relatives at Sylva and Smokemont.

Some of our people are attending revival services at Whittier.

Mrs. Zena Battle and daughter, Ida visited at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

COMMERCE BODY HOLDS JUBILEE

The Sylva Chamber of Commerce held a jubilee meeting, last Thursday evening celebrating the success of the membership drive, that has just closed. Nearly one hundred new members were added during the drive, which was under the direction of D. G. Bryson, commanding general. Two teams were chosen, with J. F. Freeze and H. E. Monteith as captains. To the Monteith team goes the honor of securing the largest number of new members, while Thomas A. Cox of the Freeze team secured the largest number of any individual, with Gilbert Bess, of Mr. Monteith's team as second.

President Buchanan and Commanding General Bryson expressed their gratification at the remarkable success of the campaign as did Mr. Freeze and Mr. Monteith, team captains.

al 50 cents to cover a fee charged for supplying the State Automobile Department with an abstract of each conviction for violation of the traffic laws. An exception to this law will follow when the defendants are convicted of municipal traffic laws.

All magistrates and clerks of the court are required under the new law, to furnish the department with an abstract of each conviction of a traffic violation within ten days after judgment is rendered, and also in the case of conviction of felonies when an automobile is involved.

Headlights will receive more attention of the local police than heretofore, and the crusade of traffic squad will also be extended to the violators of the new law governing the use of tail lights.

SMALL COUNTIES SMALL INCREASE

Raleigh News and Observer, June 19
Robeson, home county of Governor Angus W. McLean received the biggest increase of any county in the State in the distribution of the school equalization fund in the figures announced last night by the State Equalization Board, which was appointed by the Governor.

The entire fund amounts to \$3,250,000 of which \$3,126,674.03 was distributed, \$100,000 being set aside in the act for stimulating and emergency purposes and the remaining \$23,325.97 being reserved for expenses of the board. The distribution last year amounted to \$1,499,960 the total being a little more than doubled and 90 counties participating as against 76 last year.

Robeson received \$10,843.77 last year and will get \$82,859.51 during 1927-28, an increase of \$72,015.74.

The question of how each county fare at the hands of the board will have tremendous effect on local taxes. The budgets for the 90 participating counties were increased this year over last by \$594,000 and the equalizing fund distributed by \$1,626,000 leaving \$1,032,000 for the reduction of taxes or the betterment of school facilities.

Robeson was by no means the only county whose portion was increased in a striking manner. Of the 76 counties participating last year only 25 will get as much as double the amount although the fund has been more than doubled and only 14 additional counties added.

Ten of those 25 counties will receive over four times as much as they received last year. Here are those increases:

Anson from \$9,585.14 to \$42,710.58
Beaufort from \$6,798.65 to \$63,087.25;
Chowan from \$2,394.56 to \$10,232.86;
Cleveland from \$5,628.16 to \$47,092.58;
Cumberland from \$3,138.38 to \$47,611.64;
Davidson from \$12,511.53 to \$64,185.69;
Davie from \$4,993.63 to \$21,664.93;
Duplin from \$15,492.29 to \$66,902.68;
Nash from \$6,540.52 to \$73,993.72;
Robeson from \$10,843.77 to \$82,859.51.

Of the above five counties will receive as much as eight times what they got last year. They are: Beaufort, Cleveland, Cumberland Nash and Robeson. Members of the board live in Beaufort and Nash counties.

In the following counties the sums received last year were decreased as follows: Camden from \$10,774.02 to \$5,660.58; and Dare from \$19,423.06 to \$18,876.73. Two other counties, Currituck and Jackson received virtually no increases.

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Wilkes County which from time immemorial has received more than any other county, was increased from \$75,647.41 to \$91,171.73 and is second in the list with Union first.

Last year the six leading "pauper" counties in order of rank were Wilkes, Union, Columbus, and Sampson.

This year the six leading "pauper" counties in order are Union, Wilkes, Sampson, Robeson, Columbus and Nash; Robeson and Nash have advanced from lowly ranking to high place.

The board of Equalization as ap-

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