

Second Clinic For Cripples Big Success

The orthopedic clinic for treatment of cripples held its second meeting last Saturday, January 23, in the Methodist church at Waynesville. The first meeting having been held on the 19th of December at which time a goodly number of cripples were examined and treated, a considerable portion of these were present again Saturday to receive a second treatment in accordance with the doctor's recommendation. In addition to these there were 16 new cases reporting for examination, most of whom were also given treatments.

Cases that have thus far attended this clinic have represented club feet flat feet, turned over ankles, stiff joints, drawn leaders, curved spine, and about every description of physical deformity. Most of these conditions can be materially benefited by casts, bandages, braces, etc., such as are applied right at the clinic. Especially is this true where the patient is young or the complaint of recent occurrence. In cases where the proper correction cannot be made without an operation the patient is given advantage of necessary hospitalization which has been provided for in connection with the clinic.

One of the features of last Saturday's clinic was a luncheon prepared and served in the church by the Waynesville Community club for the free enjoyment of all visitors, crippled or otherwise. This luncheon is to be continued at future meetings of the clinic which will be on the fourth Saturday of each month (Feb. 27, March 27, etc.) All attending in the future should make it a point to arrive before noon and stay for the lunch. The clinic opens about 9 in the morning and closes about 4 in the afternoon, each case being handled and released according to order of his coming in.

A Surprise Birthday Dinner

On Sunday, January 24, Mrs. Leslie Higdon and Mrs. Charlie Higdon gave a surprise birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. T. B. Higdon. The birthday cake with 39 candles which formed the center piece for the table, was surrounded with many dishes of well prepared food.

There were 23 guests present, those eating at the first table were, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Higdon, Mrs. Isaac Keener, Mrs. Jim Higdon, Miss Annie Straine and Miss Elmer Higdon. Their chief topic of conversation was whether Mr. John Thomas looked the best in his Sunday or every-day clothes, the ladies decided he looked best in the uniform he wears when carrying the mail. After all had eaten until satisfied, Mrs. Higdon was presented with a basket of nice birthday gifts. We wish Mrs. Higdon many more happy birthdays.

THE PARK CAMPAIGN

Mr. J. G. Stikeleather will be here on the 12th of February in the interest of the Smoky Mountain park campaign. A meeting has been called at the court house at 2:30 p. m. on that date and all citizens of the county are urged to be present. At last reports the committee appointed to solicit funds for this purpose was having great success. It is not believed that Macon county will experience any difficulty in raising its quota of \$10,000.

Mr. James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers' Federation of Buncombe county will speak at the meeting referred to above.

MACON COUNTY BOVINE T. B. REPORT FOR JANUARY

In Macon county during the month of January, Dr. Castellberry applied the tuberculin test to 514 cattle, three of which were reactors. This makes a total of 5900 tests applied resulting in 59 reactions, or 1 percent infection is the present rating.

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Want a clerk,
Want a partner,
Want a situation,
Want to sell a farm,
Want to borrow money,
Want to sell sheep, cattle,
Want to sell town property,
Want to sell groceries, drugs,
Want to sell boots and shoes,
Want to sell dry goods, carpets,
Want to sell clothing, hats or caps,
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Boy Lives in Cabin At Top of Mt. Le Conte

Every able-bodied person in our great crowded cities should, at least once in his life, climb to the top of Mount Le Conte, in the opinion of Dr. Frank Bohn, economist, journalist, and nature-lover, writing in the New York Times of January 26th. These mountains, which he describes as "one of the half dozen most remarkable natural scenes in this country," lie within 400 miles of St. Louis, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Washington; 500 from Chicago and Philadelphia, and 600 from New York, Toronto, New Orleans and Palm Beach, and so he points out could not be more centrally located in the Eastern States.

Dr. Bohn, who last month climbed Mount Le Conte, going in from Knoxville, sees in the creation of the proposed Great Smoky Mountains the prevention of "total and immediate destruction from the woodman's axe."

Describing his trip to the top of Le Conte, he writes: "Climbing in these lofty canyons and among these craggy summits is a unique experience. Mount Le Conte for instance, rises 6,680 feet. A rough climb this is, too—just enough for one big day from dawn until dark. No climbing in all America is likely to give either sportsman or naturalist more abundant satisfaction. Le Conte lies at the western rim of the mountain mass. In the center the summit line which separates North Carolina and Tennessee nowhere for 40 miles descends into a canyon which lies less than 5,000 feet below. There are points upon it from which seven states may be seen.

