

### W. C. Gregg Tells of Locating Park Sites

If the old spirit of exploration which led Columbus and Balboa to their discoveries, were not still existent 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 telescope a man with a microscope may be unfolding new worlds.

"Thousands of discoverers followed Columbus and Balboa. When did the first white man see Niagra Falls the big trees of California, the Yellowstone geysers and Ausable Chasm?

"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 hunt for a national park in the Southeast, found two which were unknown and might have remained 'unheralded and unsung' if the old spirit of exploration had not spurred them on.

"Timber cutters cruised the areas, but their views were commercial. A good many hunters had pursued game in both areas; but the compelling adventure was evidently the chase and the kill, for they did not pay much more attention to the remarkable scenery than did the dogs they were following.

"This commission composed of five national parks 'experts' were of all men most skeptical before they put on their canvas clothes and started to examine a few suggested 'parks.' "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."

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 adviser 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 descendants may enjoy it."

"If we can save these two Eastern areas and turn them over to the national park service, it will make them accessible by roads to scenery and by-paths to the virgin forests," Mr.

Gregg writes. "It will restock them with native game, so that elk, deer and buffalo can again be seen in herds in the East. It will protect the wonderful flowering shrubs and the greatest collection of rare plant life in America.

"You say, 'Why not leave them alone, why make roads?' Because forty million American people who live within a twelve-hour journey of these high and cool areas need the outdoor life they can give, and because the lumbermen are cutting the remaining trees 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 blossom 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, famine-stricken 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 full 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," he says that they are secondary to the West in rugged grandeur, but they are first in beauty of woods, in thrilling fairyland 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, when 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 health of Eastern America. Our commission, being composed of practical men, thinks with him also of the business, social and political advantages of the mingling of the North with the South and of the West with the East. "Surely, democracy can have no better schoolroom than a national park where all meet as equals to learn and enjoy."

#### REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH CONTINUED THROUGH SUNDAY

The stewardship revival now in progress at the Franklin Baptist church will continue through Sunday. Services are held each day, in the mornings at 11 o'clock and in the evenings at 7:30. Dr. Walter N. Johnson is speaking each morning on Power. At the evening services a study of the application of New Testament teaching in regard to stewardship is his general subject. It is the unanimous opinion of those who are hearing Dr. Johnson that his studies are the most valuable contribution to the Christian life of our community. In spite of cold weather, the attendance has been pleasing at all the services. Everyone is invited to get the benefit of these sermons and those who miss the opportunity are suffering a real loss for themselves. Probably no man in our Southland has given more earnest study to this great and vital subject of stewardship, nor do we know of any so well equipped for the presentation of the subject.

It is said that a fool and his money are soon parted, and yet lots of fools keep right on accumulating wealth.—Santa Monica Outlook.

Police who found a suspect hiding in a hencoop insist that is prima facie evidence that he is a bad egg.—Miami Daily News.

### Report of the Condition Of The Highlands Bank

At Highlands, N. C., at the Close of Business December 31, 1925.

#### RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$114,194.68
Demand Loans .....	4,450.00
Overdrafts .....	108.40
Banking House .....	3,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,500.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies .....	20,294.23
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$144,547.31</b>

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus Fund .....	1,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid .....	2,127.80
Deposits subject to check.....	97,244.32
Time Certificates of Deposit, due in less than 30 days .....	28,733.92
Cashiers checks outstanding .....	441.27
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$144,547.31</b>

State of North Carolina, County of Macon.

I, S. T. Maret, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. T. MARETT, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

W. M. CLEVELAND,  
G. W. MARETT,  
J. Q. PIERSON,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of January, 1926.

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Notary Public

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