

Macon Must Help

Do you want a National Park within easy reach, for you and your children, your neighbors and visiting friends?

The area of the Great Smoky Mountains which the federal Southern Appalachian Park commission has selected for a national park, is within a few miles of Asheville. The good roads of North Carolina will lead to its entrances. Government built highways will traverse the park, making easily accessible all the scenic wonders, virgin giant forests, varied and abundant flora and remaining wild life of this chosen and now inaccessible mountain region.

In this area there are seven mountain peaks higher than Mount Washington and many other peaks 6,000 feet above sea level. Some of them rise a mile above the valleys from which they are approached. One hundred and thirty-seven varieties of trees and one hundred and fifty varieties of shrubs and flowers make this area the greatest natural botanical garden in the world. Some of these trees are estimated to be a thousand years old, and the wonderful flowers bloom over vast acres. This "mountain climax east of the Rockies" has been selected by national park experts as the incomparable area east of the Rockies for a national park.

Do you want the national park which it is proposed shall be given to the more than 80,000,000 people living east of the Mississippi river, to be located near your door? There are seventeen national parks in the West. The entire eastern part of the United States has but one little 5,000 acre national park, which is on the coast of Maine. The Great Smoky mountains lie midway between the Gulf and the Great Lakes, and between the Atlantic and the Mississippi, ideally placed for the benefit of the entire population of the East. This park will contain nearly 1,000 square miles and be the sixth in size of all the national parks.

Do you want to conserve these virgin forests, not only for posterity to see and enjoy, but as the only adequate means of preserving the water sources from which the fertile valleys, existing and proposed hydroelectric power, the avoidance of floods in the rainy season and drought in the heat of summer can be secured?

The forest reserve permits the cutting of trees and reforests cut-over areas. It took a thousand years to grow some of the trees of the Great Smoky mountains area. The forest reserve does not operate to provide recreational opportunity for the public. National parks are created to preserve outstanding treasures of nature's greatest beauty and marvel and to make them easily available for the enjoyment and benefit of the public.

Do you want to share in the inevitable benefits to be derived from a vast throng of tourists annually visiting the communities surrounding the Great Smoky mountains national park?

Within five hundred miles of these mountains fifty million people dwell. Within a thousand miles more than eighty millions make their homes. North Carolina already entertains annually more than half a million tourists. The Great Smoky mountains national park will be as a rare diamond set in a wide bed of pearls, their lofty peaks forming a fitting climax to the world famous scenic views of Western North Carolina. The park, added to present attractions, will bring to this section such an increase of tourists as staggers the imagination. The easy approaches to this park from all sides will invite tourists to journey into the park day after day, patronizing hotels, boarding houses and local merchants in the surrounding area, and becoming acquainted with the opportunities and attractions which these communities offer for permanent residence, so that many will seek here to make their homes.

Do you want to preserve the last remnants of the wild life of the native North Carolina forests? National parks are game reserves. The government protects desirable species of animals and fosters the propagation of animals and birds, to the delight of the nature lover and for the education of the young.

Would you like yourself to see the vast acres of rhododendron and other flowers in bloom over these great heights, and to stand beneath the giant trees which towered to heaven before Columbus was born? Would you like to look into seven states, to be seen from the top of Mount La Conte? Would you like to sleep beneath the great balsams which interlock their branches in the heights of these Mountains? Would you like to view the sunrise and the sunset from points more than a mile in the air?

These rare enjoyments which have been the privileges of only a few owing to the inaccessibility of the Great Smokies, will be for you and your children as soon as the government accepts this area for a national park and proceeds to construct highways, rest camps and other conveniences which are provided in national parks.

Do you want your children and the youth of America to be able to look upon the wonders and beauties of the Creator's handiwork just as He first

gave it, unspoiled by man?

To secure this national park with all that it means not only to the people of Western North Carolina but to the many millions of Americans who will enjoy its rare privileges, it is necessary that the park area be donated to the government by the people. The government will provide for the development and care of the park when it is once accepted by the congress.

North Carolina is asked only to contribute the first \$500,000 of the purchase price of the park area. Payment will be made in four installments over a period of three years.

Every North Carolinian will surely wish to subscribe generously to this fund, for the pride of his state, for the benefit of all Americans, for the certain preservation of the last remaining great tract of God's own handiwork in the eastern part of the United States.

Robert Sterling Yard, secretary of the national Parks association, in the November National Parks Bulletin says of this proposed park:

"The Great Smoky mountains national park will possess national park quality of high order. That is, it will equal in its own different way the high standard set by the national parks system.

"Rising from a base altitude averaging fifteen hundred feet, her mountains equal in actual height all but very few in our western national parks as measured from their own base levels of four to nine thousand feet. They are massed, ridged, canyoned and tumbled as confusingly as the High Sierra of California. If their heavy blanketing has saved them from the carving, doming and splintering erosion which has performed upon the bared summits of many western mountains of similar height, it has preserved to them the greater beauty of more gracious outline. Under different conditions, the master sculptor has here produced a vastly different work.

"Great Smoky's contribution, therefore, to the nation's world-famous exhibit will be large."—Selected.