"At the very top of Le Conte there is a boy living alone in a cabin made of slabs. The writer saw in that cabin a single volume, namely Thoreau's 'Walden.' It had been read and re-read and marked over and over again. What I wish to describe here is a tree which this boy had cut down for the purpose of splitting off slabs for a new cabin. The tree is a balsam fir. The species, whose natural habitat at sea-level is up in Canada, is the only variety which will grow here above 6,000 feet. This particular giant which lay upon the ground, by actual count of its rings, had come to the age of 540 years.

"However, to get to the top one climbs through zone after zone of majestic oaks and hickories. To the joy of the forest-lover there are the great tulips. Some of these measure eight or nine feet in diameter waist high above the ground. The plain statement of fact which should move all of us is that there grow here a greater variety of trees, and of hardwoods, than in any other known place in the world. The number totals, exactly 136. Asa Gray said that he found a greater variety of trees within a day's tramp in the Great Smokies than are native to all Europe."

"From the top of Le Conte one looks down sheer 3,000 feet upon what appears to be a billowy ocean of tree-tops." Dr. Bohn writes. "On every hand great peaks stand out on the horizon line. Six of these, though each is more than 6,000 feet elevation, have not yet been named. It is said that just two persons have followed the crest for the 28 miles where it is highest. This is our last bit of utter wilderness east of the Rockies.

"Yet climbing amid these scenes at present is a most painful experience. Public signs of warning, nailed to the most venerable trees, inform the invader that he is upon the private property of a pulpwood company. In these towering heights the yesterdays for several times ten thousand years have always been the same. But tomorrow promises to be vastly different. Half a millenium of nature's toil is presently to be cut down and thrown into the hungry mouths of the pulp mills. With the woodlands cut over, the great storms of rain will quickly wash the rocks bare of soil. Silt and forest debris will glut the streams.

"Such has always been our destructive American system over most of our vast forest areas. This policy of frightfulness is at once a blight upon nature and a curse to our descendants. Meanwhile every dollar's worth we cut in the Great Smokies will rob future Americans of hydro-electric power in the Tennessee Valley."

Dr. Bohn sees in the establishment of a national park the creation of a playground that will be to the 75,000,000 people of the East what the Yellowstone National Park is to the West. Nature, he says, has done its part. Now, he concludes, it is the task of the people of North Carolina and Tennessee to do their part towards making available the first million of the purchase price, and thus to enable the people of the other states to come in with the balance. Of the general interest of the nation, he says significantly:

"Citizens in far-away California, who understand what these things mean to the nation, have generously offered to contribute far more than one might expect from those who live at such a distance."

Fruit and Truck Growers Meeting

Mr. H. R. Niswonger, specialist in horticulture is expected to reach Franklin about noon Thursday, February 11, to assist County Agent Arrandale in holding meetings at the following places:

Thursday, February 11, 2:30 p. m. at Kingsbery orchard (near Franklin high school). Pruning Demonstration and a talk on spraying and other orchard subjects.

Friday, February 12th, 10 a. m.: Otto depot.

Friday, February 12th, 1 p. m.: Prentiss depot.

At each of the above meetings the question of growing vegetables for car lot shipments will be discussed. If advisable Mr. Niswonger will assist in organizing a Truck Growers and Shippers association.

Remember the date. Come to the meeting. Bring your neighbor.

Editor's Note: The farmers of Macon county have succeeded in shipping poultry and hogs cooperatively in car lots. Why not grow and ship fruits and vegetables cooperatively? We believe these meetings will be well attended.

No Extensions for Filing Information Returns

Heretofore taxpayers have been urged to file their income tax returns early. The filing of returns this year is delayed, pending the enactment of the new revenue act now before the Senate, which, as it passed the House, contains changes in regard to rates and other features. However, there is nothing to prevent a taxpayer at this time from closing his books and computing his net income. Such computations will not be accepted by any provisions of the new act. The actual preparation of the return itself, after the computation, requires, in a majority of cases, but a few minutes. Therefore, it is advised that all figures and data be assembled, pending receipt of blanks by taxpayers. When released, blanks will be sent to taxpayers and also may be obtained at the office of the U. S. Collector at Raleigh, N. C.

Forms 1099 and 1096 used for making information returns; also partnership returns, Form 1065, are now available at the office of the U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue and branch offices. Such returns are required of persons "in whatever capacity acting" who made to a single person during the year 1925, a payment of \$1,000 or more, or to a married person a payment of \$2,500 or more. Such payments include salaries, rent, interest, "or other fixed or determinable gains, profits and income."

While no extensions may be granted for filing information returns, you may make application, before the filing date of March 15, direct to the U. S. Collector at Raleigh, for an extension to file income tax returns, provided you give good and sufficient reasons for such extension.

Penmanship Contest to be Held for 7th Grade Pupils

The Zaner-Bloser Company, Columbus, Ohio, publishers of the Zaner Method of Writing which is state adopted for use in the public schools of North Carolina, is co-operating with the State Department of Education at Raleigh in staging a Penmanship Contest in which all of the schools of the state are urged to compete.

The contest this year is open to all seventh grade pupils. Prizes for the best writers are being offered as follows: First prize, \$15.00; second prize, \$10.00; third prize, \$7.50; fourth prize, \$5.00.

A bulletin containing complete information to teachers and superintendents for giving this contest can be secured without charge by writing to the North Carolina Handwriting Contest Editor, Zaner-Bloser Company, Columbus, Ohio.

This contest has been approved by A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and by the majority of school superintendents. Over 90 per cent of the school superintendents in the state replied to a questionnaire to the effect that they would give this contest their hearty support.

In view of the importance of handwriting in school, in business and in life, we are much pleased that a contest is to be conducted and we trust that it will stir up considerable interest and enthusiasm in the subject.

Judge Bryson Leaves Court to Aid in Park Drive

Gastonia, Feb. 1.—Dame rumor, of the political world, whispered here today that Judge Thad D. Bryson, of Bryson City, and one of the most popular and admired lawyers on the North Carolina superior court bench, today may resign his legal position to devote his entire time to the Great Smoky Mountain park campaign now being conducted throughout the state.

Judge Bryson was here last week for a mass meeting. It is reported that he told Gastonia friends that he was considering leaving "his court shoes."—Asheville Citizen.

News From "Goose Holler"

Dear Editor: I aint seen nothing in the Press from Goose Holler in a coon's age. I guess it's because nothing never happens in this neck of woods of any importance. Fur the last 4 or 5 weeks there has been a seige of mumps sweeping the nabor-hood and seeking whom they could devour. I think nearly every-body has had 'em, but John Doolittle and he's too slow to catch any thing, never was known to catch a cold. But his old woman is a regular trash-mover and she caught them about the first one and they went purty hard with her. She couldn't do any thing much but her house-work and milk the cow and one thing and another, and Dolttle had to help her a little. He says he wishes he could have caught them instead of the old woman, not that he hated fur her to be sick, but the work he had to do was worse than the mumps. He done more enduring the 3 or 4 days she was sick than he had since Xmas and now he'll set around fur the next month or 2, and grunt and groan about hard times and his rumatis and the old-woman will have to do most of the work indoors and out.

Well I'd like to write a longer letter but time and space forbids. Yours truly, Jess Nonsense.

Ford Motor Company Sets New Record in 1925

The Ford Motor Company, in all its divisions, produced a total of 2,103,588 cars, trucks, tractors and airplanes during 1925, according to figures just given out at the general offices of the Ford Motor Company. Exclusive of airplanes, which is a new industry with the company, this is an increase of 20,033 automotive units over 1924.

In the production of Ford cars and trucks during the year, domestic plants in the United States assembled 1,775,245. Foreign plants of the company produced 136,461 cars and trucks and the output of the Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd., totalled 79,289. Fordson tractor production was 104,168 and the Lincoln division of the company produced during the year a total of 8,145 Lincoln cars. In the newest division of the company, the airplane factory, the output was ten all-metal planes since the factory was acquired by the company on August 1, 1925.

The remarkable output of Ford cars and trucks was reached in spite of the fact that for a period of more than 30 days during August and September domestic production was almost negligible due to the introduction of the improved types. The same condition prevailed later on in the foreign assembly plants as the changes to the improved cars were made in these places, some of which are just now getting into appreciable production with improved types.

They Say

They call us folks poor "Mountain Whites," An' why, because they've got the rights, We aint never had no railroad track, Bein' in the woods away fur back, So when the emigrant came across, He was so afeard of gittin' lost, That with the city he stuck tight, So us up here are jist plain white.

They say our mountains ain't been explored, An' that we've got our standards lowered; That we are raff an' renegade What hide in woods an' make blockade; That we ain't got no church nor schools, (An' them as says it is plumb dang fools), That we ain't got no clothes store bought, An' we don't look as people ought.