In Memory

Mrs. Elizabeth Conley Hester was born August 12, 1847 and died November 1, 1925. She joined the church in the eleventh year of her age, and on December 16, 1873, was married to Mr. John Hester. Six children were born to this union, three of whom survive: Mrs. Jeff Enloe, Franklin; Mrs. J. E. Osborne, Harrisonville, Mo., and Mr. Fred Hester, Jonesboro, Ark. She also leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Dave Lewis and Mrs. Arch Siler, of Franklin, and Mr. Sid Conley, who is in the West. From the above dates it will be seen that Mrs. Hester was well on towards her four score years, and that she became a Christian in her eleventh year, thus having been a follower of Christ for nearly three score years and ten. Hers was no mere profession, but her life in a peculiar way gave evidence of her sincerity. She was not among those who think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, but she thought of herself in a sober light. To illustrate, some one said something to her about letting her mantle fall on some one else at her departure, she intimated in her reply that her mantle would be too little for anyone else. This reply indicates her estimate of her own worth, and as a result she never sought to be a leader nor of gaining a conspicuous place in the Lord's work. She did think herself capable of that. On the contrary she was content to stand with those who were recognized as leader and give them loyal and faithful support. If goodness entitles one to be called great then Mrs. Hester was a great woman. She is one among the choice spirits it has been my privilege to know. It is needless to offer words of comfort to her relatives and friends. They are confident of her happy estate. Let it suffice to express the hope and prayer that all of us who knew her may follow her example of faithful Christian living that we too may come to a like happy inheritance.

Stiles Locals

Mr. W. J. Morgan of Brevard is in this section shaking hands with his many friends. We are glad to have Mr. Morgan with us any time.

Miss Eva V. Smith who is attending Iota high school spent the weekend with home folks.

The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McGaha's for the purpose of piecing a quilt for the pastor of Tellico church Saturday evening.

Miss Ruth Byrd was gone to Almond to spend a few days.

Mr. W. A. Burnette met the misfortune Saturday evening of getting bit by a hog. On last accounts he was getting along very well.

Death visited our community last week and took little Eddis Duvall home. Our sympathy is with the bereaved parents.

Sorry to state Mr. Bryson Burnette is in a critical condition with a cancer.

Messrs. Allen Welch and Newt Gouge have moved a saw mill in this section and are sawing lumber and ties.

Mr. T. B. Anderson broke his arm a few days ago cranking a Ford truck.

Flats Locals

Messrs. Johnny Dills and B. F. Lowery made a flying trip to Nantahala Saturday.

Mr. D. A. Grant was on the streets last Tuesday happy as a spring bird. It's a nine-pound girl.

Mr. W. L. Grant came down off the house top Friday morning rejoicing. It's an 11-pound boy.

We are glad to see this fine weather. Everything is working like clock work on the new road to Nantahala Station. We will soon have a road that everybody will be proud of. It is progressing fine. The drill is cutting from 300 to 500 feet every eight hour shift. That's drilling some. We are pleased to have such a man as Mr. Ripley in our community. He has lots of friends. A word to those who growled about the old road being closed. We are not surprised at you for we knew a professional growler before the road started. Can't have a road without closing up the old one. We assure Mr. Ripley and Uncle Sam that the citizens will stand by them whether the growlers do or not. We want to thank them for the efforts they have made to give us a good road.

Scroll Items

"Leasing land" is one of the chief topics of the day in our section. Some of our leading citizens have already leased.

Drs. Castleberry and Evans were recently examining cattle for tuberculosis on the creek. I have heard of no cattle having to be killed in our community.

About twenty acres of land were burned over by a forest fire. Citizens and wardens were faithful in the fight to extinguish it.

"Uncle Burgin" has been prospecting again. He says he has found better mineral than ever before.

There is to be a Christmas tree at the school house on Wednesday before Christmas.

If the weather permits Mr. Woomum of East La Poste to come, we expect him to preach at the school house December 27.

Mrs. J. M. Keener has had an attack of rheumatism but was better when the writer heard last.

Mr. Wendel Keener, who has been in the U. S. Marine service for over two years is not "out" but plans to stay on in Massachusetts for several months learning a trade. He has been studying while in the service.

Will say good-bye. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all the Press readers.

Right of Way Cleared

On the 10th of this month after 13 working days Mr. Charlie Oliver completed clearing the right of way for the power line to the mine of the Mica Products Company on the head of Cowee. The approximate cost was \$325.00.

Stewart and Culbertson are also progressing nicely with the building of the line. Mr. Webber, general manager of the mine, states that he has all equipment in place and will

be ready to utilize power when it is available—probably by the end of the year.

Poultry Sale

At the poultry sale held at Franklin on December 9, a total of 8509 pounds were bought as follows: Hens 4945, Fryers 2483, Roosters, 485, Turkeys, 557 and ducks 39. The total price received was \$1710.31.

At Otto the next day the car was loaded to a capacity of 10,000 pounds.



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Overcoats of the past have been heavy, close fitting, cumbersome things; but the overcoat of today is different. It is loose fitting, wide through the shoulders and has a neat appearance. It is double-breasted and holds its shape. It is not only fashionable and good looking, but it is also comfortable. It makes one look larger through the shoulders and is easily pressed.

But if you like the old type overcoat, we have that for you in sober colors and style.

Look your old coat over, see if it isn't frayed at the cuffs and slick at the elbows. Slip it on and see how it fits; then come to Trotters and let us show you the season's latest. You will notice the difference, and when you slip it on you will like the appearance, the hang of it, and it will feel roomy and comfortable. We have them in various shades of gray and brown plaid at prices ranging from \$20.00 to \$50.00.

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