They say us folks up in the hills Ain't got money to pay our bills, That we take a bag o' beans to town, An' spit tobacco juice around, That no train nor auto passes, An' what we rides is mules an' asses; Tell of log hut, an' split rail fence, An' say that we ain't got no sense.

Call us jay, an' rube, hick an' sage, Say we belong to some back age; Say on; us mountain whites don't care; We have aplenty to eat an' wear, Have churches, schools an' books to read, An' best of all our mountain creed, Tis, "Always unto others do As you would have them do to you."

Us dwellers on the mountain's height, We look an' act an awful sight, An' if you've read this paltry stuff You think you know us well-enough, But you'd ought to hear our jargon, An' see our looks into the bargain, —Minna Jarrett Cunningham

Rubber Prices Drop During Past Month

(Statement by Secretary Hoover, January 26, 1925.)

No amount of discussion can obscure the fact that the spot price of rubber was \$1.09 per pound and three months forward rubber was \$1.05 on December 10th when I asked for the cooperation of the manufacturers and consumers in a drive against the exorbitant price of rubber by conservation and provision of independent American supplies.

We have had that cooperation. The spot price has dropped 41 cents per pound down to 68 cents yesterday, and three months forward rubber was about 64 cents.

Our imports of rubber for 1925 were 860,000,000 pounds. If we import the same amount for 1926 and had continued to pay the price demanded last December for rubber, our rubber bill for 1926 would have been three hundred and fifty million dollars more than it will be at the present level of prices.

We undertook this action because the monopoly had put the price to 600 per cent of the cost of production and to 300 percent over the price that their own committee of producers had themselves announced as a fair and profitable price.

Of equal importance to demonstrating that the American consumer has an ability of resistance to any of these nipe governmentally created monopolies in raw materials, our industries have realized and undertaken the serious job of providing rubber supplies free of control.

Poplar Cove News

Mr. Calvin Huscusson is spending a few days with homefolks. He has been working at Sylva.

Mrs. Harvey Edwards was visiting Miss Nettie Anderson Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Wiley Smith is very ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Julia Huscusson was visiting Mrs. Bob Anderson Sunday.

Miss Cora Huscusson was the guest of Miss Carrie Corpensing Sunday.

Mrs. Bud Ledford and daughter, Nellie, was visiting Mrs. Bob Anderson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson was visiting Mr. George Williamson Sunday.

Mr. Calvin Huscusson spent Saturday night with Mr. Harvey Edwards.

Mrs. Harvey Edwards spent Monday night with Mrs. L. Dills.

Mr. Gilmer Setser of Sandtown is very sick with mumps.

Mr. Richard Bingham and Mr. Earl Blane were at Mr. Bob Anderson's Sunday.

Miss Marnie Gladle from Cowee is staying at Mr. Will Waldroop's.

There are several cases of flu in this section.

Holly Springs Locals.

Miss Eunice Cunningham, our intermediate teacher, has resigned and accepted a position in the Bryson City school. We are very sorry to give Miss Cunningham up, for she has been very faithful in her work here.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. J. C. Ferguson is very ill at the Angel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Berry invited the Holly Springs teachers out to their home Thursday evening and served them with a delicious supper. The teachers enjoyed the evening so much that they are hoping to hear from Mr. and Mrs. Berry again in the near future.

Miss Martha Deal and Mrs. John Deal visited Mrs. S. A. Higdon, of Higdonville, who is very ill with pneumonia, last Thursday.

Mr. John Williams, who has been ill for some time is improving.

Miss Kate Huggins, our primary teacher, spent last week-end with homefolks on Iota.

Mrs. Sarah Corbin, who broke her arm several months ago, is improving slowly.

Order Lime Now

The Macon county farmers who have used lime have found that it pays. Especially on land for clovers and other legumes.

The manager of the Farmers' Federation has promised County Agent Arrandale that they will handle lime at Franklin and Otto provided the farmers will let them know how many tons they will take from the cars when they come.

See these men at once and get your lime before the rush at planting time.

Soy Bean Seed

Owing to the dry weather and other reasons, there are not enough soy bean seed in Macon county to plant more than one-fourth of the acreage that should be planted this year. Unless a car load or more of soy bean seed are ordered at once while the price is comparatively low, one of two things will be sure to take place. Either the farmers will not plant the acreage that should be planted or they will be ordering them by express and local freight at a much higher rate and price later on.

See County Agent Arrandale or the Farmers' Federation manager at once and arrange to buy yours in a car load with your neighbors.